

MARUTI SUZUKI

NEXA

SHINE BRIGHT WITH INSPIRATION.

Celebrate the festival of lights by driving home a NEXA car.

CREATE. INSPIRE.



NEXA
8
INSPIRING EXPERIENCES

VISIT YOUR NEAREST NEXA DEALERSHIP TO GET EXCITING OFFERS UP TO ₹ 70 000*



JAIPUR: NEXA AJMER ROAD (VIPUL MOTORS PVT. LTD. PH: 9116032607), NEXA MANSAROVAR (AURIC MOTORS PH: 8929207442, 7075270752), NEXA VKIA SIKAR ROAD (SATNAM MOTOCORP PVT. LTD. PH: 9116639102), NEXA QUEENS ROAD (KP AUTOMOTIVES PH: 7230030501), NEXA TONK ROAD (PREM MOTORS PVT. LTD. PH: 8058499999), **AJMER:** NEXA MAKHUPURA (NAVNEET MOTORS PH: 9116116501, 9116116502), **ALWAR:** NEXA MANHAR VILLA (FORTUNE CARS PH: 7230029424), **BHIWADI:** NEXA BHIWADI CENTRAL (FORTUNE CARS PH: 9214794313), **BHILWARA:** NEXA SUKHADIA CIRCLE (CHAMPION CARS PH: 8081133333), **BIKANER:** NEXA JAIPUR ROAD (AURIC MOTORS PH: 7230081665), **JHUNJHUNU:** NEXA JHUNJHUNU CENTRAL (AURIC MOTORS PH: 742087314), **JODHPUR:** NEXA CHOPASNI ROAD (LJM SERVICES LTD. PH: 7230013811), NEXA SHASTRI CIRCLE (AURIC MOTORS PH: 8875012697), **PALI:** NEXA PALI SUMERPUR ROAD (LJM SERVICES PVT. LTD. PH: 7230013801), **KOTA:** NEXA AERODROME CIRCLE (BHATIA & COMPANY PH: 9414079018), **JHALAWAR:** NEXA JHALAWAR SOUTH (BHATIA & COMPANY PH: 9116108619), **NAGAUJ:** NEXA BIKANER ROAD NAGAUJ (SHRI MANGLAM AUTO PVT. LTD. PH: 6399252929), **BHARATPUR:** NEXA BHARATPUR CENTRAL (TM MOTORS PVT. LTD. PH: 9785838888), **SIKAR:** NEXA SIKAR JAIPUR ROAD (JAMU AUTOMOBILES PVT. LTD. PH: 9694412777), **SRI GANGANAGAR:** NEXA GANGANAGAR NORTH (AURIC MOTORS PH: 742092301), **UDAIPUR:** NEXA GOVERDHAN VILAS (TECHNOY MOTORS PH: 9116007250, 8306300695), NEXA CENTRAL UDAIPUR (NAVNEET MOTORS PH: 7665016580), **DAUSA:** NEXA JAIPUR AGRA BYPASS DAUSA (VIPUL MOTORS (P) LTD. PH: 9829560109), **CHITTORGARH:** NEXA CHITTORGARH CENTRAL (TECHNOY MOTORS PH: 9116007250).

Contact us at **1800-2002[6392]**, **1800-102-[NEXA]** and visit www.nexaexperience.com to book online



*T&C apply. Features and accessories shown may not be part of standard fitment. Black glass shade on the vehicle is due to the lighting effect. Images are for illustration purposes only. All offers are brought to you by NEXA dealers only. Offers may vary subject to the model and variant purchased. Maruti Suzuki reserves the right to withdraw offers at any point in time without any advance notice. All offers are applicable till 30th Nov'23 or till stocks last.

ऐतिहासिक धनतेरस

सिर्फ 5 दिन में

10 लाख

धन बढ़ेगा

FIXED
PRICE

KEDIA
सेजस्थान
KOTHI & WALK-UP APARTMENT

अजमेर रोड़, जयपुर

NO MIDDLE-MEN
DIRECT TO
CUSTOMER80%
SOLD OUTBOOKING
AMOUNT 10%20%
UNITS LEFT

PROPOSED FIXED RATE & RENTAL

बड़ी-बड़ी कोठी बड़े-बड़े फ्लैट		आज की रेट	दिवाली बाद की रेट	पजेशन की रेट	पजेशन के बाद रेंटल
युनिट टाइप	साइज				POSSESSION DEC. 2025
2 BHK (GF) अपार्टमेंट	1350 Sq Ft	49.50 LACS	54 LACS	67.50 LACS	22,000
3 BHK (SF) अपार्टमेंट	1900 Sq Ft	55 LACS	60 LACS	75 LACS	25,000
3 BHK (FF) अपार्टमेंट	1900 Sq Ft	60.50 LACS	66 LACS	82.50 LACS	28,000
3 BHK BIG कोठी	2000 Sq Ft	66 LACS	72 LACS	90 LACS	30,000
4 BHK BIGGER कोठी	2325 Sq Ft	77 LACS	84 LACS	105 LACS	40,000
4 BHK BIGGEST कोठी	3200 Sq Ft	110 LACS	120 LACS	150 LACS	50,000



