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'जोधा अकबर' हा चित्रपट २००८ मध्ये प्रदर्शित झाला. या चित्रपटातलं हे गीत मला शब्द, चाल आणि गायकीसाठी आवडतं. ऐश्वर्या राय आणि हृतिक रोशन या कलाकारांवर ते चित्रित झालं आहे.

कहने को जश्न-ए-बहारा हैं इश्क ये देख के हैराँ हैं फूल से खुशबू खफा-खफा है गुलशन में छुपा है कोई रंज फिजा की चिलमन में सारे सहमे नजारे हैं

सोये सोये वक्त के धारे हैं और दिल में खोई-खोई सी बातें हैं कैसे कहें क्या है सितम सोचते हैं अब ये हम कोई कैसे कहे वो हैं या नहीं हमारे करते तो हैं साथ सफर फासले हैं फिर भी मगर जैसे मिलते नहीं किसी दरिया के दो किनारे पास हैं फिर भी पास नहीं

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'सूर्यदत्त'मध्ये दिव्यांग, सामान्य आणि दुर्गम भागांतल्या मुलांसोबत 'जल्लोष २०२३' कार्यक्रम

र्युदत्त ग्रुप ऑफ इन्स्टिट्यूट्सतर्फे दिव्यांग, सामान्य आणि दुर्गम भागातल्या मुलासाठी 'जल्लोष २०२३' (ट्रिओ सेलेंब फेस्ट २०२३) : आनंद मैत्रीचा, उत्सव

नात्यांचा' आयोजन करण्यात आलं होतं. यासह दुर्गम भागांतल्या विद्यार्थ्यांना सायकलवाटपही झालं. या कार्यक्रमावर चौदा विश्वविक्रमांची मोहोर उमटली.

'सूर्यदत्त'च्या बावधन कॅम्पसमधल्या सूर्यभवनमध्ये आयोजित या स्नेहमिलनात माजी विद्यार्थिनी अक्षया राशीनकरचे जादूचे प्रयोग, नृत्याविष्कारांचं सादरीकरण, खाऊवाटप, विविध कार्टून असे उपक्रम घेण्यात आले. यंदा या कार्यक्रमाचं तेरावं वर्ष आहे.

दिव्यांग मुलांच्या २२ शाळांमधून ६००, तर सूर्यदत्त नॅशनल स्कूल'चे ६०० अशा एकूण १२०० विद्यार्थ्यांनी एकत्र येऊन नववर्ष व नाताळ सण साजरा करण्याचा विश्वविक्रम स्थापित केला. यात 'इंडिया स्टार बुक ऑफ रेकॉर्ड्स', 'इंडिया स्टार वर्ल्ड रेकॉर्ड्स', 'रिपब्लिक वर्ल्ड रेकॉर्ड्स', 'उत्तरप्रदेश वर्ल्ड रेकॉर्ड्स', 'युके वर्ल्ड रेकॉर्ड्स', 'गिनेस वर्ल्ड रेकॉर्ड्स', 'वुमेन्स वर्ल्ड रेकॉर्ड्स', 'इंटरनॅशनल वर्ल्ड रेकॉर्ड्स', 'इंडियन आयकॉन रेकॉर्ड्स', 'इंटर्नशनल वुमेन्स वर्ल्ड रेकॉर्ड्स', 'उत्तराखंड बुक ऑफ रेकॉर्ड्स', 'होप इंटरनॅशनल वर्ल्ड रेकॉर्ड्स', 'आसाम बुक ऑफ रेकॉर्ड्स', 'बंगाल बुक ऑफ रेकॉर्ड्स' अशा चौदा विश्वविक्रमांचा समावेश आहे; तसंच आणखी चार 'लिम्का बुक ऑफ रेकॉर्ड्स'साठीही याची नोंद



सूर्यदत्त आयोजित 'जल्लोष २०२३' (ट्रिओ सेलेब फेस्ट २०२३) कार्यक्रमात दिव्यांग, सामान्य आणि दुर्गम भागांतल्या मुलांसमवेत 'सूर्यदत्त'चे संस्थापक व अध्यक्ष प्रा. डॉ. संजय बी. चोरडिया.

'सूर्यदत्त'चे संस्थापक व अध्यक्ष प्रा. डॉ. संजय बी. चोरडिया, उपाध्यक्षा सुषमा चोरडिया, समाजकल्याण विभागाचे अधिकारी प्रवीण कोरगंटीवार, 'लायन्स क्लब'च्या संचालक (दिव्यांग कल्याण) सीमा दाबके यांच्या हस्ते मुलांचं कौतुक करण्यात आलं. प्रसंगी स्नेहल नवलखा, सहयोगी उपाध्यक्षा डॉ. शीतल बागुल, माधुरी पंडित, 'शांतीदृत परिवार'च्या सदस्य तृषाली जाधव आदी उपस्थित होत्या. 'सूर्यदत्त'ला २५ वर्षं पूर्ण होत असल्यानं दिव्यांगांसाठी काम करणारे मुख्याध्यापक, शिक्षक, सामाजिक कार्यकर्ते, मानसशास्त्रज्ञ, काळजीवाहक अशा २५ जणांचा 'सूर्यदत्त सूर्यभारत सूर्यगौरव पुरस्कार २०२३'नं सन्मान करण्यात आला.

प्रा. डॉ. संजय बी. चोरडिया म्हणाले, 'दिव्यांग मुलांसाठी 'जल्लोष २०२३'चं आयोजन केलं होतं एवढ्या संख्येनं दिव्यांग मुलं एकत्र येऊन असा कार्यक्रम साजरा केल्यानं हा अनोखा विश्वविक्रम प्रस्थापित झाला. 'सूर्यदत्त'ला २५ वर्षं पूर्ण झाल्यामुळे रायगड जिल्ह्यातल्या म्हसळा इथल्या २५ विद्यार्थ्यांना सायकल देण्यात आल्या.

प्रवीण कोरगंटीवार म्हणाले, 'चोरडिया दाम्पत्य सर्वस्व झोकून दिव्यांगांसाठी काम करीत आहे. 'सूर्यदत्त'चा आदर्श इतर संस्थानी घेण्याची गरज आहे.' सीमा दाबके यांनी कार्यक्रमाच्या आयोजनामागची भूमिका विशद केली. त्या म्हणाल्या, 'या उपक्रमातून दिव्यांग मुलांचं मनोबल

प्रशांत पितळिया यांनी सूत्रसंचालन केलं व आभार मानले. 'सूर्यदत्त सूर्यभारत जागतिक महोत्सव २०२३'अंतर्गत या उपक्रमाचं आयोजन

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भाग ज्वेलरी' क्षेत्रातला प्रतिष्ठित ब्रँड व उत्तम कलेक्शनसाठी ओळखल्या जाणाऱ्या 'गार्गी बाय पीएनजी अँड सन्स'नं जाहीर केलेल्या सेलिब्रेशन ऑफरला ग्राहकांचा उत्तम प्रतिसाद मिळाला आहे. वर्धापनदिनानिमित्त, ख्रिसमस व नववर्षाच्या स्वागतासाठी 'गार्गी'नं ही ऑफर जाहीर केली आहे

