

THIS WEEK FOR YOU

26TH FEB TO 4TH MAR 2023

ARIES: Patience is the key to a stable relationship as suggested by Mars and Moon if you wish to get the desired outcome in love and marital life. Communication and commitment strengthen your bond with your partner. Singles may find this week lucky as they might get proposals for relationships. Create a plan in advance for the expenditures. It has been suggested that investing in the share market would not be the right decision for you. You might get some financial help from your elders. You would get some relaxation in tax and loans. Consistency and hard work is always expected by Saturn. If you are in the export business you would achieve success. The week would bring good opportunities for freelancers. Freelancers would be successful in their endeavours. You would get recognition by learning a language course.

TAURUS: Broadly, you should pay attention to the words you speak and to your work as this week would be significant in terms of commitment towards things and effective communication. There might be a delay in the first phase to get favour from the boss and seniors at work due to the effect of the Sun but the situation may improve from the last phase of March. Venus would be willing to ease things for people who may be facing struggles due to loan and debt-related matters. The transit of Venus during the week would provide loans smoothly to people who need them. A sudden amount of expenditure or sudden financial loss could happen to people doing business. Every decision should be made patiently and it would be advisable to avoid making any changes to the new business plan for people who are involved in the family business as this week could be unfavourable. You should stay away from unwarranted arguments as recommended by the movement of Mercury and also avoid giving money to other people cause they would not be able to return it easily.

GEMINI: Jupiter is ready to give some good news related to career and selection in the job but your positive approach is required to get the expected result. This week Mars suggests you to avoid aggression and argument to have a peaceful relationship both at personal and professional front. This might help you in the long term. Mercury movement will give good expenditure related to property. So, you have an opportunity to make the most out of it. Mercury movement is not very favourable to make any major investment in new business projects. Health needs to be taken care of this week as indicated by Mars and Mercury. You are advised to avoid heavy lifting as it might affect your body. Be particular when you do exercise as it seems that some minor injury might happen. There are chances of some muscle pain and nerves pain. Some of you might also face teeth related issues. Those of you who are pregnant should not miss the daily routine checkup as indicated by Ketu-Rahu as it might affect your health. Alignment of planets might give some disagreement with in-laws. Take care of your spouse's health as it might get affected this week.

CANCER: It's possible that Rahu might cause friction between you and your guide or your parents. Relax and spend time with friends if the course outline or exam schedule changes at the last minute. Some of you get accepted into classes that are relevant to international studies. Jupiter and the Moon are ready to shower you with a pleasant love and marital connection this week, but you might need to maintain a good attitude in order to receive the results you are looking for. There may be a communication breakdown between you and your spouse. Because you have not prepared for your savings needs in advance, some of you may find yourself in a difficult financial situation. This week, you have the opportunity to obtain several sources of income, as well as connectivity in international markets. This week, there is a possibility that some of you might receive a promotion and a significant reward. At the job, gaining admiration requires taking a unique approach and presenting an original proposal. The movement of Venus is going to contribute to a pleasant atmosphere at work.

LEO: This week the transit of Venus may create some hurdles in getting financial support from your father or sales-related work. Rahu and Venus advise that you should exercise caution before making large investments in the share market. Professionals may experience sudden changes at work. It is recommended that you do not reveal all of your plans to everyone before getting positive results. This week projects related to foreign countries or changes in the workplace may come up. Venus and Mercury can also bring business success and can also enhance financial position. This week your interest may pique towards occult science or medical-related subjects. This week is likely to be awesome for love birds. A love relationship can get converted into marriage. There are chances of an unexpected love relationship, but you are suggested to take some time to make the next step.

VIRGO: Both on the personal and professional fronts, this week is going to produce a mixed bag of results. Handle all electronic devices with care. Before embarking on the lengthy journey, include a first aid kit. Instead of sitting ideally within your workplace or at home, try to get some fresh air. Give your loved one some space, the stars advise, so that they will feel free to communicate their feelings to you. You will receive a proposal for a relationship, but you must take the time to get to know the potential partner better. There is a significant chance that your husband and in-laws will benefit financially from and assist you. The earlier investment will yield a healthy return. Not the best week to make a significant investment in real estate. A difficult scenario at work results from a disagreement with a coworker. You must improve your abilities because doing so can help you gain favour at work. A difficult scenario at work results from a disagreement with a coworker. You must improve your abilities because doing so can help you gain favour at work.