KEDIA®

1800-120-2323

78770-72737

info@kedia.com
www.kedia.com

www.rera.rajasthan.gov.in
RERA No. RAJ/P/2023/2387

SCAN QR FOR
• LOCATION
• ROUTE MAP
• SITE 360 TOUR
• E-BROCHURE
• WALKTHROUGH



*T&C Apply



राष्ट्रदूत

Rashtrdoot

Metro

**ROYALS AND ORDINARY
DIWALI IS BRIGHT**

The curse is that if a woman even peeps in out of curiosity she would become barren for life

**Diwali
Rangoli**

While some rangoli patterns are quite complex, there are also simple designs that are perfect for beginners.



सुरक्षा पाएंगे भाजपा को लाएंगे

पिछले 5 सालों में रोज हुई दुष्कर्म की घटनाओं से छुटकारा पाएंगे



**बहन-बेटियों की पुकार
आ रही है भाजपा सरकार**

कमल का बटन दबाएं, भाजपा को जिताएं

गहलोत के विश्वस्त रामेश्वर दाधीच भाजपा में शामिल

BIYANI
GROUP OF COLLEGES

ADMISSION OPEN
All UG/PG Courses

धनतेरस की हार्दिक शुभकामनाएँ

Helpline : +91-8696218218

भाजपा ने गहलोत को जोधपुर में व्यस्त रखने की तैयारी की

-रेणु मित्तल-
-राष्ट्रदूत दिल्ली ब्यूरो-
नई दिल्ली, 9 नवम्बर। भाजपा ने अशोक गहलोत को जोधपुर में बांध दिया है क्योंकि उनके खास सहयोगी भाजपा में शामिल हो रहे हैं।

ऐसा समझा जाता है कि लंबे समय से अशोक गहलोत के सहयोगी रहे बरिष्ठ कांग्रेस नेता रामेश्वर दाधीच कांग्रेस छोड़कर भाजपा में शामिल हो गए हैं। ऐसा माना जाता है कि दाधीच जोधपुर में कांग्रेस के काफी नुकसान पहुंचाएंगे।

यह विशेषकर गहलोत के लिए नुकसानदायक होगा जो वैसे ही मुश्किल लड़ाई लड़ रहे हैं क्योंकि उनके लिए अपने आसपास की कई सीटों में पार्टी की संभावनाओं को नुकसान पहुंचाए बिना जीतना संभव नहीं रहा है। वे अपने निर्वाचन क्षेत्र के आसपास की सीटों पर

- दाधीच का जाना गहलोत के लिए विशेष रूप से नुकसानदेह है। गहलोत अपनी सीट के आसपास की सीटों में इस प्रकार टिकट देते हैं ताकि उनकी जीत पक्की हो जाए, चाहे सब हार जाएं।
- जोधपुर के महापौर रहे रामेश्वर दाधीच सूरसागर से चुनावी मैदान में हैं।
- गहलोत के एक अन्य विश्वस्त, सुनील परिहार ने सिवाना में कांग्रेस प्रत्याशी मानवेन्द्र सिंह की मुश्किलें बढ़ा दी हैं।
- कोटा से शांति धारीवाल को टिकट देना पूरे राज्य में कांग्रेस की छवि और प्रतिष्ठा को भारी नुकसान पहुंचा रहा है।

ऐसे जातीय समीकरणों के आधार पर हो जाएं उन्हें यह परवाह नहीं कि उनके टिकट देते हैं जिससे उनकी जीत पक्की (शेष पृष्ठ 5 पर)

महुआ के निष्कासन की सिफारिश

-जाल खंबाता-
-राष्ट्रदूत दिल्ली ब्यूरो-
नई दिल्ली, 9 नवम्बर। लोकसभा की एथिक्स कमेटी ने गुरुवार को पैसे लेकर प्रश्न पूछने के मामले में तुणमूल कांग्रेस की सांसद महुआ मोईना को सदन से निष्कासित करने की गुरुवार को सिफारिश की।

पंजाब के पूर्व मुख्यमंत्री कैप्टन पैसे लेकर सवाल पूछने के मामले में सांसद की एथिक्स कमेटी ने लोकसभा से महुआ मोईना के निष्कासन की सिफारिश की है।

अमरिन्दर सिंह की पत्नी और कांग्रेस से निष्कासित परणीत कौर ने कमेटी की ड्राफ्ट रिपोर्ट के पक्ष में वोट किया, जबकि विपक्ष के चार सांसद इससे सहमत नहीं थे।

लोकसभा सचिवालय के एक सेवानिवृत्त अधिकारी ने बताया कि यह शायद पहला मौका है, जब लोकसभा (शेष पृष्ठ 5 पर)