या ऑफरमध्ये 'गार्गी'नं १४ कॅरेट गोल्डच्या नॅचरल डायमंड, स्टर्लिंग सिल्व्हर आणि फॅशन ज्वेलरीची विशेष श्रेणी उपलब्ध केली आहे: तसंच १४ कॅरेट सोन्याच्या नैसर्गिक हिऱ्यांच्या दागिन्यांच्या मेकिंगवर ६० टक्के व फॅशन ज्वेलरी आणि सिल्व्हर ज्वेलरीवर २५ टक्के सवलत जाहीर केली आहे. ही ऑफर ३१ डिसेंबर २०२३ पर्यंत 'गार्गीची ब्रॅंड स्टोअर' आणि 'पीएनजी सन्स'च्या शोरूममध्ये उपलब्ध आहेत. ग्राहकांच्या सोयीसाठी www.gargi.shop वरदेखील या ऑफरचा

'ब्रॅंड'चे संचालक आदित्य मोडक म्हणाले, 'गार्गी'नं सुरुवातीपासुनच प्रीमियम फॅशन ज्वेलरीमध्ये नवी मानकं स्थापन केली आहेत. नवी फॅशन ज्वेलरी देताना गुणवत्ता, डिझाइन यावर भर दिली आहे. विकंग वुमेन आणि हिऱ्यांच्या दागिन्यांची आवड असलेल्यांसाठी १४ कॅरेट सोन्यामध्ये नैसर्गिक हिऱ्याचे दागिने उपलब्ध केले आहेत. दहा हजार रुपयांपासून ते उपलब्ध आहेत. त्याचबरोबर सहज, सुलभ असे 'बायबॅक व एक्स्चेंज' धोरण असल्यानं हिऱ्याचे दागिने आवडणाऱ्यांना आपली हौस पूर्ण करणं सोपं आहे.

मोडक पुढं म्हणाले, 'याचबरोबर 'जेन-झी'साठी फॅशन ज्वेलरी आणि सिल्व्हर ज्वेलरीमध्ये नेकपीस, पेंडंट सेट, ब्रेसलेट्स, इअरिंग्स आदी उपलब्ध आहे. प्रत्येकाला आपल्या बजेटनुसार दागिने खरेदी करण्याचे पर्याय 'गार्गी'नं उपलब्ध करून दिला असून, हेच या ब्रँडचं वैशिष्ट्य आहे.'





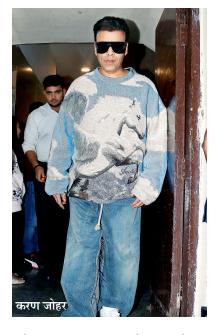
'गार्गी बाय पीएनजी अँड सन्स' इथं फॅशन ज्वेलरी खरेदी करण्यासाठी पुण्यात फिनिक्स मॉल विमाननगर : ९५२७७ २८१११, सातारा रस्ता ः ९६८९७ ०२१०२, औंधः ८३८०० ४४३७१, हॅपी कॉलनी-कोथरूड : ८३८०० ४४३७०; तसंच सिंहगड रोड, चिंचवड आणि भोसरी इथल्या 'पीएनजी अँड सन्स'च्या दालनांना भेट द्या

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भी मिळाली, की निर्माता-दिग्दर्शक करण जोहर घराणेशाहीबद्दलची मतं मांडतो. आता तर तो याविषयावर एक वेबसीरीज आणत आहे. 'शो-टाइम' असं या सीरीजचं नाव आहे. नुकताच या सीरीजचा एक टीझरही प्रदर्शित करण्यात आलं. त्यात नसीरुद्दीन शाह, इम्रान हाश्मी, मोनी रॉय, विजयराज, श्रिया सरन, राजीव खंडेलवाल, महिमा मकवाना, लारा चंदानी असे अनेक कलाकार दिसत आहेत. सिनेसृष्टी आणि घराणेशाही अशी या सीरीजची मध्यवर्ती संकल्पना आहे. सिनेसृष्टी, कलाकारांच्या पढच्या पिढीला करावा लागणारा संघर्ष, त्यांचे प्रश्न आणि त्यातून जन्माला येणारे स्टार असा अंदाज प्रेक्षकांनी सीरीजचा पहिला लूक पाहून बांधला आहे टीझरमधल्या संवादांवर नेटिझन्सनं 'ब्लॉकबस्टर'

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किंवा

मीरा चोप्रानं त्यावर भाष्य केलं आहे. ती म्हणते, 'मला आतापर्यंत एकही काम मी प्रियांका किंवा परिणितीची बहीण आहे, म्हणून मिळालेलं नाही. इथं मला काम मिळवण्यासाठी स्वतः धडपडावं लागलं.' हिंदी, तमीळ आणि तेलगू चित्रपटांत दिसलेल्या मीराचा 'सेफ्ड' हा चित्रपट प्रेक्षकांसमोर येत आहे.

चर्चा 'धूम ४'ची

अभिनेता <mark>शाहरुख खान</mark>नं 'जवान' 'पठाण' हे सुपरहिट चित्रपट यंदा दिले. वर्षाअखेरीस त्याचा 'डंकी' चाहत्यांसमोर आला. शाहरुख तीन-चार वर्षांच्या ब्रेकनंतर मोठ्या पडद्यावर दिसल्यानं चाहते सुखावले. आता तो आणखी भन्नाट उच्चभ्र वस्तीतल्या एका अवतारात चाहत्यांसमोर येण्याची तयारी करीत असल्याचं कळतंय. 'यशराज'च्या

धूम ४' या आगामी चित्रपटासाठी त्याची आणि आदित्य चोप्राची बोलणी सुरू आहेत. नव्या वर्षातही शाहरुख चाहत्यांना सरप्राइज देणार, असं दिसतंय.

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महिलेची ही गोष्ट आहे. इंद्राणी कोठारी नावाची

तिची भूमिका आहे. 'द काउंट ऑफ माँटे क्रिस्टो' या कादंबरीवर आधारित 'रिव्हेंज' ही अमेरिकन सीरीज आली होती; त्यावरून 'कर्मा कॉलिंग'ची निर्मिती केली गेली आहे, अशी चर्चा आहे. या सीरीजमधून वरुण सूद वेबविश्वात पदार्पण करीत आहे. सीरीजमध्ये इतर कोणते कलाकार दिसणार, हे अद्याप कळलेलं नाही.

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'झ्या आजोळचं गाव केडगाव (ता. दौंड, इया आजाळच गाव कर ... जि. पुणे). मी अकरा महिन्यांचा असतानाच आईचं निधन झालं. आईविना मुलं, बहिण व मला आजीनं सांभाळण्यासाठी केडगावला नेलं. मला एकूण सहा मावश्या व पाच मामा, केडगावचा वांडा म्हणजे ऐतिहासिक वास्त. गडीमाणसं, पै-पाहुणे धरून तीस-चाळीस माणसं त्या वाड्यात सुखनैव राहत होती. आजी भल्या पहाटे थंड पाण्यानं स्नान उरकून, सर्वांसाठी बंबात पाणी काढून, प्रत्येकाला स्नान करण्यासाठी तयार करीत

माझे आजोबा म्हणजे 'किंग ऑफ केडगाव'. शेतजिमनी आजुबाजूला असल्यामुळे आजोबा घरच्या बैलगाडीनं शेतावर जात असत. वाडा मोठा, घरातच आड, त्याचं पाणी शेंदून आजी दिवसभरात सर्वांना पुरवीत असे. आजीचे सोवळं अत्यंत कडक. स्वतः पाणी शेंद्रन आम्हा एक-एक मुलाकडून देवाची पूजा, वाड्याबाहेर काळभैरव, हनुमान, महादेवाची पूजा केल्याशिवाय आणि प्रत्येक मुलानं सकाळी बालवाडीसारखे, पाढे, गणितं सोडविल्याशिवाय कुणासही नाश्ता मिळत नसे. गावात एकच लालुशेठ मारवाड्याचं किराणामालाचं दुकान. काही वर्षांनी रोधे यांनी नवं दुकान थाटलं. गावात पिठाची गिरणी सय्यद यांची. दिवसभर कुक-कुक आवाज येत असे. बारा बलुतेदार प्रथा अस्तित्वात होती. मंगळवारी आठवडे बाजार. आजोबा बैलगाडीतून सामान आणित असत. घरामध्ये आजीचे संस्कार, गावात जिल्हा परिषद शाळा. माझे नाव त्या शाळेत घातलं व इतर मामा-मावश्या प्रसिद्ध पंडिता रमाबाईंच्या मिशनरी शाळेत जात असत.