LIBRA: This week may bring with it some issues that will crop up in your relationship. But as the week progresses, the going only gets better. You need to take extra precautions towards getting paperwork done otherwise due to negligence it is likely that you may incur some financial problems. Career wise, you may not be able to be much productive in your tasks in this week. You may remain engaged with some meaningless or irrelevant matters and hence your progress in studies will not be satisfactory. Due to emotional attachments or emotional issues, your mind will be a little upset and that might also make your health vulnerable this week.

SCORPIO: The chances of finding love are very good this week. The planetary energies will increase passion as the week goes on. Around the middle of this week, married persons might experience some issues. Cultural celebrations might be a nice place for single people to look for a romantic partner. This week's financial flow will be outstanding. However, the flow will be erratic after this week's midpoint. Even though your financial situation will remain solid, making large purchases of expensive furnishings for your home could mess up your budget. The chances for your career will significantly improve. Your expectations can be expanded in this second half, and you can anticipate taking on new difficulties. A businessperson does have the chance to close a significant contract with a valuable client. At the start of this week, you will enjoy strong planetary support for your academic endeavors. However, the stars do not portend a promising future for the remainder of this week. Regular exercise and a healthy diet will help you keep your health in check.

SAGITTARIUS: Singles will enjoy entering into love relationships this week. Married couples will devote more time to one another. Your family will appreciate having you around. There will be an increase in your financial strength. This week's stars will favor your financial chances. The stars indicate that you will advance professionally with the assistance of friends and social contacts. Freshmen will also have excellent professional options. If you are in business, this is a good time to start something new. Singles will enjoy entering into love relationships this week. Married couples will devote more time to one another. Your family will appreciate having you around. There will be an increase in your financial strength. This week's stars will favor your financial chances. The stars indicate that you will advance professionally with the assistance of friends and social contacts. Freshmen will also have excellent professional options. If you are in business, this is a good time to start something new.

CAPRICORN: This can be an excellent week for starting a new romantic relationship. Singles may seek a new love relationship with the goal of developing a long-term relationship. This week's horoscope suggests being cautious with your money. The week suggests a lack of financial assistance. As a result, it is preferable to avoid spending money on things you do not require right now. This week's stars indicate that you will be busier than usual at work. As a result of the increased workload and difficult challenges, you will need to work harder. You should be able to complete your tasks around the end of the week. This might be a productive week for education. Your intelligence and hard effort will help you perform well in your studies and exams. This week's horoscope suggests that your health is likely to be average, with the possibility of seasonal ailments.

AQUARIUS: Domestic affairs may engulf you during this week. A dinner with your mate can make things better during the week end. If you are trying to persuade people to see things your way, remember that you attract more problems this week. The impact of planets may bring some good earning opportunities. Some of your old investments may also bring good gains. This week indicates some significant development at your work place. A big business deal is also possible this week. Try to rise above the fray and stay away from gossip and office politics to make the most out of the opportunities. This week may prove favourable for your studies. You may be able to perform really well and likely to get the fruits of your hard work. For your health and fitness levels, this week may prove generally positive. You may feel energetic and confident with your fitness.

PISCES: You might experience some challenging personal issues. Your interactions with those around you may get challenging. However, the weekend may be considerably more enjoyable for singles. Your financial planning may be disturbed by a few delays and problems at the start of this week. You may have a lot of opportunities to profit starting in the middle of the week, which may significantly lessen the pressure. There might be some significant career-advancing events this week. You'll probably have some great possibilities to advance. Generally speaking, it may be a great period for business expansion. This week, a favorable planetary alignment is expected to improve your chances of getting a good education. There may be some difficult obstacles to overcome but the available resources as your friends and mentors may help. Certain health issues trouble you during the beginning of the week. But during the later path of the week your health might improve a lot.