भरतपुर की सातों सीटों पर कांग्रेस की हालत खस्ता

सभी सीटों पर मुकाबला बहुकोणीय है और जातीय समीकरण भी कांग्रेस के पक्ष में नहीं है

भरतपुर, 9 नवंबर। ग्रामीण बाहुल्य भरतपुर जिले की सभी सात विधानसभा सीटें त्रिकोणीय व चतुष्कोणीय मुकाबले में फंसी हुई हैं। बुधवार को नाम वापसी की तारीख समाप्त होते ही प्रदेश की सत्ताधारी कांग्रेस बनाम भाजपा की सीधी लड़ाई में जातियों के ध्रुवीकरण ने दोनों खेमों में कड़ियों की उम्मीदों पर पानी फेर दिया है। विशेषकर कांग्रेस की हालत खस्ता है, क्योंकि इस क्षेत्र के गुर्जर जो पिछले चुनाव में जोश खरोश के साथ कांग्रेस के पक्ष में थे, पर इस बार उनके मन में कांग्रेस के प्रति नाराजगी है।

उत्तर प्रदेश के आगरा और मथुरा से सटे होने के कारण यूपी की सियासत की रोमांचक जातीय जंग को यहां की कई सीटों पर साफ तौर पर देखा जा

- क्षेत्र के गुर्जर मतदाता, जो गत चुनाव में पूरे जोश खरोश के साथ कांग्रेस के पक्ष में थे, आज उनमें कांग्रेस के प्रति भारी नाराजगी है।
- भाजपा ने भरतपुर सीट पर अपने बागी को मना लिया है, इससे कांग्रेस के समर्थन से चुनाव लड़ रहे राज्य मंत्री व आर.एल.डी. प्रत्याशी सुभाष गर्ग की मुश्किलें बढ़ गई हैं।
- नदबई, कामां, नगर और बयाना सीटों पर कांग्रेस प्रत्याशियों का भारी विरोध है, जातीय समीकरण भी उनके पक्ष में नहीं है।

सकता है। हरियाणा के मेवात क्षेत्र की सियासत का रंग भी कम रोचक नहीं। भरतपुर (मैन) राजस्थान की अकेली सीट है, जिसे कांग्रेस ने गठबंधन सहयोगी राष्ट्रीय लोकदल के लिए खाली छोड़ा है। यहां से आर.एल.डी. उम्मीदवार (शेष पृष्ठ 5 पर)

**ऑटोमेटिक
कान की
मशीनें
3500/-
से शुरू**

स्पीच थेरेपी

PERFECT SPEECH AND HEARING SOLUTIONS
Tonk Road, JAIPUR | Valsahill Nagar, JAIPUR
94602 07080



समझौता नहीं, सिर्फ नई HF Deluxe

पेश है नई HF Deluxe - बेमिसाल माइलेज, बेजोड़ मजबूती और बेहतरीन सुरक्षा के साथ

शुरुआती एक्स-शोरूम कीमत
₹59893*

कैश डिस्काउंट ₹4500*



डाउन पेमेंट ₹0*	कम ब्याज दर @ 6.50%*	0 प्रोसेसिंग फीस एडवांस ईएमआई डॉक्यूमेंटेशन चार्ज	अभी खरीदें और भुगतान करें 2024* में				CALL TOLL-FREE 1800 266 0018	
---------------------------	--------------------------------	--	---	---	---	---	---	---

Hero MotoCorp Ltd. Regd. Office: The Grand Plaza, Plot No.2, Nelson Mandela Road, Vasant Kunj Phase - II, New Delhi - 110070, India. | CIN: L35911DL1984PLC017354 | For further information, contact your nearest Hero MotoCorp authorised outlet or visit us on www.HeroMotoCorp.com. Accessories and features shown may not be a part of standard fitment. Always wear a helmet while riding a two-wheeler. **As per the cumulative dispatch number till March 2023. †Highest sales for any 2 Wheeler Corporate Entity in the world for Calendar Year 2022 - Data source: DNA Consult & Advisory's report Assessment of Global Two Wheelers Market (CY22). ‡As per combined sales volume of upto 110 cc motorcycles for FY 2023 by a single company. Data Source: SIAM's Domestic Sales Data FY 2023. *Finance offer is at the sole discretion of the Financier, subject to its respective T&Cs. Available at select dealerships. †Offer amount and combination of offer may vary for model/variant and states and it is applicable on select models only. For more details, please visit your nearest authorised Hero outlet. *Terms and Conditions apply. ‡Ex-Showroom price of HF Deluxe Non i3s Self and Splendor* Drum in Jaipur. Festive ex-showroom prices are inclusive of applicable offers on respective models.

