

Jupiter to set on June 10, affecting marriage Muhurats: Mahant Rohit Shastri

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JAMMU: Renowned astrologer Mahant Rohit Shastri, Jyotishacharya and President of Shri Kailakh Jyotish Avim Vedic Sansthan Trust, has issued an important astrological advisory ahead of World Environment Day, regarding the setting (Tara Ast) of the planet Jupiter (Guru). According to him, Jupiter will set on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at 7:29 PM and will rise again on Monday, July 7, 2025, at 5:20 AM.

As per Vedic astrology, major life events such as



marriages, housewarming ceremonies (Griha Pravesh), tonsure (Mundan), sacred thread ceremonies (Yajnopavit), oath-taking, and foundation stone laying must only be conducted during peri-

ods when both Jupiter (Guru) and Venus (Shukra) are visible in the sky (Tara Uday). Their setting periods are considered inauspicious, though exceptions exist-engage-ments or betrothals may still be performed if a proper muhurat is followed.

Mahant Rohit Shastri clarified that while Jupiter and Venus are not classified as stars in astronomy, they are referred to as Tara in Indian astrology due to their critical influence on auspicious timing and life decisions.

Activities prohibited dur-

ing Guru & Shukra Ast Periods: Marriages, Griha Pravesh (Housewarming), Mundan and Yajnopavit, Oath-taking and Bhoomi Pujan, Dwiragaman (return of a newlywed bride), Spiritual rituals such as Mantra Diksha (excluding for children and the elderly).

However, the setting periods do not affect certain events such as remarriages, entry into renovated houses, and specific rituals during national emergencies.

Shastri also informed that Venus (Shukra) will be in Asth from December 12, 2025, to January 30, 2026. During this phase, rituals like Vashikaran (attraction spells) are said to be more effective. However, starting a journey when Venus appears in front or to the right is considered inauspicious.

Auspicious Marriage Dates After July 7, 2025: July: 11, 12, 13, 20, 21, 28, 29, 31; August: 01, 03, 06, 07, 08, 09, 13, 17, 18, 24, 25, 28, 29; September: 01 to 05, 22, 26, 27, 29; October: 01 to 03, 07, 11, 22, 24, 26 to 31; November: 02, 03, 07, 08, 12, 13, 22 to 27, 29, 30; December: 04, 05, 06.

These dates are applicable until Devshayani Ekadashi, after which Chaturmas begins-a spiritually significant period during which marriages and other major functions are traditionally avoided.

Mahant Rohit Shastri concluded by emphasizing the importance of consulting the Panchang and a qualified astrologer before fixing any major event. Aligning such decisions with cosmic timing ensures spiritual harmony and prosperity in life.

MLA Marh meets deputations of people from different villages of constituency

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JAMMU: MLA Surinder Kumar of Marh Assembly constituency met with deputations of people from various villages of the Marh Assembly area on Sunday.

The meeting provided a valuable opportunity for the MLA to listen to the concerns and suggestions of the people, fostering a sense of community and cooperation.

MLA Surinder Kumar engaged with people from different villages, demonstrating his commitment to understanding their needs and concerns. The meeting provided valuable insights into the issues affecting the community, allowing the MLA to better understand the needs of his constituents.

MLA Surinder Kumar reaffirmed his commitment to working together with the community for

the progress and betterment of the Marh Assembly area.

By meeting with deputations of people, MLA Surinder Kumar demonstrated his willingness to listen to their concerns and suggestions. The meeting highlighted the importance of collaborative efforts between the government and the community in driving progress and development.

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has public service as one of its core priorities, aiming to address the needs and concerns of citizens effectively. As a representative of the people, BJP leaders and elected officials strive to work towards the betterment of their constituencies, added MLA.

MLA reiterated that BJP prioritizes resolving public issues promptly, ensuring

that the needs of the community are met in a timely manner.BJP leaders aim to understand and represent the aspirations of their constituents, working towards fulfilling their expectations and promises.

BJP's public service initiatives focus on driving development and progress in constituencies, improving the quality of life for citizens. The party emphasizes responsive governance, ensuring that the voices of citizens are heard and their concerns are addressed.

As the MLA of Marh constituency, Surinder Kumar is committed to working tirelessly to address the needs and concerns of his constituents. He prioritizes public service, striving to make a positive impact in the lives of the people he represents.