PERSONALITY

Raja Moti Singh

Founder of Dogra Raj in Poonch Principality



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Poonch from 1827-46 was known as Bhimber-Chabbal Jagir with Poonch as its capital. This track had been conquered by Maharaja Ranjit Singh in 1819, by defeating Gujjar Raja Ruh Allah Khan of Poonch and Raja Sultan Khan of Bhimber. Later on in 1827 Maharaja Ranjit Singh gifted Poonch-Chabbal Illaqa to his Prime Minister Raja Dhyani Singh as a Jagir. Therefore Poonch-Chabbal came into existence in 1827 AD. Raja Dhyani Singh never visited Poonch and he had entrusted the Illaqa to his brother Raja Ghulab Singh of Jammu for monitoring purpose while administrators of Raja Dhyani Singh at Poonch were running the Jagir.

In 1839, after the death of Maharaja Ranjit Singh, disturbance started in Punjab Darbar and ultimately Raja Dhyani Singh the brother of Raja Ghulab Singh was also killed in Punjab. Raja Dhyani Singh was having three sons namely Raja Hira Singh, Raja Jawahir Singh and Raja Moti Singh. Raja Hira Singh was working as Prime Minister in Punjab Darbar and he was also killed in disturbance. Thus Punjab Sarkar on 21st May 1945 transferred Poonch - Chabbal Jagir firstly to Faiz Talib Khan, the son of Raja Sultan Khan of Bhimber and then to Sardar Chattar Singh. In the meantime, due to Amritsar pact on 15th March 1846 between Raja Ghulab Singh of Jammu and British Government, Ghulab Singh became Maharaja of Jammu and Kashmir State after paying Rupees Seventy five Lakhs. Therefore in 1846 AD Poonch-Chabbal Jagir was dissolved and merged with Jammu and Kashmir State by Maharaja Ghulab Singh. By this way from 1844 onwards the rule of Raja Dhyani Singh and his sons Raja Hira Singh and Moti Singh ended who had shifted to Jammu in 1847 AD and requested Maharaja Ghulab Singh for release of their principality. But Maharaja Ghulab Singh refused to release the jagir Poonch-Chabbal in favor of the sons of Raja Dhyani Singh. Therefore Mian Jawahir Singh and Moti Singh returned to Lahore and filed a complaint against Maharaja Ghulab Singh in the court of Sir Frederick Currie agent to the Governor General on 18 Nov 1847 with request to release Poonch-Chabbal Principality in their favour which was bestowed by Maharaja Ranjit Singh to their father. After long deliberations on 13 August 1852 Poonch-Chabbal Jagir was divided into two parts Chabbal was released in favour of Raja Jawahir Singh and Poonch in favour of Raja Moti Singh. Raja Moti Singh was given only two-third part of this Jagir.

Therefore, later on in the light of the order of Robit Montgomery on 16th August 1852 Poonch Principality was

released in favour of Raja Moti Singh with the title of 'Raja of Poonch'. He was given Raj Tilak in Mubarakh Mandi Darbar by Maharaja Ghulab Singh and deputed him with 600 Dogra Forces to take the possession of Poonch Raj. At that time the revenue of Poonch Illaqa was only 1.05 Lakhs Nanak Shahi. The principality of Poonch comprised Poonch Khas, Haveli, Salamabad, Mandi, Suran, Bhrangala, Tat, Plangi, Pural, Dharmankote, Bagh, Khar, Mang, Jawahar Ghar, Plandri, Kamiri, Nirol etc. However the formal orders for release of Poonch Illaqa in favour of Raja Moti Singh were issued in 1860 AD after the death of Maharaja Ghulab Singh by the Maharaja Ranbir Singh. Raja Moti Singh came to Poonch and took over the charge of Poonch Illaqa from Pandit Njardan Zutshi who was representative of J&K Government in Poonch Illaqa. At that time there was no administrative set up available in the Poonch Principality. There were insurgencies and infighting between the Tribals of this area and Jammu Darbar. People in the villages were having their own Sardars known as Rajas. These Sardars were often engaged in assaulting and looting each other. The Government of Pandit Zutshi was only confined to Poonch town.

