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Pratima Swagata

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EVENTS TODAY

PUJA: Birthday Tithi Puja of Swami Vivekananda is celebrated in the Prayer Hall of Ramakrishna Mission.

FIRING PRACTICE: By CRPF Unit, Dollygunj at Police Firing Range, Prothrapur from 7 am to 12 noon.

SAILING: MV Bharat Seema to sail for Hut Bay at 8 am from Haddo wharf.

SANKIRTAN: Sree Sree Nityananda Seva Sangh to organize Akhanda Mahanam Sankirtan at Gupatpara, South Andaman, Till Jan 12.

CONTEST: Andhra Association to conduct various sports competitions in Volley Ball, Carrom, Chess and Tug-of-war: Till Jan 13.

WORKSHOP: Kala Kendra in collaboration with Lalit Kala Akademi, Regional Centre, Kolkata are organising 'New Media Workshop on Community Based Art Activity in the Art Gallery & Studio, Gandhi Park, Till Jan 15.

TRAINING: Vidya Yuvakendra Foundation conducting course on house wiring and repairing for unemployed youth from 5 pm to 6.40 pm.

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Saudi Arabia confirms princes arrested over protest

RIYADH, JAN 7 /- Saudi Arabia's attorney general today confirmed 11 princes had been arrested after protesting the kingdom's austerity measures and would face trial after "disrupting public peace and order". Saudi media had yesterday reported the princes arrested after gathering outside Qasr al-Hokm, a historical palace in Riyadh, in protest against a government decision to stop paying the water and electricity bills of royals. They were also demanding compensation for a death sentence issued against one of their cousins, convicted of murder and executed in 2016, attorney general Saud al-Mojeb said. "Despite being informed that their demands are not lawful, the 11 princes refused to leave the area, disrupting public peace and order," Mojeb said in a statement issued by the information ministry. "Following their arrest, they have been charged on a number of counts in relation to these offences." The 11 are being held at the maximum security Al-Hayr prison, south of Riyadh. Saudi Arabia has introduced a string of austerity measures over the past two years to boost revenues and cut spending as the global slump in oil prices led to ballooning budget deficits.

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Saudi cleric held for months without charge: HRW

BEIRUT, JAN 7 /- A prominent Saudi cleric arrested in a crackdown on dissent has since been held for four months without charge or contact with the outside world, Human Rights Watch said today. Salman al-Awda was among more than 20 people arrested in September in what the Saudi government has said was a crackdown on "intelligence activities... for the benefit of foreign parties against the security of the kingdom and its interests". Awda's family, however, believes he is being held over a tweet linked to neighbouring Qatar, with which Saudi Arabia has cut ties over accusations of links to Iran and Islamist extremists, according to HRW. Awda has been held since in solitary confinement and has been neither charged nor interrogated, said the New York-based watchdog. The cleric has reportedly been allowed one phone call, in October. Saudi activists have said Salman al-Awda's brother Khalid has also been detained for disclosing that the cleric had been arrested. Dozens of Saudi citizens have been convicted on charges linked to dissent and under the country's sweeping cybercrime law, particularly linked to posts on Twitter. (AFP)

CHAT ROOM

This Aquaman's studio is the depths of the ocean

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EOI: How are you involved with Lacadives, the first and foremost dive centre of India?

Sumer: I am a partner at Lacadives, with Prithad Kakkar, the ace ad filmmaker and the founder of Reef Watch Marine Conservation with his wife Mitai. I am actively involved with them by providing pictures and inputs. Reef Watch is active in Chidiyatapu, as we take local youngsters on ecological tours, train them and try to engrave the idea of conservation in their minds.

EOI: Tell us about Sumer, the most sought after fashion photographer of the country?

Sumer: (waves a hand as if erasing the prefixes) Yes, I also take up professional assignments. I have shot extensively (underwater) for fashion magazines like Vogue with Katrina Kaif, Jacqueline Fernandez etc., underwater cinematography for movies in the south with biggies like Vijay, Dhansha and Mohanlal, and in Mumbai for

EOI: How did you hone your camera skills?

Sumer: I am self-taught. As I honed my diving skills, the deeper I went, the more I was urged to record them and show their beauty to the world along with the ugliness of the massive degradation and its ecological ramifications. (pauses, then in an animated mode) Side by side of the ethereal beauty, I also encounter bleached corals,

EOI: Your iconic pictures of Rajan, the diving elephant of Hawelock are a part of folklore, not only in the islands but all over the world.

Sumer: I feel sad Rajan passed away recently. I had such great rapport with the gentle giant. The memories will always remain with me. I feel blessed to have taken Rajan's pictures.

EOI: And your diving trips?

Sumer: They are my mother lode. I take divers across the world to let them experience the mystique of life under water, and in the process my camera gets a chance to do its bit (laughs).

EOI: Sumer, you have blizzed me today. Personally on behalf of our readers, I thank you for your pictures that are indeed creating a buzz globally, and your words today are also wonderfully complementing your work. With more than 40000 Instagram followers glumousdeep, it is a vindication of the fact that you are in the right direction, in your own way of impacting the thoughts of thousands every single moment.

EOI: Thank you for your time Sumer. We truly feel humbled to have met someone who has taken a dive in life and comes up to the terra firma to make us witness the wonders of the deep blue. Thanks again.