Impressive Shobha Yatra held on 627th Parkash Divas of Sadguru Kabir Ji Maharaj

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JAMMU: A grand Shobha Yatra was organized this morning by Sadguru Kabir Dham Headquarters, All J&K Megh Sabha, Old Rehari, Jammu, to mark the 627th Parkash Divas of Sadguru Kabir Ji Maharaj. The procession was flagged off by Narinder Datt, President of the Sabha from the Rehari Sabha premises.

The vibrant procession passed through prominent parts of the city, including Rehari Chungi, Kabir Chowk (KC Chowk), Jewel Chowk, and after taking a U-turn, proceeded via Amphalla Chowk, Panjtirthi, Kacchi Chowni, and Exchange Road, finally culminating back at the Rehari Sabha. The Yatra witnessed an overwhelming response, with thousands of devotees from across Jammu and adjoining areas such as Dogra Hall, Rehari, Paharian Mohalla, Rajpura, Janipur, Patoli,

Nadwal (Gaink), Chinore, Ban Talab, Talab Tillo, and Kabir Basti participating.

The procession featured over 100 cars, 100 motorcycles, 10 matadors, autos, and 5 beautifully decorated Jhankis (tableaux). Devotees raised spirited slogans of "Jai Kabir - Dhan Kabir", adding to the devotional atmosphere of the celebration.

Speaking to the media, Narinder Datt, President of All J&K Megh Sabha, stated that the procession was deliberately held in the morning hours to beat the high temperatures and to spread awareness about the upcoming State-level 627th Parkash Divas celebration. The main function is scheduled for Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at 11:00 AM at the Sabha premises in Rehari, Jammu.

He extended an open invitation to all social and religious organizations that follow the teachings and philos-

ophy of Sadguru Kabir Ji Maharaj to participate in the grand celebration. The spiritual discourse during the event will be delivered by Mahant Ajay Dass from Tata Nagar, Jharkhand.

Prominent participants in the Shobha Yatra included Ram Lal Bhagat (Chairman Advisory Board), Rajinder Bhagat (Vice-President), Amarnath Bhagat (Cashier), Ravi Kant (State Coordinator), Ashok Kumar (President Kaink Unit), Ajay Kumar, Paramveer Bhagat (City President), Vinod Kumar (President Chinore), Vishal Bhagat (President Pouni Chak-Gho Manhasan), Promila Devi, Veena Devi, Sheelo Devi, Anu, Narinder Singh, Bal Krishan, Partap Bhagat, Sanjay Bhagat, and others.

The Yatra concluded with spiritual fervor and deep devotion, setting the tone for the upcoming state-level celebration on June 11.

BVP Trikuta Nagar Branch celebrates World Environment Day with enthusiasm

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JAMMU: Bharat Vikas Parishad (BVP), Trikuta Nagar Branch, organized a special event to mark World Environment Day at Trikuta Nagar Park, located behind Wonder World School. The program witnessed active participation from members of the Parishad and local residents. The event began with an awareness session focusing on this year's environmental theme, followed by a collective oath to reduce plastic usage, conserve water, and protect biodiversity-a step towards promoting eco-conscious behavior in daily life.

The event concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks and an inspiring message from the Branch President, Vanita, who emphasized, "Every small action counts when it comes to saving our planet."

World Environment Day served as a powerful reminder that the Earth belongs to all, and it is everyone's responsibility to protect and preserve it. The enthusiasm and dedication of attendees turned the event into a memorable and meaningful success.

IPL needs a 12-16 week window to match the likes of NFL: Mohit Burman

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NEW DELHI: The Indian Premier League needs a 12-16 week operating window to match the brand value of top sporting leagues in the world including the NFL, NBA and Premier League, reckons Punjab Kings co-owner Mohit Burman. At USD 16.8 million, the IPL is only behind NFL (USD 36.8 million) in terms of per-match value but needs to catch up with its global rivals like NFL and leading European football leagues when it comes to the overall brand value pecking order.

According to leading investment bank Houlthian Lokey, the IPL is valued at roughly USD 16 billion while one NFL franchise Dallas Cowboys alone is worth USD 9 billion, followed by New York Yankees at USD 7.1 billion.

NBA franchise New York Knicks is valued at USD 7 billion while top football clubs Real Madrid and Manchester United have drawn a valuation of USD 6 billion.

Compared to the existing eight-week IPL, the much longer windows of Premier League (August to May), NBA (seven months) and NFL (4.5 months) also push their valuations.

Burman spoke to PTI about the road ahead of the IPL and remarkable turnaround of Punjab Kings who reached the final after 11 years.