चैत्रामध्ये केडगावची जत्रा भरते. त्या जत्रेत कोकणची माणसं दशावतार सादर करीत. जत्रेच्या वेळेस दुकानं, मुलांसाठी निरनिराळी खेळण्यांची दुकानं; तसंच जादूचे प्रयोग, फटफटीचे गोल रिंगण असा सर्व जत्रेचा माहोल असे. संध्याकाळी सर्व मुलं घरी 'शुभंकरोती कल्याणम्' म्हणून परमेश्वराची प्रार्थना करीत. घरात धान्य, भाजीपाला शेतावरून येत असे. धान्य साठविण्यासाठी वाड्यात बळदं असत/

Sudoku चे उत्तर

माझ्या आढवणींच्या ओंजळीत जपलेलं



आहेत. कांदे /आंब्याच्या दिवसांत आढ्या असत. आम्ही मुलं विटी-दांडू, आट्यापाट्या, लगोऱ्या, खो-खो असे देशी खेळ खेळत असू. एकंदरीत लहानपणाचा काळ सुखाचा या न्यायानं दिवस कसे पार पडले, ते कळलेंच नाही. आमची आजी उत्तम सुगरण व दुसरी कला म्हणजे आयुर्वेद पारंगत. विंचू चावणं असो, गालफुगी असो, कुणाला पोटदुखी असो; गावातला प्रत्येक जण आजीकडे औषधासाठी येत असे व आजीही सर्व उपचार मोफत देत असे.

माझे एक चुलतआजोबा कै. चंदाकाका अवचट, दौंडच्या एकमेव शेट ज्योतीप्रसाद विद्यालयाचे मुख्याध्यापक, एक आजोबा वकील व माझ्या आजोबांचं तर विचारू नका! गावात त्यांना प्रचंड मान. रेल्वे स्टेशनवर गेलं, तर ड्रायव्हर त्यांना

इंजिन केबिनमध्ये बसवून नेत. आज केडगाव एक मोठं उपनगर झालं आहे. पुण्याजवळ असल्यानं कामगारवर्ग केडगावात राहून पुण्यात नोकरीस येत आहे. केडगाव हे गाव सोडून ६८ वर्ष झाली. मात्र, माझ्या आजीचे संस्कार आठवृन मी काही तरी हरवलं आहे, असं वाटतं. केडगाव, बोरीपारधी हे आता मोठं उपनगर म्हणून ओळखलं जातं. आजोळचा वाडा स्टेशनपासून दूर म्हणजे दीडएक मैलांवर आहे. केडगावपासून बेट नारायण महाराज, दत्तांचं मंदिर, दोन नद्यांच्या संगमावर (सात किलोमीटर) वसलेलं आहे. आज पूर्वीचं वैभव संपलं. सर्व मामा, मावश्या, आजी, आजीबा स्वर्गवासी झाले. एक चुलतमामा सुधीर अवचट वकील व त्यांचं कुटुंब त्या प्रचंड वाड्यात राहत आहे.

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लाइक अँड शेअर

्रट्यपंढरी['] म्हणून जिचं नाव आदरानं च्यपढरा म्हणून ।जय नाय जापरान घेतलं जातं, ती माझी सांगली. हळदीची बाजारपेठ असलेली सांगली, कृष्णेच्या काठावर वसलेली सांगली. शांत, निवांत, टुमदार, देखणी व आपुलकी जपणारी माणसं असलेली सांगली... मला नेहमीच भुरळ घालते. सांगली हे पूर्वी संस्थान होतं. विलीनीकरण झाल्यावरही संस्थांनाचा आब अजूनही देणारं हे शहर आहे. सांगलीचं आराध्य दैवत, प्रसिद्ध गणपती पंचायतन देऊळ पाहताच मनात प्रसन्नतेचा शिडकावा उमटतो. पंचायतन म्हणजे गणपतीबरोबर शिव, सूर्य, चिंतामणेश्वरी, लक्ष्मी नारायण यांची मंदिरं आहेत. स्वच्छ सुंदर वातावरण, बकुळीची व इतर भरपूर झाडं असलेला परिसर, सुंदर काळ्या पाषाणातील हे मंदिर खूप मनमोहक आहे. पटवर्धन सरकारांचं है दैवत आहे. अजुनही तिथं संस्थांनी रुबाब जाणवतो. हंड्या-झुंबरांनी लखलखतं मंदिर, गणपतीची प्रसन्न मूर्ती, चौघडा; तसंच सारं वातावरण अतिशय

मंगलमय, पवित्र व थाटामाटाचं असतं. गणपती उत्सवात पटवर्धन सरकार कुटुंबीयांसह असतात. संस्थानिक सारा नेत्रदीपक सोहळा साजरा

होतो. सारे सांगलीकर मनापासून सहभागी होतात. बहुतेक सगळे तिथं संकष्टी करतात. पूर्वी चंद्रोदयाच्या वेळी गणपती मंदिरात तोफ उडवत असत; तसंच सकाळी व संध्याकाळी भोंगाही होत असे, अजूनही

सांगलीची ग्रामदेवता कैंगणेश्वरी आहे. कैंगणेश्वरीला जाण्यासाठी हत्तीसाठी बांधलेल्या भल्या-मोठ्या भव्य दरवाजातून जाताना लहानपणी गंमत वाटत असे. अजूनही तो दरवाजा तसाच आहे. कैंगणेश्वरीच्या पटांगणात आधी सुंदर गजराज व नंतर बबलू हत्तीचं ठाणं होतं. हत्तीच्या पायातल्या साखळदंडांचा व गळ्यातल्या पितळी घंटेचा आवाज अजूनही कानात घुमतो व तिथं गेल्यावर तो जास्तच जाणवतो. हत्तीचं तिथं असणं हा एक संस्थानी रुबाब होता. पूर्वी चार, सहा महिन्यांतून हत्तीला गावात फेरफटका



खाऊ देण्यासाठी बच्चेकंपनी जमायची. आता तिथं नवग्रहांचं सुंदर मंदिर आहे. कृष्णामाईचा उत्सवही थाटात साजरा केला जातो. शनिवारी आठवडी बाजार अजूनही भरतो. हरभट रोड, गणपती पेठ, मारूती रोड, राजवाडा चौक इथपर्यंत हा बाजार भरलेला असतो. ताजी भाजी, पंचक्रोशीतली फळं, मसाल्याचे पदार्थ, भांडी, कपडे असं सारं बाजारात मिळतं. फेरफटका मारताना फार छान वाटतं. सांगलीची कृष्णाकाठची वांगी, गोरे-भोरेचं भडंग, कंदीची लस्सी, मंगलमूर्तीचे पेढे, कलाकंद, ठोंबरेंचे चुरमुरे याची चव लहानपणापासून मनात अजूनही रेंगाळते आहे. सिटी हायस्कूलजवळ पाटीलच्या दुकानात मिळणारी दोन पैशांची लकडीची चव अजूनही जिभेवर आहे.