FOR ALL INSTITUTIONAL/BULK/GAM REQUIREMENTS, PLEASE MAIL AT jaipur@heromotocorp.com | हीरो के सभी स्टूटर्स एवं बाइक्स से सम्बंधित ऑफर्स अब सीएसडी केंद्रीन में भी उपलब्ध

अधिकृत डीलर: जयपुर: सूर्या हीरो, सीकर रोड, लेन नं. 8, वीकेआईए, 9289922901, सुप्रीम हीरो, गोविन्द मार्ग, राजापार्क, 9289922197, आकड़ हीरो, अजमेर रोड, 9289922192, शुभम हीरो, सहकार मार्ग, 9289922207, कोटपतली: चौधरी हीरो, 9289922797, अधिकृत सर्विस प्वाइंट: जयपुर: सुपर मोटर्स, 8824088678, शुभम ऑटोमोबाइल्स 9828121222, आकर मोबाइल पार्क, 9351858507, मानसरोवर: आर.एल. मोटर्स, 9579258884, जगतपुरा: टीनिटी मोटर्स, 8003088062, झोटवाड़ा: वीपीएस मोटर्स, 9314048181, सिटली रोड मीनावाला, उजत स्पीड जोन, 9261499995, बगर: लांबा मोटर्स, 97728 81888, भांकरोटा: इतिवाल ऑटोमोबाइल्स, 9314013185, चाकसू: नाकोडा ऑटोमोबाइल्स, 9950560918, बस्सी: वरधानी ऑटोमोबाइल्स, 9414312552, दूदू: श्री गणेश ऑटोमोबाइल्स, 9352727667, शाहपुरा: सत्यम मोटर्स, 8104361919, हरमाड़ा: वी.एल. ऑटोमोबाइल्स, 9314050594, फुलैरा: अग्रवाल ऑटोमोबाइल्स, 9414818930, जमना रामगढ़: उदय ऑटोमोबाइल्स, 9828090676, जोबनेर: केशव ऑटोमोबाइल्स, 8769505565, पावटा: पंकज मोटर्स, 96104 26700, कानोता: के.पी. ऑटोमोबाइल्स, 9414228404, मनोहरपुर: श्री कृष्णा मोटर्स, 8560000816, 9414643816.



International Accounting Day

While accounting may seem like a boring profession, it's vital to every business out there. Without accountants, people won't get paid promptly nor be able to understand their debits and credits. Even with an accountant, these can still be hard to understand. Accounting is work that isn't something many people enjoy. Accountants enjoy the prospects of so much that they form their whole career around managing numbers and company finances. That's why, for those mathematicians out there in the industry, there is International Accounting Day to celebrate!

#ART

Diwali Rangoli

While some rangoli patterns are quite complex, there are also simple designs that are perfect for beginners.



Diwali Rangoli art is a cherished tradition in Indian culture, celebrated with vibrant patterns during various festivals. These designs are crafted using coloured powders, rice, or flower petals. While some rangoli patterns are quite complex, there are also simple designs that are perfect for beginners. This article will introduce you to various easy rangoli design for diwali designs inspired by flowers, traditional symbols, and natural beauty.

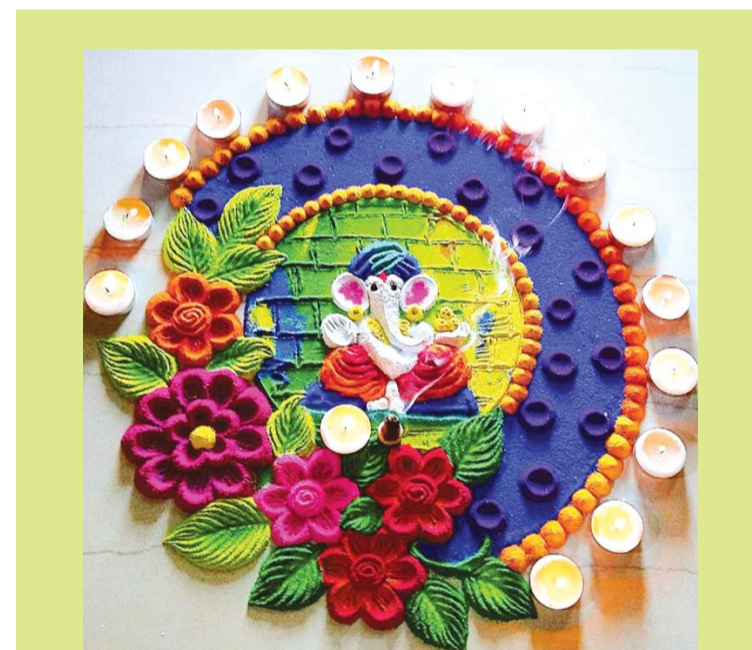
Simple Geometric Rangoli
This easy geometric rangoli is perfect for those who enjoy drawing shapes in their school notebooks. It involves drawing repetitive geometric shapes and filling them with striking colours to make the design stand out.



OWLS TANTRICS LIGHTS PATAKHAS ROYALS AND ORDINARY DIWALI IS BRIGHT



An old resident of Dholpur, he claimed that owls were sacrificed at Diwali even during the decadent years of the Mughals. He mentioned Mohammad Shah Rangila and before him Muizuddin Jahandar Shah and his successor Mohd Farrukseyer. Lal Kanwar, the concubine who was elevated to the exalted title of Begum Imtiaz Mahal by Jahandar Shah, was the one whose menstrual cloth was used, he said, for one such ritual.



Ganesh Rangoli
In many Indian celebrations, drawing a Ganesh rangoli is customary to seek blessings. Your design can feature a central Ganesh figure or a simple freehand depiction.