EOI: (trudged back to my moped hit by a giant wave of emotions and feeling responsible to live and let live.)

Sumer: I feel lucky and humbled by the response my pictures are receiving from all forms of media. Be

Clashes in Cairo after detainee dies at police station

CAIRO, JAN 7 /- Clashes erupted between Egyptian protesters and policemen today outside a Cairo police station over the death of a young man in custody, security sources said. The protesters torched 10 cars including three police vehicles, they said. Nine people were injured and 40 people arrested in the overnight clashes in Cairo's Moqattam district which saw some protesters throw petrol bombs as police responded with tear gas and birdshot, they said. The security sources said a young man nicknamed Afrotu, who was arrested on Friday for alleged drug trafficking, died after a violent brawl with

other detainees. But protesters accused the police of being responsible for his death. They set fire to tyres and cars near the police station, leading the fire brigade to intervene. Calm returned to Moqattam later in the morning after Cairo's security chief pledged a probe into the detainee's death, promising not to obscure any police involvement.

The prosecutor examined the body and ordered an autopsy. Egypt has tried and sentenced several policemen for violent deaths in detention in recent years.

GOOD LUCK

able to take identify the best strategy, course of action that the situations demand. This day you would be performing like a specialist, an analyst and will not like to accomplish whatever you have set out do. Most likely you will be taking up several projects and assignments in course of the day.

ARIES
You feel sad and thoroughly depressed today. This will make you turn towards spirituality, says Ganesh. You will devote more time to meditation and will pray a lot. Despite the adverse circumstances, Ganesh says you will make a good deal of material headway.

TAURUS
Ganesh says you are being very planned and focuses, poised and practical in handling your affairs today. You'll be

intelligent interest in them, says Ganesh.

CANCER
You have always been quite prudent when it comes to spending your hard-earned money yet today you may feel stingier. And, you will rightly be so, for there may be unnecessary burdens and demands made on you by your near and dear ones. Although you will be aware of this, you will still be able to keep them happy, affirms Ganesh. There is also a high probability of some changes in either nature or scope (or both) of your work.

LEO
Don't expect you'll be hands-off everything on a silver platter. Especially today, you must put such expectations on the back burner, says Ganesh. Today, you would do better to dig deep into your resources of persistence, as a somewhat less productive day awaits you. But do not let the momentary glitch upset you; stick to your plan and stick it out. Efforts made today will have a major bearing on the fruits you receive in the future.

VIRGO
You will chafe people with your flexibility of thought and willingness to do just that. Those under the spell of love will see an unexpected turn of events; but don't panic, as things will eventually work out in your favour. Some quality family time is also on the cards. Strengthen the family bond by adopting your respective elderly and respect to family tradition and conventions, affirms Ganesh.

LIBRA
"Efforts made are never in vain, even when they may seem otherwise". Let this be your motto for the day. Today may not seem to be the most productive day, especially when it comes to interviews. You may feel like the rock in the chess set - sometimes scoring big because one despite making many moves forward to the ultimate checkmate! So remember, persistence is the key, says Ganesh. Keeping trying and your efforts will bear fruit.

SCORPIO
Life is the best teacher, they say. And today, you even experience this. You may experience the neck-tight competition in the market. This may invite a lot of envy, but nothing shall bother you. Ganesh reminds you of the adage, "To err is human, to forgive is divine," so, it's fine even if you commit some errors.

SAGITTARIUS
You will enjoy the magic of the Midas touch today, feels Ganesh. In business, sheer brilliance will help you derive the best possible results in productivity and dishing new contracts. Your approach, in general, will be methodical, disciplined and systematic for most part of the day.

CAPRICORN
You have always been generous by nature, but your benevolent attitude will do you no good, warns Ganesh. People will try, almost blatantly, to take advantage of you, and for once, you will feel that being crafty and retaining your wealth will help protect those blood-sucking leeches at bay. But as the day progresses, you will thank the Almighty for all the precious things you do not give up. Use your imagination and creativity to surge ahead of the competition, says Ganesh.

PISCES
While you will need loads of moral support to keep your spirits up, you are most likely to be blessed with the company of a person who is well equipped to provide just that. Positive results will come your way as long as you do not give up. Use your imagination and creativity to surge ahead of the competition, says Ganesh.

KIDS CORNER



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by Mike Baldwin



WordWheel

No. 84

U	S
L	O
?	E
R	

Insert the missing letter to complete an eight-letter word reading clockwise or anticlockwise. Solution No. 83: AIRTIGHT

5x5

Insert the missing letters to complete ten words - five across the grid and five down.

No. 84

T	C	A	E	
O		S		
A	E	T	R	
E	T			

OUR SOLUTION TO PUZZLE No. 83 (Other combinations may occasionally be possible.)

S	T	R	A	P
T	I	A	R	A
A	N	G	E	L
T	E	E	N	S
E	S	S	A	Y

Reference: C.O.D. 1995

WORD-BUILDER

84

L	L	D
E	A	

How many words of three or more letters, including plurals, can you make from the five letters, using each letter only once? No foreign words or ones beginning with a capital are allowed. There's at least one five-letter word.

TODAY'S GOALS:
Good - 7 Excellent - 9 Amazing - 14

SOLUTION 83: are, ave, aver, ear, earn, era, nave, near, ran, rave, raven, rev, van, vane