In these circumstances Raja Moti Singh overhauled the administrative set up of this area. He appointed Mian Nizam-ud-Din of Reasi as Prime Minister of Poonch Principality who divided the illaqa into five Tehsils namely Haveli, Mendhar, Bagh, Sadnuti and Thakiala Parava (Present Balakote and Nakyal area). He then divided the Tehsils into Niabatas and Parganas and Thanas and Police Chowkis on Tehsil and Niabatas Headquarters. Raja raised his army from 300 to 1200 soldiers and

At that time there were only three Mohallas in the City namely Mohalla Sarian, Kasaban and Khorinar. The total population of Poonch city was 2000 souls. The population was further divided into Purani and Nai Poonch.

the shops were allotted to traders free of cost so that trade could flourish in this hilly town.

On his encouragement Sardar Hara Singh motivated Khatri families of District Jehlum and western Punjab to establish their ventures in Poonch city and villages of Poonch Illaqa. However these Khatri were not allowed to purchase land for cultivation. Their activities were confined to business only. During the period of Raja Moti Singh, Mandi Hall, Darbar Hall, Bagh Deodi, fountain Garden, Prade ground, jail and a number of other buildings were constructed for the convenience of public. He started collection of revenue both in cash and kind. The education was given in Makhtabs and Pathshallas, Dogri and Persian were the official languages. Raja Moti Singh would conduct three Darbars during the year i.e. Dushara Darbar, Basant Panchmi Darbar and Darbar of his Birthday. These Darbars were attended by the Lambardars, Jagirdars, Sardars and Zamindaras. Raja presented watches, turbans and clothes to prominent persons.

He was very popular Raja among the natives. He provided funds for construction of mosques, allotted Jagirs to prominent shrines. Therefore the Muslims also adopted him as their own Raja from the core of their heart. Raja Moti Singh died in 1892 after governing Poonch principality for about 40 years. Mr. C E Bates, the author of 'A Gazetteers of Jammu and Kashmir' had visited Poonch in 1867 AD and wrote that there were about 750 houses in the town, a Sarian for Villagers, two Madarsas for Hindu and Sikhs and one for Muslims, two Masjids and two Ziariats. The main Hindu temple was near Khakha Nabab Spring. The city is well supplied with water. Sir Lawrence also visited Poonch during the tenure of Raja Moti Singh. He writes that the administrative set up of Raja Moti Singh of Poonch Illaqa is appreciable and the best as compared to the other hilly states of this region.

Scholarship Alert

Scholarship Name 1:	Scholarship 2023 by Kotak Mahindra Bank
Description:	Kotak Mahindra Bank invites applications from students belonging to Tamil Nadu who are pursuing graduation from the government recognized institutes with an aim to help them continue their education.
Eligibility:	Open for students who are domiciles of Tamil Nadu and are enrolled in the first year of graduation at institutes of repute (NIRF accredited) in the fields of Engineering, Medical (MBBS) and integrated Law. Applicants must have completed their Class 12 from Tamil Nadu government schools with a minimum of 80% marks (NOTE: For orphan students, children with disabilities, a lower mark may be considered). Applicant's annual family income must be less than or equal to INR 5,00,000.
Prizes & Rewards:	Up to INR 2 lakh* per year *Terms and conditions apply
Last Date to Apply:	05-03-2023
Application mode:	Online applications only
Short Url:	www.b4s.in/excelsior/KMBSR1
Scholarship Name 2:	Chanakya Scholarship
Description:	Chanakya University invites applications from meritorious students who have passed Class 12 or are appearing for Class 12 examination to pursue undergraduate studies at Chanakya University.
Eligibility:	Open for students who wish to enroll into an undergraduate course at Chanakya University. Applicants must have scored more than 85% and above marks in their Class 10 and 12 examinations. Annual family income of the applicants from all sources should not be more than INR 8 lakh.
Prizes & Rewards:	Up to INR 2.5 Lakh per year
Last Date to Apply:	15-04-2023
Application mode:	Online applications only
Short Url:	www.b4s.in/excelsior/CUAMS1
Scholarship Name 3:	Keep India Smiling Foundational Scholarship and Mentorship Programme for Sportsperson and Individuals
Description:	Colgate-Palmolive (India) Ltd. is giving young students an opportunity to pursue their academic/career aspirations by providing them with scholarships for education. This scholarship program aims to provide foundational support to individuals, who are deserving & meritorious but may lack the resources to pursue their dreams.
Eligibility:	For individuals helping others, the applicants must be graduates and involved in activities like teaching a group of underprivileged children or providing sports training to them. For sportspersons, applicants must have represented the state/country at the state/national/international level in the last 2/3 years. They must be ranked within 500 in the national ranking/ within 100 in the state ranking. They must be aged between 9 and 20 years. The annual family income of all applicants must be less than INR 5 Lakhs per annum.
Prizes & Rewards:	Selected scholars can avail scholarship award of INR 75,000 per year for up to 3 years
Last Date to Apply:	31-03-2023
Application mode:	Online applications only
Short Url:	www.b4s.in/excelsior/KSSI2