Dot Rangoli (Kolam)
Dot Rangoli Also called Kolam or PulliKolam, consists of patterns made by connecting dots. These designs are believed to bring positivity and can be drawn regularly.



Peacock Rangoli

Peacock designs are common in rangoli, typically featuring colours like blue, green, yellow, and white.



Freehand Rangoli

Freehand Rangoli For a more creative approach, freehand rangoli allows for spontaneous patterns. Begin with a basic color outline.



Spiraling Rangoli
Spiraling Rangoli (Sanskrit: Bharti) Known for its complex spirals, Sanskrit Bharti rangoli is popular across India. It features circular or semi-circular designs filled with spiraling lines.



Anjali Sharma
Senior journalist & wildlife enthusiast

With Diwali only a few days away the Uttarakhand forest department finds itself grappling with an annual crisis the smuggling of owls. Believed to be the steed of Lakshmi, the goddess of wealth, these birds are killed in the thousands in superstitious rituals held to gain sidhi by people who believe the "sacrifice" will help them fulfill their wishes.

One owl is sold for at least Rs 20,000 with a bird weighing more than 4kg fetching anything between Rs 5 lakh and Rs 7 lakh on the day of the festival. Special teams have been deployed in the forests of Nainital and Udham Singh Nagar district to deter poachers.

"Tantrics perform these rituals for people who believe in the 'powers' of tantra pooja," a local priest

said. The "sacrifice" takes place at isolated locations, including cremation sites and riverbanks, and involves hacking the bird into pieces before its body parts are smeared with sindoor (vermillion). Poachers later extract the claws, bones and feathers, dry them in the sun and sell them to people who believe in their "medicinal value".

Some of these birds have false 'ear tufts' which are also believed to bestow great 'magical' powers on the individual who performs the sacrifice.

As per the popular and age-old beliefs and customs, it is said the Goddess Lakshmi comes to earth on the night of Diwali to bless her devotees with happiness and prosperity. With this popular belief still celebrated actively, people worship the Goddess to get her mercy.

It is commonly believed that her devotees get some indications beforehand, of the arrival of the Goddess. Let's look at some of the auspicious signs that mark the arrival of the Goddess:

Seeing the auspicious
As per the Hindu Shastra, if you happen to see certain animals in the night, it is a sign of the goddess benevolence on you. If you see Owl,

On the auspicious night of Diwali, if you see a lizard on your wall, it marks the arrival of Goddess Lakshmi. An event like this is considered a good omen and a welcome symbol of the Goddess. If a cat comes to your house on the night of Diwali, then it is an indication of money growth and prosperity.

the vehicle of goddess Lakshmi, in the night, then it means the Goddess is pleased with you and has decided to shower her blessings on you.

On the auspicious night of Diwali, if you see a lizard on your wall, it marks the arrival of Goddess Lakshmi. An event like this is considered a good omen and a welcome symbol of the Goddess. If a cat comes to your house on the night of Diwali, then it is an indication of money growth and prosperity. The presence of the cat in your premises harbors positive energies.

Transgressors are believed to be the messengers of God, and getting blessed by them on the auspicious occasion of Diwali can bring happiness, prosperity, and growth. If they happen to visit your house on Diwali, then welcome them happily and express your gratitude to them.

Their blessings can bring in fortune for you. Seeing a mole rat on the night of Diwali is considered a fortune symbol. It is a general belief that all the financial problems come to an end and marks the beginning of good times and financial growth.

Why sacrifice the owl?
According to Hindu mythology, the owl, specifically a barn owl, is the vehicle or "vahana" of Goddess Lakshmi. It is said that Lakshmi is always seen with her owl, which symbolizes wisdom in using the wealth and prosperity that she bestows. Others also believe that the owl symbolizes Alakshmi, Lakshmi's sister who stands for poverty and strife.

On the occasion of Diwali, guided by Tantrics (occultists), some indulge in ritualistic sacrifices of the owl in hopes that this will bring

#TANTRA-MANTRA
Wealth and acquiring it has been will be a preferred strife for mortals and then who to propitiate other than Lakshmi? But there have been other sensitivities to the matter, when John Keats wrote about the Nightingale: "Thou wast not born for death, immortal Bird/No hungry generations tread thee down"



them good luck and wealth. Some hope they will take away Lakshmi's wealth by killing the owl, forcing her to stay in their homes all year round and bestowing on them the most splendid fortunes.

Every year during Diwali, the Wildlife SOS Rapid Response team run in collaboration with the Gujarat Society for Prevention of

months of surveillance on behalf of Wildlife SOS' undercover informants, who spent countless hours gathering information about suspects and their movements. After getting information about a religious ritual wherein a large number of owls were to be sacrificed to a local deity, the team sprang to action by posing as buyers interested in obtaining the bird for another religious ritual. Accompanied by undercover officials, they were able to capture the suspects and as a result, nineteen perpetrators were apprehended by the Forest department and Police officials.