बालपणाची मजा औरच होतीं. श्रावण महिन्यात दर सोमवारी शाळेला अधीं सुट्टी असायची, तेव्हा मैत्रिणींसमवेत हरिपूरच्या जत्रेला मी जायचे. तिथं एक रुपयात केलेली भरपूर खरेदी, ती मजा, बागेतील गणपती, संगमेश्वराचं देऊळ असं सारं मनात घट्ट रुतलं आहे. गणेशदुर्ग राजवाडा, आयर्विन ब्रीज,

सांगलीचं म्युझियम पाहण्यासारखं आहे. विलिंग्डन कॉलेज, वालचंद इंजिनीअरिंग कॉलेज, चिंतामणराव कॉलेज. सांगली कॉलेज फार प्रसिद्ध आहे. खेळात, कुस्तीत, मेडिकल सुविधाबाबत, नाटकं, साहित्य, लेखन याबाबतीतही माझं गाव अग्रेसर आहे. अनेक दिग्गजांच्या पदस्पर्शानं सांगली पावन झाली आहे. सांगलीतील गावभागाला 'जुनी सांगली' म्हणतात. आता चोहोबाजूंनी विस्तारलेली सांगली मनभावन आहे. नृसिंहवाडी, औंदुबर ही दत्तस्थानं जवळ आहेत. एकूणच, सांगलीबद्दल लिहावं तितकं थोडंच आहे. सांगली माझं माहेर असल्यानं तिला काळजात जपलंय. सारं कसं शांत, निवांत, साधं राहणीमान व आनंददायी ऊर्जा देणारी सांगली मला फार आवडते. काळानुरूप सांगलीचा चेहरामोहरा) बदलत चालला, तोही अपेक्षित व सुंदर आहे; पण

माझ्या आठवणीतील सांगली म्हणजे, थोरांची आहे जिथे मांदियाळी ती सांगली आहे खूप चांगली माणसे तिथली खूप भली नाट्यपंढरी, हळदीची बाजारपेठ सांगली

कुलभूषण रामनवमीवाले, तळेगाव दाभाडे

वर्ष ६ अंक ३५३ बेनेट, कोलमन अँड कंपनी लिमिटेडच्या वतीने श्री. रणजीत जगदाळे यांनी द टाइम्स ऑफ इंडिया, ५७७, एफ. सी. रोड, पुणे येथे प्रकाशित केले आणि द टाइम्स ऑफ इंडिया प्रेस, सेक्टर नं. १०, प्लॉट नं. ११९, पी. सी. एन. टी. डी. ए., भोसरी, पुणे येथे मुद्रित केले.

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व्हिड'च्या आधी महादेव बधेचा मला

शिरवळवरून फोन आला. शिरवळ शाखेतील नव्या-जुन्या कर्मचाऱ्यांचं स्नेहसंमेलन करण्याचा त्याचा प्रस्ताव होता. मात्र, 'करोना'मुळे ते बारगळलं. ऑगस्टमध्ये विवेक पाटणकरनं फोनवर याविषयी विचारणा केली; त्यामुळे जुन्या प्रस्तावाला परत मूर्त रूप द्यायचं ठरवलं. १९७१ मध्ये आमची बँक ऑफ महाराष्ट्र, शिरवळ शाखा (सातारा) सुरू झाली. तेव्हापासून आजतागायत तिथं कार्यरत अशा सर्वांना एकत्र बोलावून स्नेहसंमेलन करावं असं तिघांचं ठरलं. वयोमर्यादा पाहता हा कार्यक्रम पुण्यात घेण्याबाबत एकमत झालं.

बधे हे पहिल्यापासून आणि स्थानिक होते. मीही १९७८ डिसेंबर ते जानेवारी २००३ पर्यंत तिथं काम केलं होतं. पाटणकर सहा वर्षं तिथं

होते; त्यामुळे बहुतेक जणांचे नंबर मिळाले. शिरवळ ग्रुप तयार करून सर्वांना फोन करून कार्यक्रमाचं स्वरूप सांगितलं. सुरुवातीला ३० ते ३२ जण येतो असं म्हणाले. त्यानुसार मध्यवर्ती ठिकाण म्हणून एरंडवण्यातील एक रवींद्र देशपांडे यांच्या ओळखीनं फोटोग्राफर बोथरे यांना



यांचं यासाठी सहकार्य लाभलं. नवीन कर्मचाऱ्यांचेही नंबर मिळवून त्यांना फोन केले. खूप वर्षांनंतर

प्रथमच एकत्र येणार म्हणून सर्व जण आनंदात होते. ३ नोव्हेंबर २०२३ ही तारीख निश्चित करून वर्गणी पाठवून देण्याबद्दल सर्वांना सांगण्यात आलं. एक मित्र फोटो काढण्याचं काम दिलं. तळेगाव इथंच दोन बॅनर करून घेतले. विलास तानवडेनं समई देऊन सहकार्य केलं. आमोदेकरनं गुलाबपुष्प आणून दिले.

कार्यक्रमादिवशी वीस जणच उपस्थित राहू शकले. प्रारंभी गुलाब पुष्प आणि पेढा देऊन स्वागत झालं. नंतर नाश्ता झाला. सर्वांचा ग्रुप फोटो काढला. विशेष म्हणजे सर्व जण ज्येष्ठ नागरिक होते. फडके, गिजरे, खानापूरकर, आफळे असे उत्साही ज्येष्ठ 'तरुण'ही उत्साहानं कार्यक्रमाला उपस्थित होते. विशेष बाब म्हणजे सुरेश काळे हे वाई इथून पहाटे निघून डायलिसिस करून कार्यक्रमात सहभागी झाले होते. त्यानंतर सरस्वतीपूजन व प्रार्थना झाली. सर्वांत जुने शाखा प्रबंधक खानापूरकर, गिजरे, अधिकारी अष्टेकर, कर्मचारी धायगुडे, आफळे व बधे यांनी दीपप्रज्वलन केलं. पाटणकर यांनी प्रास्ताविक करून प्रत्येकानं आपला परिचय करू दिला व शिरवळ शाखेतील जुन्या आठवणी सांगितल्या. कार्यक्रमाचे दोन तास कसे गेले ते समजलंच नाही. नंतर सुग्रास भोजनाचा सर्वांनी यथेच्छ आस्वाद घेतला. नंतर जोशी यांनी आध्यात्मिक अनुभव सांगितले. हा कार्यक्रम सर्वांना खप आवडला. शिल्लंक रकमेतून शिरवळ शाखेसाठी भेटवस्तू देण्याचा निर्धार करून आम्ही परत एकत्र येण्याचं ठरवून एकमेकांचा निरोप घेतला.

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न्ता निवृत्त होऊन सहा वर्षं झाली. नोकरीला असताना आयुष्य धावपळीचं होतं. नोकरीच्या ठिकाणी पोहोचण्यासाठी एक तासाचा प्रवास करावा लागत असे. पुन्हा घरी येऊन घरातली कामं. मी २०१७ला निवृत्त झाले आणि काही दिवस फक्त आराम करायचं ठरवलं.