INNER VOICE

RUNNING THROUGH MIST

Came across the path, there was light, Glanced off my zone, eventually it failed my sight.
The path faded, of, the soundless mist Perhaps for the journeys beyond, won't be along
The paved paths and the directions drawn Turned to the feet, they were reluctant to proceed
The mind knew the angst of the viens do it, to be freed!
For, the storm's gone and the agonising pack Little he knew what he really can't
Asking for a run, while preparing the mist
Healing from the souls, who live to pre-

tend,
Just by more, he was failing to comprehend.
Perhaps the wisdom grew, paving the amends
Though for the fastest of the lights there are deflectors.
The mind off the darkness, marches through with the sceptre.
The sights' clouded not the vision,
"Had enough" will never be the reason, I'll be taking the path, whoever may resist
Yes, I'll be taking the run
I'll be running through the mist

Hitesh Sharma
GCET Jammu

JUST LIKE A CHILD

How I wish to trust
In life, no questions asked,
Hanging on God's words,
Confident and relaxed,
Just like a child.
How I long for conscience
As mild as the breeze,
Having goodwill with others
And always at peace,
Just like a child.
How I long for courage
That laughs at fear,
Knowing I'd surely be caught

When tossed in the air,
Just like a child.
How I wish to take
Life's journey with ease,
Jolly through thick and thin,
As cool as your please,
Just like a child.
How I need this grace,
So dear Lord, to you I come.
Help me to believe
And receive your kingdom,
Just like a child.

Nidhi Gupta
Sarwal Jammu

A BLEAK WINTER DAWN

A bleak winter dawn covered with gauze,
Dripping dew drops brings everything to pause;
The sun hides behind the clouds,
Cold wind flows with grinding sounds;
Snow-clad hills have turned to milky white,
Birds puff up their feathers

in the absence of sunlight;
Roads and vegetation,
Houses and lake,
All are frosted like a Christmas cake;
Winter nights are longer
With crystal-clear sky,
Whilst Orion constellation
Appears like a bow-tie.

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Hi Friends! We are back with your favourite column for the week. Please have a look at OUR MESSAGE before you send in your message to us.

- To all from Dviti Sharma: "When someone says bad things about you, it's their reflection not yours".
- From Suhani Anand to all: "One bad chapter doesn't tell your story is over".
- From Rishab Raina to all: "Never regret anything that made you smile".
- To all from Piyush Bhat: "People who wonder if the glass is half empty or full miss the point. The glass is refillable".
- From K K Gupta to all: "Inspiration comes from within yourself. One has to be positive. When you're positive, good things happen".
- From Nidhi Gupta to all: "You don't really need someone to complete you. You only need someone to accept you completely".
- From Anupassana Kalsi to all: "Those who are happy in doing their works are often the most successful".
- From Nriyha Shree to all: "Once's mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive".
- From Vijay Gupta to all: "Things work out best for those who make the best of how things work out".
- To all from Ritu Gupta: "Your struggle is a part of your story".
- From Usha Raina to all: "If you don't like the road you're walking, start paving another one".

BEST MESSAGE

The award of rupees 300 for this week's best message has gone to MEENU GUPTA. R/o H-NO-18, LANE NO:27, RAJPURA MANGOTRIAN, NEAR PARK, JAMMU, CONTACT: 9906396289 for the message "Every moment is a fresh beginning".

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OUR MESSAGE

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