Wealth and acquiring it has been will be a preferred strife for mortals and then who to propitiate other than Lakshmi? But there have been other sensitivities to the matter, when John Keats wrote about the Nightingale: "Thou wast not born for death, immortal Bird/No hungry generations tread thee down", he didn't mention the owl which too is spared by meat eaters because it is considered a bird of omens, both good and bad, who's hooting at night spells misfortune. After Mahmud of Ghazni's ruthless invasions, his wise minister thought of instilling some sense into him. He took him out for a ride in the wilderness one night and pointed to two owls sitting on a withered tree under a waning moon. "What are they doing?" asked the Sultan. The minister said one of them wants to marry off his female offspring to the male birdie of the other, who desires to know how many deserted villages the mother owl would give in dowry".

The Sultan asked, "What's the reply". The minister said that as he knew the language of birds, he understood that the mother of the

"bride-to-be" responded that there was no dearth of deserted villages so long as Sultan Mahmud was alive. The revelation had its effect and Mahmud decided to sheath his sword after that. Those fond of bird flesh can never think of making the owl (considered to be both wise and idiotic) part of the menu.

But come Diwali and, believe it or not, the slaughter of owls begins for Kali Puja. The trade is most widespread in Rajasthan and UP where owls are caught by Kalandars residing mostly in rural Jaipur, Bharatpur, Alwar and Fatehpur Sikri areas. The village of Korai-Karavili is notorious for clandestine trade in owls. Nearer Mathura Kosi Kalan is just as infamous for it. The tribals, mostly Bahelias, catch owlets and breed them for the festival of Lights. A fully grown bird is by then ready for sale. Each of its body parts is the meat are all used in tantric puja on Amavasya night, preceding the new moon.

The one performing the puja is guided by a tantric well versed in black magic. He has to avoid sexual intercourse, shave all unwanted hair, bathe at 12 midnight, wrap a white dhoti around his waist, keeping the top portion of the body bare. After that he has to sit with closed eyes while the tantric recites the mantras during which the sanitary pad of a girl who has just attained puberty is burnt around the captive owl, who has been intoxicated with strong drink. The stool of a newborn infant is smeared on the bird, and he is then covered by the petticoat of a bride worn on the wedding night. After that more rituals are performed taking care that no woman or child is around.

The curse is that if a woman even peeps in out of curiosity she would become barren for life and if a child does so he or she would die an early death. According to Ibrahim Bhai, who was born in Ibrahim Patti and has died some years ago, there was a lot of mumbo-jumbo associated with the sacrifice of the owl (vahana of Lakshmi) and people greedily for instant wealth, used him for doing anything ordered by the tantric.

An old resident of Dholpur, he claimed that owls were sacrificed at Diwali even during the decadent years of the Mughals. He mentioned Mohammad Shah Rangila and before him Muizuddin Jahandar Shah and his successor Mohd Farrukseyer. Lal Kanwar, the concubine who was elevated to the exalted title of Begum Imtiaz Mahal by Jahandar Shah, was the one whose menstrual cloth was used, he said, for one such ritual. Ibrahim Bhai was no historian and semi-literate as he was, probably had heard these fanciful tales from his elders and their ancestors made weirder by years of repetition.

For them like Jaipur's royalty it was a sibilant festival of lights, louder than Dusserah and brighter than the ancient Egyptian, Roman and Chinese festival of lamps, though their wives and daughters did not climb the ramparts of the Nahargarh and Amber forts to see the illuminations.

Earlier the Jashan-Chiragh of the mughals held sway in the mahals and courtyards where the giant light wick diyas, 40-feet Akash diyas, ticks weighing 20 kgs, each with candles and marshals with the jharfanos to lend a perpetual glow to the gay and golden night which came once in a year.

It was during Diwali celebrations that Shah Jahan's daughter Jahannara's body was burnt and was saved by a European doctor. You can imagine the festivities that followed! They were even grander than the ones held after Maharani Man Singh II's miraculous escape in an air-crash, with Maharani Gayatri Devi (while watching the mishap from atop her palace) swooning away at the dire scene unfolding itself before her eyes.

ings with crows/peasants! Despite superstitions, Diwali comes with great expectations as the joy it kindles pervades all communities, especially Hindus for whom it is the greatest festival of the year seconded by Holi. But over the year a certain change has come about in the celebration of the Feast of Lights. It's noisier with many crackers breaking the harmony of the evening. However, it was not so thirty years ago when one used to live in the Walled City of Jaipur, where women led their children through the galleys by candlelight.

Before that, Diwali was much calmer. One is reminded of the time when diyas were bought by the basketful and outshone electric lights. One of the attractions those days was Diwali celebrations at the mills - DCM, Swatantra Bharat, and earlier the John's Mills.

Nearly the entire city made a beeline for the mills to see the grand celebration of Diwali at which the Atish-Baaz set off fireworks, fairy lamps burnt, coloured fountains played and soft music floated to the ears as the pretty women of the royal family of Jaipur walked about in long trailing dresses to the hushed comments of awe and admiration. But after Partition, the royal fell on bad days and Diwali celebrations became less colourful in their palaces. However, the city's seth continued to enliven the festival but the old charm was missing, and today few remember those glorious days and the old philanthropists.