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सवयीनं लवकर उठून घरकामं उरकली जात; पण दुपारपासून पुढचा वेळ जाता जात नसे. त्या वर्षी दिवाळीला घरी नवीन वस्तू घ्यायची, म्हणून आम्ही छोटं शिवणयंत्र घेतलं. मंग नवरा म्हणाला, 'शिवणकाम शिकून घे.' नवीन वर्षात शिवणकाम शिकण्यासाठी क्लास लावला. त्यात मला खूपच आनंद मिळू लागला. कालांतरानं मी फॅशन डिझायनिंगचा कोर्स केला. मधल्या काळात

नवीन कला शिकवणारी 'इनिंग'

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With a high number of tourists visiting hill stations, the number of bizarre incidents have also gone up. While one viral video showed a car being driven with its doors open, another had an SUV driving

Challan Issued After Tourist Drives Thar SUV Through Chandra River To Beat Himachal Pradesh's Traffic Jam

Maine toh yeh bhi kaha hai ki koi paryatak agar jhoom jaaye toh usko hawalaat ki sair nahi karvani hai. Usko aaram se sulwana hai. Taaki uske mann mein yeh na rahe ki main karne toh enjoy *aaya hun aur yahaan hawalaat ki sair kar raha hoon*

- Himachal Pradesh CM Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu on drunk tourists

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SUDOKU CHALLENGE Level: Mediur 4 5 8 6 9 4 9

How To PLAY

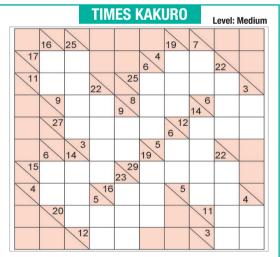
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Fill in the grid so that every horizontal row, every vertical column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9, without repeating the numbers in the same row, column or box. You can't change the digits already given in the grid. Every puzzle has one solution

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plain about the unruly crowd.

HOW TO PLAY

through nine.

The numbers in the coloured squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into nation. For instance in the the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the coloured square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 2 boxes below 12 must contain 2 digits that add upto 12, whereas for 20, the 3 boxes placed horizontally next to it must add upto 20. No zeroes are used here, only the digits one

pear more than once in any particular digit combiexample, we cannot have the combination of 8+4+8

routes for tourists headed to the hills. The tunnel, along with other

of vehicles heading to the hills for the year-end celebrations

routes in Himachal, has been observing heavy traffic, with thousands

th the holidays, tourists have been thronging popular desti-

nations of Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand. Last week-

end, several videos and pictures showed tourists lining up at

the Atal Tunnel, causing traffic jams. While tourists hope to celebrate

New Year amid the scenic hills, some might find themselves spending

the holidays waiting in queues. Despite the rush, the Himachal CM wel-

comed tourists to the state, however, many locals took to Twitter to com-

Kullu Police issues challan after man

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LOOP THE LOOP

a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a deadend

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See what the stars have in store for you - according to your moon sign*. Moon sign is the *rashi* in which your natal Moon is posited on your birthday and time. It changes signs after every 27 hours, unlike the Sun.

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which changes signs after 30 days.

ARIES: Difficulties at work will be good luck for you. You will get to ask for help, and that will connect you with someone who can assist you in situations and be a stellar resource. **TAURUS:** To forgive someone for something they

willingly did to harm you is one of the most difficult challenges you'll ever face. Not everyone feels the same way you do. GEMINI: Your patience and openness will be a

welcome source for imaginative solutions and productivity that is about to occur. CANCER: Choosing your battle is difficult for you because you like to win, always, However, the situation you're in might require backing down.

While it may be difficult for you to communicate

through your methods, other ways will open up.

LEO: Lately you've been wondering if anyone is listening. The answer is yes, and the proof comes today. Instead of listening to the words people are saying, you listen to the overall meaning of what's being said.

VIRGO: How long are you supposed to work at a dream until you walk away from it? Only you know the answer.You'll get the feeling that you missed an opportunity. Thankfully, a second chance approaches.

LIBRA: Something good is about to happen. There's nothing to signal a coming surprise, but your intuition is more often right than not. A new friendship is bringing unanticipated rewards. SCORPIO: Your gift of noticing your surroundings is sometimes hurtful, sometimes happy, but always enriching. Take a step back from the race and look at it with some perspective.

SAGITTARIUS: You meet someone who reminds you of someone you knew a long time ago. The nostalgia and grief you feel is normal. You're as predictable as the tides. But with predictability comes dependability, and you are a rock.

CAPRICORN: Try not to get distracted by insignificant issues. There may be all sorts of interesting stuff going on in your neighbourhood at the moment but how much of it is relevant to your long-term goals? Focus entirely on career and money matters.

AQUARIUS: Your personal magnetism, you will

attract a number of people who are interested in you, in what you are doing and in what you offer. If you can find a way to make money from this, you'll be set.

PISCES: There are many layers to the situations you are involved in. That's why it's not advisable to take people at face value. Getting help from those who want to give it feels wonderful. Accepting anything that's given grudgingly, however, will feel horrible. Temperance, modesty and prudence are gifts.

SCRAMBLE HOW TO PLAY Rearrange **CCHAE** Now arrange the the letters in etters in the circles the four to form the answer to word the riddle or to fill in **EIPNO** jumbles, one letter to each **IMSYHW** square/circle, to make The more we the less we ___. -Meister Eckhart four ordinary words **EIILRV** (4.3)

shown. Now there is

(Fig B).

SPELLATHON Today's Ratings: 03-average | 04-good |

05-outstanding C

How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown in today's puzzle? In making a word, a letter can be used as many times as it appears in the puzzle. Each word must contain the central letter. There should be at least one seven letter word. Plurals, foreign words and proper names are not allowed. British English Dictionary is used as reference.

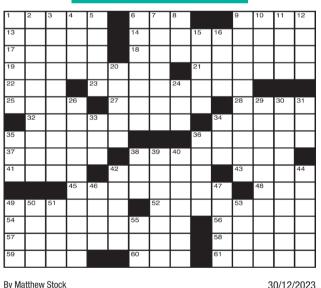
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Answer: The more we have the less we own. - Meister Eckhart Words: Cache, opine, whimsy, virile

coda, dock, pack, PADDOCK, pock



THE DAILY CROSSWORD



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46 Tip 47 Wild guesses 49 Not right? 53 Logical

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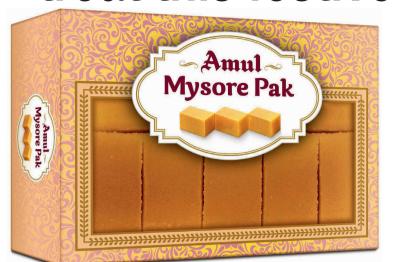
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Time to indulge in a royal treat this festive season



It is a perfect gift when you visit relatives. An ideal choice for Diwali, weddings or just about any festive occasion, this sweet has a crumbly melt-in-the-mouth texture and dissolves effortlessly as you bite into it

celebrations, there is no denying that mithai holds a special place. Amidst all the sugary delights, there is a delectable South Indian sweet that is known for its rich texture and unforgettable taste. Presenting the Amul Mysore Pak, which is made from pure Amul Ghee, gram flour, sugar and water.

This soft and fudgy mithai has an interesting past. About 90 years ago, during the reign of King Khrishnaraja Wadiyar, the chief chef at the Mysore royal palace prepared a sweet dish to appease the king and satisfy his sweet tooth. The dish received instant appreciation and was named the Mysore Pak as Mysore was its place of origin while pak means sweet. The rest, as they say, is history.

More than just a sweet dish, it has a cultural significance that has transcended generations and united people through its decadent flavours. This festive season, let the aroma of Amul Mysore Pak remind you and your loved ones of the rich Indian heritage as you indulge in this timeless classic dessert.



shaped foods hold special meaning on New



meal symbolises that the year has come full circle. Eating donuts and bagels is considered to bring luck. According to a Spanish tradition, if a person manage es to eat 12 grapes, one for each month. in sync with the bell's toll, the person will have a prosperous year.

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The artist said he worked between heartbeats, holding his breath to limit any disturbance that might ruin his work. Mr Wigan has been creating microscopic sculptures since the age of five. "Because I'm autistic, because I can't read, I found my own journey and I inspire people with what I do, so people can see who I am and what I'm about. Sometimes we need role models so it can inspire them to become what they want to become within their own field," he said.

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ARIES: Difficulties at work will be good luck for you. You will get to ask for help, and that will connect you with someone who can assist you in situations and be a stellar resource TAURUS: To forgive someone for something they willingly did to harm you is one of the most dif-

ficult challenges you'll ever face. Not everyone feels the same way you do. **GEMINI:** Your patience and openness will be a welcome source for imaginative solutions and

productivity that is about to occur. CANCER: Choosing your battle is difficult for you because you like to win, always. However, the situation you're in might require backing down. While it may be difficult for you to communicate through your methods, other ways will open up. LEO: Lately you've been wondering if anyone is listening. The answer is yes, and the proof comes today. Instead of listening to the words people are saying, you listen to the overall meaning of what's being said. VIRGO: How long are you supposed to work at

a dream until you walk away from it? Only you know the answer. You'll get the feeling that you missed an opportunity. Thankfully, a second chance approaches.

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AQUARIUS: Your personal magnetism, you will attract a number of people who are interested in you, in what you are doing and in what you offer. If you can find a way to make money from

this, you'll be set. **PISCES:** There are many layers to the situations you are involved in. That's why it's not advisable to take people at face value. Getting help from those who want to give it feels wonderful. Accepting anything that's given grudgingly, however, will feel horrible. Temperance, modesty and prudence are gifts.

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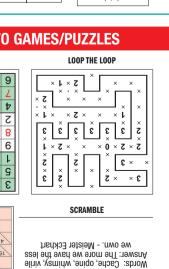
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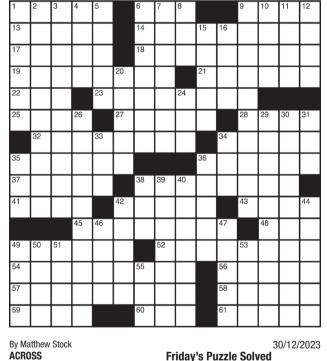
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56 Eaglet home

54 Marketing group

41 Bite one's nails, say

18 "Both seem fine"

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36 Pore (over)

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THE DAILY CROSSWORD





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1 Tapers off 2 Work in progress 3 "Well, paint me green and call me a pickle!' 4 Flat fee

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Switch Laser has emerged as a transformative tool, offering a multifaceted approach to address various skin concerns, from dark spots to pigmentation reduction and pore refinement, shares city-based dermatologist Dr Anshul Jain. She further explains that dermatologists worldwide are increasingly turning to this cutting-edge technology to provide patients with remarkable results and a renewed sense of confidence. The doctor elaborates on

DARK SPOT VANQUISHER: PRECISION IN PIGMENT DISSOLUTION

She says, "The Q-Switch Laser's precise targeting capabilities make it a formidable weapon against dark spots and hyperpigmentation. Dermatologists deploy this advanced laser to break down melanin clusters, effectively fading dark spots and revealing a clearer, more even complexion. The laser's controlled energy ensures minimal impact on surrounding healthy skin, making it a safe and reliable

PIGMENTATION PERFECTION: TAILORED SOLUTIONS FOR EVERY SKIN TYPE

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WRINKLE WARRIOR: PORE REDUCTION AND SKIN REFINEMENT

The doctor adds that beyond pigmentation, the Q-Switch Laser proves its prowess in pore reduction and overall skin refinement. "Dermatologists utilise the laser's energy to stimulate collagen production, promoting skin elasticity and firmness. This dual-action approach not only reduces the appearance of pores but also enhance es the overall texture and quality of the skin, resulting in a more youthful and radiant complexion,' she explains.

PRECISION IN TATTOO REMOVAL: Q-SWITCH'S ARTISTRY UNVEILED

Dr Jain says, "In addition to its role in pigmentation and pore reduction, dermatologists leverage its ability to target ink particles with precision, breaking them down into smaller fragments that

Pune institute organises a fun carnival for special children



the body can naturally eliminate. She goes on to add, "This makes Q-Switch Laser a sought-after choice for those seeking tattoo removal with minimal scarring.

On a concluding note, she says, "As dermatologists continue to explore the diverse applications of the Q-Switch Laser, patients can anticipate more refined, personalised treatments for a spectrum of skin concerns. The ongoing evolution of this technology exemplifies the commitment of dermatological professionals to staying at the forefront of innovation, providing patients with unparalleled options for achieving radiant and flawless

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Celebrity astro-numerologist Anupam V Kapil explains your annual moon sign forecast and its impact on your career and health



An eventful year - after challenges till April, expect an overall gainful and satisfying year. This is a financially good year. Jupiter's difficult transit till April warns against humiliation

and displeasure from bosses, but satisfactory developments regarding children's education is seen. Rahu transit in 12th house causes disturbed sleep, insomnia or bad dream, excessive worrying, jealousies and psychic attacks. Avoid jealous people who are unhappy to see you prosper. New connections with foreigners, by meetings or through the internet are seen. Gains through buying/selling real estate are seen between June to August. July and December 2-28 are enjoyable months, Venus brings renovations, buying off choice vehicles and spending good times with relatives at home. Mothers' health needs care from March 15 to April 22. Setback in litigations in May, if outcomes come out during this time, try postponing dates.

Career: Career matters look up between February 12 to March, and are better from May. Growth, promotion, achievements in June 15 to July 15, August 15 to September 15 Cash inflows and finance improved from January 18 to February 11, and March 7 to July and October 11 to November. Losses on August 25-September 17. Health: Be careful from March and then April 4 to 15, then second half of May, guard against injuries to legs, and accidents, avoid any kind of surgeries during this period. November 15 to December 15 is a very sensitive period, pressure shall be high, those suffering from high BP and cardiac issues need extra care.



A somewhat subdued period till April, though as the year progresses it is very favourable for your career. Saturn may bring about change in place or job. Gradually your finances, social life and popu-

larity increase, jealous people plot to tarnish your reputation, which they might succeed, if you are not extra cautious. Rahu's eleventh house transit helps bring wealth due to own efforts and influential contacts. Work/business does quite well. There won't be a dearth of luxuries. For buying properties/vehicles, March, August and September are favourable. New ideas of investments bring gains, new sources of income and expansion in business are indicated. Unexpected trouble/ health issues to your children/educational progress is due to Ketu in the fifth house. Students may experience difficulty/break in education. A good time for mantra initiation. Mars in your eighth house till February 4 is restrictive.

Career: Change of jobs possible in Feb ruary/March, guard against frictions with the boss/seniors. Periods for new jobs/ promotion/success and good money are February 20-March 6. Financial luck improves in April as Mercury. May 19 -June 12 is fantastic on all fronts, Mars in 11th house, Venus with Jupiter and Sun in your rashi crown your achievements, bring honours, rewards, promotions. Cash inflows are good between June 14-July 19 and September 23 to October 4

Health: Need to be careful of health in April-May, due to heavy weight planets moving through your twelfth house, guard your eyes and legs.