So ended the Diwali of a bygone era. However, the celebrations in Delhi's Chandni Chowk until the 1970s followed the pattern of those times. The Chowk was the hub and centre, and all around it were the spokes of the wheel, as it were. At Fatehpuri, Mori Gate, Kashmiri Gate, Darya Ganj, Jama Masjid, Nai Sarak and Chawri Bazar, the shops were a festive look days before Diwali - as they do now too. Sweetmeat-sellers, toy-sellers, grocers, general merchants, jewelers, and bullion dealers all seemed to be part of a similar medieval set-up. The same was the case in Jaipur.

Some of the sights are still there and the spectacle is grander, for now people are better off and celebrate accordingly. The widespread use of electric lights makes it a brighter Diwali year after year. But at the same time the sound of crackers grows louder and louder, though last time, mercifully High Court restrictions helped check the noise to an extent, which otherwise could be heard till the wee hours of the night.

But the nostalgia for the Diwali of lore lingers for the older folk and one sometimes dreams of the sublime ambience that attracted the Mughals too - Akbar, Jahangir, Shah Jahan, Dara Shikoh, Jahandar Shah Rangila, Shah Alam, Akbar Shah Sani and Bahadur Shah Zafar - who had a chiragh-khana and a darogah in charge of it.

For them like Jaipur's royalty it was a sibilant festival of lights, louder than Dusserah and brighter than the ancient Egyptian, Roman and Chinese festival of lamps, though their wives and daughters did not climb the ramparts of the Nahargarh and Amber forts to see the illuminations.

Earlier the Jashan-Chiragh of the mughals held sway in the mahals and courtyards where the giant light wick diyas, 40-feet Akash diyas, ticks weighing 20 kgs, each with candles and marshals with the jharfanos to lend a perpetual glow to the gay and golden night which came once in a year.

It was during Diwali celebrations that Shah Jahan's daughter Jahannara's body was burnt and was saved by a European doctor. You can imagine the festivities that followed! They were even grander than the ones held after Maharani Man Singh II's miraculous escape in an air-crash, with Maharani Gayatri Devi (while watching the mishap from atop her palace) swooning away at the dire scene unfolding itself before her eyes.

rajeshsharma1049@gmail.com

THE WALL

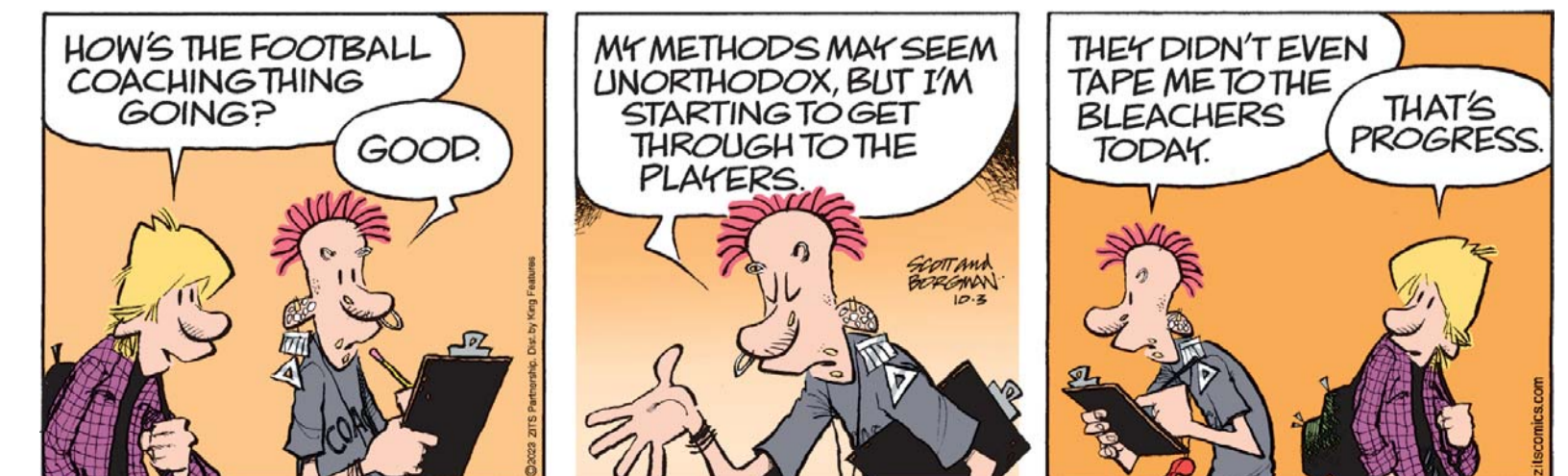


BABY BLUES



By Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott

ZITS



By Jerry Scott & Jim Borgman

BIKAJI

धनतेरस

की स्वादिष्ट शुभकामनाएं

Regional Sales Manager: Pankaj Mittal, M: 9838572233 Area Sales Manager: Vipin Awasthi, M: 9414209211, Anoop Singh, M: 9810697713
Sales Officer: Sunil Kumawat, M: 9829668928, Vishal Singh, M: 9414954268, Mukesh Pareek, M: 9414407768, Omprakash Thatera, M: 9314135013, Sher Singh Dhabas, M: 9828324003, Aayush Pareek, M: 9782238086