Satisfaction at achieving the majority of your targets is the highlight of this year. Jupiter continues to favour you till April, Rahu in your career house remains throughout the year favourable, causing



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sudden changes in career, often through disruption due to problems with colleagues/ seniors at the workplace. Sudden jumps in profession/a good position and help from sen-GEMINI iors is also likely. Big

ventures succeed, litigations are won. Foreigners/foreign clients come in your life. There shall be obstacles to long journeys in March/April. Focus remains on career, public image, achievements, rewards etc. Fathers health suffers in April. Most of you will accumulate gold and land/buy a vehicle before May, good yogas for this are in May and September 23 to October 10, this is also a good period for buying your dream vehicle. Avoid rash decisions, guard your reputation. Jupiter's transit in 12th house from May 2024 to April 2025, will bring a change in house/place, someone will betray your trust, there maybe loss of wealth. Travel fatigue is seen. Expenses will increase, mostly on auspicious activities. If you work hard without getting into distractions, you will see the desired success. Avoid travels in June, litigations too are possible. A holy dip in the Ganges or Rameshwaram and a spiritual trip to the south are indicated by this Rahu tran-

Career: Avoid tussle/misunderstanding with seniors in the first week of April. Barring this sensitive period, professional and financial trends are very good, March to May is an exceptional period for your career, you will come into contact with more powerful people, and your talent will be recognised, you are likely to be rewarded, recognised/promoted. Other periods for growth in career are September 23-October 10 and November-Decem-

Health: Take care of health between January 14 to February 14 and March-April. June is a very sensitive period, health suffers due to low immunity or overwork. Restful sleep and relaxation is needed.



A momentous year lies in store, plenty of challenges to overcome till April, but after the tough times, with onset of May Jupiter brings fortune for the rewards of hard work and toil.

Don't worry if things are not moving fast till April as May onwards the momentum and positive changes will take you by surprise. Saturn restricts from the eighth house, primarily on health, Rahu in ninth house through the year brings travel, spiritual trips, foreign trips are possible. Attitude towards religion undergoes a major change, bordering on the extreme, either very religious or an atheist. Avoid travels in the third week of January, as also in April 5 to 13 accidents are possible. Health of your father needs utmost care during this transit, especially. Mothers' health needs attention between May 15-20, also be careful of accidents during this period, avoid long distance travels in May. Luck will be favourable, you will defeat your opponents and also succeed in competitive exams or situations. Career: Favourable periods of career are

Virgo to Pisces to be continued on next Sunday, January 7

January, May 12 to June 15 is very good for gains, profits, getting good jobs/promotions, business clients and increase in income. August too is good for growth/achievements/promotions and success in business. **Health:** Good health through the year, except between the third week of March to April, utmost care need-

ed, mostly from injuries due to falls.

Despite the favourable position of Jupiter, the period till April is quite tough. Saturn puts pressure on relationships/health of spouse in April/May. But from May, your career takes off in a positive way. June-July are the most eventful months of the year, where many

things go your way. From May, Jupiter in the tenth causes loss of position, disputes with own relatives, fruitless wanderings and loss of wealth, so use tips in the career section to reduce negative impact. Good period for property/vehicles/renovations is Rahu in eighth house in 2024 brings betrayal of trust and extreme fluctuation in finances, huge inflows of money are seen and sometimes huge money also gets stuck, so don't lend money to anyone and don't allow your outstanding money to mount with customers. However, sudden gain and wealth is also possible. Matters related to wills, inheritances, legacies will need attention. Guard your valuables etc, have proper security systems at place to work and home as thefts/ losses are most likely during this transit. Career: Good progress in work/business and achievements in February 5-March 15, June-July and August 26-October 20. Buying of real estate/renovations/vehicles is possible between January 28-February 12, July 12 to August 25 and October 23 -November 7.

Health: Attention to health needed in April and second half of May, last week of October, especially if suffering from chronic diseases. Guard against tongue diseases.



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and Venus too brings renovations/luxuries at home in January-February, you might also buy your dream vehicle then. Mars conjuncts Saturn in the 6th house and April 7 to 15 is a dangerous period, fights, litigations, misunderstandings in partnerships/with spouse. Be very careful of your spouse/own health and public image too. Jupiter moves to your ninth house from May 2024-May 2025, bringing wealth, happiness, property and achievements, spiritual travels, foreign trips, gain from children and women and all round happiness are seen. Extra marital affairs are also likely. Handling your relationship issue with care will help.

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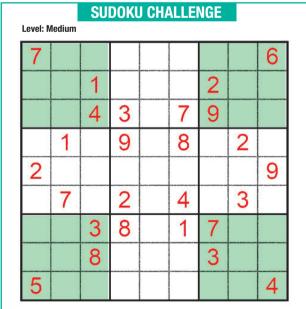
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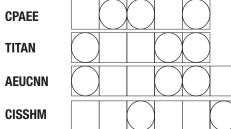
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Entitlement is the opposite - Guy Kawasaki

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stuff going on in your neighbourhood at the moment

but how much of it is relevant to your long-term

goals? Focus entirely on career and money matters.

AQUARIUS: Your personal magnetism, you will at-

tract a number of people who are interested in you,

in what you are doing and in what you offer. If you

can find a way to make money from this, you'll be

PISCES: There are many layers to the situations

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ring-shaped foods hold special meaning on **New Year's**

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a round or ring-shaped food into your New Year's meal symbolises that the year has come full circle. Eating donuts and bagels is



bring luck. According to a Spanish tradition, if a person manages to eat 12 grapes, one for each month, in sync with the bell's toll, the person will have a prosperous year.

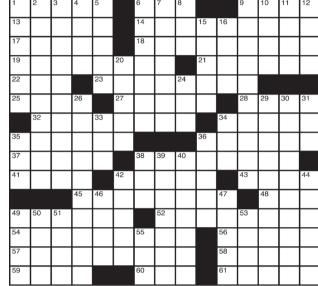
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With river rafting at the Yarra River, SOHA ALI KHAN and KUNAL KEMMU's family getaway in Australia was all

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ARIES: Difficulties at work will be good luck for you. You will get to ask for help, and that will connect you with someone who can assist you in situations and be a stellar resource. TAURUS: To forgive someone for something they willingly did to harm you is one of the most difficult

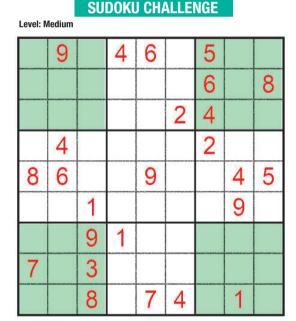
challenges you'll ever face. Not everyone feels the GEMINI: Your patience and openness will be a welcome source for imaginative solutions and produc-

tivity that is about to occur. CANCER: Choosing your battle is difficult for you because you like to win, always. However, the situation you're in might require backing down. While it may be difficult for you to communicate through your methods, other ways will open up.

LEO: Lately you've been wondering if anyone is listening. The answer is yes, and the proof comes today. Instead of listening to the words people are saying, you listen to the overall meaning of what's

VIRGO: How long are you supposed to work at a dream until you walk away from it? Only you know the answer. You'll get the feeling that you missed an opportunity. Thankfully, a second chance approach

LIBRA: Something good is about to happen. There's nothing to signal a com-



HOW TO PLAY

Fill in the grid so that every horizontal row, every vertical column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9, without repeating the numbers in the same row, column or box. You can't change the digits already given in the grid. Every puzzle has one solution

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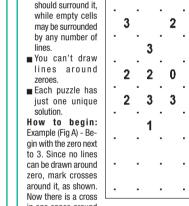
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ingly, however, will feel horrible. Temperance, modesty and prudence are gifts

The numbers in the coloured squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the coloured square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 2 boxes below 12 must contain 2 digits that add upto 12, whereas for 20, the 3 boxes placed horizontally next to it must add upto 20. No zeroes are used here, only the digits one

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Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combi nation. For instance in the example, we cannot have the combination of 8+4+8 for 20.



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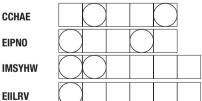
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SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters in the four word jumbles, one letter to each square/



Now arrange the letters in the circles to form the answer to the riddle or to fill in the missing word as

the less we ___. - Meister Eckhart (4,3)

SPELLATHON



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown in today's puzzle? In making a word, a letter can be used as many times as it appears in the puzzle. Each word must contain the central letter. There should be at least one seven letter word. Plurals, foreign words and proper names are not allowed. British English Dictio-

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SCRAMBLE Words: Cache, opine, whimsy, virile





routes in Himachal, has been observing heavy traffic, with thousands of vehicles heading to the hills for the year-end celebrations

> ith the holidays, tourists have been thronging popular destinations of Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand. Last weekend, several videos and pictures showed tourists lining up at the Atal Tunnel, causing traffic jams. While tourists hope to celebrate New Year amid the scenic hills, some might find themselves spending the holidays waiting in queues. Despite the rush, the Himachal CM welcomed tourists to the state, however, many locals took to Twitter to complain about the unruly crowd.



City institute organises a fun carnival for special children

by Suryadatta Group of Institutes, an event dedicated for specially-abled as well as tribal children was nothing short of fun. Featuring a plethora of activities that took place non-stop for four hours, the event set 14 world records. These include India Star Book of Records, India Star World Records, Republic World Records, Uttar Pradesh World Records, UK World Records, Guinness World Records, Women's World Records, International World Records, Indian Icon Records, International Women's World Records, Uttarakhand Book of Records, Hope In-

ternational World Records, Assam Book of Records, Bengal Book of Records. This event has also been registered for the Limca Book of Records.

The founder president of Suryadatta Education Foundation, professor Dr. Sanjay B Chordiya, vice president, Sushama Chordiya, social welfare department officer, Praveen Korgantiwar, Lions Club director (Disabled Welfare) Seema Dabke, Dr Sheetal Bagul, Madhuri Pandit, Trushali Jadhav from Shantidoot Parivar along with others were also present. Prashant Pitaliya was the moderator of the event. Additionally, prominent people like headmasters, teachers, social workers, psychologists, caregivers working for the disabled were honoured with Suryadatta Suryabharat Surya Gaurav Award 2023 on the



occasion of the institute's 25th anniversary Dr Chordiya said, "Jallosh 2023 has been organised to encourage and spread cheer among the specially-abled children. We aim to uplift their living standards. Moreover, the participation of 600 students from Suryadatta National School and 100 students and parents from tribal areas set a unique kind of world record."

Korgantiwar said, "There is a big difference between working through CSR and giving a heartfelt contribution. I truly believe that implementation of such activities for speciallyabled children is the need of the hour.

To this, Dabke added, "Every year, the institute's team makes an effort to make the event a successful one. It helps to boost the morale of special children.



All set to give 2024, a befitting welcome, Sante Spa Cuisine in Koregaon Park has a special retreat for its patrons. Known for #HonestlyHealthy Cuisine, the place offers an exquisite dining experience beneath the open sky. Amidst a cosy ambience illuminated by twinkling lights, making it a perfect

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spot for creating lasting memories. What's more? The menu offers soulful nourishment, incorporating the essence of well-being. Address: Lane no 1, near Sunderban Resorts.

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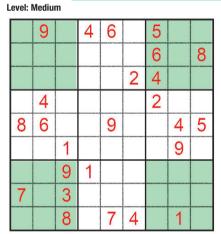
Challan Issued After Tourist Drives Thar SUV Through Chandra River To Beat Himachal Pradesh's Traffic Jam

Maine toh yeh bhi kaha hai ki koi paryatak agar jhoom jaaye

toh usko hawalaat ki sair nahi karvani hai. Usko aaram se

sulwana hai. Taaki uske mann mein yeh na rahe ki main karne toh

enjoy *aaya hun aur yahaan hawalaat ki sair kar raha hoon*



With a high number of tourists

visiting hill stations, the number of

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car being driven with its doors

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- Himachal Pradesh CM Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu on drunk tourists

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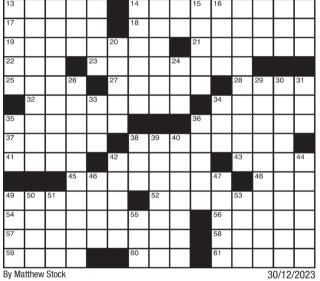
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SCRAMBLE

Words: Cache, opine, whimsy, virile Answer: The more we have the less we own. -Meister Eckhart

EVENTS

THEATRE

Balgandharva Rangmandir Murderwale Kulkarni, a Marathi comedy drama will be performed today at Balgandharya Bangmandir. Shivaiinagar, Timing: 5 pm Ram Krishna More Auditorium Yada

Kadachit Returns, a Marathi play featuring Santosh Pawar will be staged today at Ram Krishna More Auditorium, Chinchwad. Timing: 5.30

Yashwantrao Chavan Natyagruha Aamne Saamne, a Marathi play

featuring Mangesh Kadam, Leena Bhagwat, Rohan Gujar and Madhura Deshpande will be staged on December 31 at Yashwantrao Chavan Natyagruha, Kothrud. Timing: 12.30

Balgandharva Rangmandir Hich Tar Family Chi Gammat Aahe, a Marathi play featuring Sagar Karande, Shalaka Pawar, Amogh Chandan, Siddhirupa Karmarkar, Ramesh Wani, Sayali Deshmukh and Ajinkya Date will be staged on December 31 at Balgandharva Rangmandir, Shivajinagar. Timing: 5 pm

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Nehru Memorial Hall Ek Haan, a powerful and poignant exploration of the life and writings of Manto through the eyes of Kashmiri journalist Wazira will be staged on January 6 at Nehru Memorial Hall, Pune. Timing: 7 pm

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru Auditorium How much is your iron?, an adaptation of two Brechtian short plays will be staged on January 7 at Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru Auditorium, Shivajinagar. Timing: 12.30 pm

Ram Krishna More Auditorium Jar Tar Chi Goshta, a Marathi play based on the life of a new-age couple played by Priya Bapat and Umesh Kamat, will be staged

on December 31 at Ram Krishna More Auditorium, Chinchwad. Timing: 6 pm Balgandharva Rangmandir Nathuram Godse, a historical drama based on the confession of Nathuram Godse will be

performed on January 11 at Balgandharva Rangmandir,

Shivaiinagar, Timing: 9.30 pm

Yashwantrao Chavan Natyagruha Haravlelya Pattyancha Banglaa, a Marathi play featuring Vandana Gupte, Pratiksha Lonkar, Rajan Joshi, Dipti Lele and Atharva Nakti will be staged on January 14 at Yashwantrao Chavan Natyagruha, Kothrud. Timing: 12.30 and 5.30 pm

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is sometimes hurtful, sometimes happy, but

always enriching. Take a step back from the race and look at it with some perspective. SAGITTARIUS: You meet someone who reminds you of someone you knew a long time ago. The nostalgia and grief you feel is normal. You're as predictable as the tides. But with predictability comes dependability, and you are a rock. CAPRICORN: Try not to get distracted by insignificant issues. There may be all sorts of interest-

money matters. AQUARIUS: Your personal magnetism, you will attract a number of people who are interested in you, in what you are doing and in what you offer. If you can find a way to make money from this, you'll be set.

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