Bikaji Exclusive Showrooms (Jaipur): Bikaji Foods International Ltd, M: 9414546880 • Dev Marketing, M: 9829022711, 9414072095 • Bikaner Namkeen and Sweets, M: 9414060435 • Rajshree Resort (Dinesh Agencies), M: 9597523402 • SK Marketing, M: 8384922158 • I.G. Foods & Snacks, M: 9829051600

Authorised Distributors: I.G. Foods & Snacks (Jaipur) M: 9828452878 • M.K. Marketing (Jaipur) M: 9829053235 • Khandelwal Sales Agencies (Jaipur) M: 9414044131 • Dev Marketing (Jaipur) 9829022711 • Sharma Enterprises (Jaipur) M: 9799972666 • Stellar Structures Private Limited (Jaipur) M: 9166957093 • K.S Marketing (Jaipur) M: 9314508605 • Ratan & Company (Dausa) M: 9887555044 • Ashok Kumar Narendra Kumar (Dausa) M: 9414335509 • Maya Agencies (Tonk) M: 9782450323 • Singhal Agency (Sawai Madhopur) M: 9828131731 • Badjalya Traders (Sawai Madhopur) M: 9414287535 • Shyam Department Store (Sawai Madhopur) M: 9887394174 • Ishu Sales Agencies (Karauli) M: 9414726175 • Shree Shyam Agencies (Dudu) M: 7014975734 • Agarwal Agencies (Kotputli) M: 8094570111 • Kanika Enterprises (Chomu) M: 9829303885 • Shri Ram Agency (Chaksu) M: 7790852727 • Puneet Genral Store (Shahpura) M: 9829576480 • Mangal Chand Pawan Kumar (Paota) M: 9214972696 • Rahul Agency (Anantpura) M: 9829327821 • Prem Traders (Phulera) M: 9887007829 • Shiv Prasad Shri Krishan Choudhary (Renwal) M: 9413083717 • Bhawani Sales (Bagru) M: 9887463388 • J K Agency (Newai) M: 9214085305 • Jyoti Enterprises (Malpura) M: 9977975170 • Ajay Enterprises (Malpura) M: 9460074715 • Khatri Trading Company (Deoli) M: 9413860512

www.bikaji.com • Download 'Bikaji Online' App from Follow us on:

BHUJIA • NAMKEEN • SWEETS • PAPAD • SNACKS 3BF/BK/71-23

MUTUAL FUNDS सही है

म्युचुअल फंड्स आपके लिए कैसे सही हैं यह जानने के लिए:

- mutualfundssahihai.com पर लॉग ऑन करें
- आज ही अपने नज़दीकी म्युचुअल फंड ऑफिस पर जाएं या म्युचुअल फंड डिस्ट्रिब्यूटर से संपर्क करें या फायनांशियल एडवाइज़र से मिलें

@mutualfundssahihai | @MFSahiHai | Mutual Funds Sahi Hai

म्युचुअल फंड निवेश बाज़ार के जोखिमों के अधीन हैं, योजना से जुड़े सभी दस्तावेजों को ध्यान से पढ़ें.

1206.2023

LOVE HOME प्रिय घर, प्रिय से

JOYपुर Pratap Nagar, Jaipur

2 & 3 BHK Ultra Luxurious Smart Homes

RERA NO. RAJ/P/2023/2668 | RERA Website: www.rera.rajasthan.gov.in

शुभ धनतेरस

प्रताप नगर जयपुर में 2 BHK घर मात्र 36.80 L* में

DRONE SITE VISIT

एक पहल

स्वयं होम गो सेवा

ए 11 प्रति वर्षीय भी सेवा के लिए समर्पित

Location Highlights

Main Tonk Road 2 mins	Coaching Hub 5 mins	Sitapura 5 mins	Jagatpura 7 mins	Chokhi Dhani 7 mins
--------------------------	------------------------	--------------------	---------------------	------------------------

Living Room - Sample Flat

Bedroom - Sample Flat

90571 90571

Site Office: Love Home Joypur, Opposite D Mart, Pratap Nagar, Tonk Road, Jaipur - 302033 (Rajasthan) | www.lovehome.in

FINANCE AVAILABLE FROM ALL LEADING BANKS

SAMPLE FLAT READY

Disclaimer: This advertisement is just a presentation not a legal document. The entire picture, features, 3D image, improvements shown in the advertisement can be replaced by the developers and the relevant authorities. Pictures and artistic concepts/impression shown are not the purpose of presenting exact products. The developers will give all the facilities and amenities which he has committed in RERA. The RERA REG. No is: RAJ/P/2023/2668. Please get all the details about our project on RERA website. Love Home Joypur project is under PMAY / CMJAY - 2015 Model 3A. All CMJAY - 2015 benefits will be provided by Rajasthan Government and can be changed time to time. *Taxes & other charges as applicable.