"We're already second in the world when it comes to per-match value, just behind the NFL. But overall brand value? That's a different game. I think we need a 12-16-week window to get there," said Burman, who is also the chairman of Dabur India.

"That gives us space to tell better stories, build rivalries, and create more value for everyone - fans, sponsors, broadcasters. But it's not just about length. It's about what we do in that time - the kind of content we push out, how we engage fans year-round, how we build the league beyond the season. IPL has the scale. Now it's about consistency and depth."

The IPL's dominance in world cricket is undisputed but to maintain that envious position, nothing can be taken for granted, said Burman.

"The IPL is already the biggest cricket product in the world, but staying there means not taking anything for granted. Player availability is crucial. We need a clean window where the best in the

world can play without restrictions," said the 56-year-old businessman.

"The fan experience must keep evolving. It's not just about cricket anymore - its sport, entertainment, culture all rolled into one. We don't need to take the IPL abroad - what we do need is to build global relevance. Content, players, and stories that connect with fans across the world."

Besides Punjab Kings, Burman and other team's co-owners have also invested in the Saint Lucia franchise of the Caribbean Premier League. Their IPL rivals too have expanded their ownership in multiple leagues including SA20, IIT20, MLC, CPL and most recently The Hundred.

Burman is all for taking the IPL brand to the world.

"It's a smart and strategic move. A lot of teams are now building a common core - with shared vision, systems, and values - across multiple leagues. That's what makes it sustainable and scalable," he said when asked about the trend of IPL teams expanding overseas.

"For us, the goal is clear: build the Kings ecosystem

across geographies and formats. Whether it's IPL or CPL, we want to run our teams with the same purpose - high performance, strong culture, and deeper fan connection. We're not just creating teams - we're building a brand that travels. And this is just the beginning," he said.

The IPL and its franchises are in the pink of financial health considering the phenomenal growth of the competition introduced in 2008. Considering that, is the on-field performance of a franchise heavily linked to its commercial success?

"They go hand in hand. Strong on-field performances drive commercial growth - that's the reality. Brands want to be part of winning stories. We've seen that this year - we're up 25% year-on-year commercially."

"More fan engagement, stronger sponsor interest, and better value across the board. This season proves that when your on-field and off-field stories align - that's where the real magic happens," he said.

Punjab Kings made their second final this season and first since 2014 after topping the league standings. It was a massive change of fortunes

double-header in South America where Indian rifle and pistol shooters picked up 15 medals including six gold, helping the team finish a creditable second and third respectively on the standings.

The Munich leg will however present a much tougher challenge given the much wider presence of the world's best shooters.

Legendary Chinese marksman Li Yuehong, the reigning Olympic champion and three-time Olympic medalist in the 25m rapid-fire pistol (RFP), and 20-year-old Sheng Lihao, the reigning Olympic, world and Asian champion and world-record holder, will compete in the

tournament.

China, winners of the first two legs, are bringing their men's air pistol Olympic champion Xie Yu, in what is a 22-member squad.

Hosts Germany have fielded a strong 27-member contingent led by their pistol legend and former Olympic and world champion Christian Reitz.

Anna Janssen, their women's air rifle qualification world record holder, would also be starting on home soil.

Another RFP legend Jean Quiquampoix, part of a 16-

member French squad, will help complete the troika of legends who have completely dominated the event over the last decade or so.

The Koreans will also be there in full force with 19 shooters, including two of their three reigning women Olympic champions Yang Jjin (25m pistol) and Oh Yejin (10m air pistol).

Several Paris Olympic medalists like the USA's Sagen Maddalena, Italy's Paolo Monna and Danilo Sollazzo and Alexandra Le of Kazakhstan are also set to start in Munich.

UP: Cricketer Rinku Singh gets engaged to SP MP Priya Saroj in Lucknow

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LUCKNOW: Indian cricketer Rinku Singh and Samajwadi Party MP Priya Saroj got engaged on Sunday in a grand ceremony graced by a host of prominent political figures.

The engagement, held at a hotel in the capital city, was attended by top SP leaders, including party president and former chief minister Akhilesh Yadav and his wife, MP Dimple Yadav.

Other notable attendees included senior politicians Rajeev Shukla, Jaya Baechan, Shivalp Yadav, Ramgopal Yadav, and cricketer Bhuvnesh Kumar.

Speaking to the media after the event, SP MP Awadhesh Prasad extended his warm wishes to the couple. "I have come to give my wishes to the couple. I hope that they have a happy future," he said.

Tufani Saroj, Priya Saroj's father and SP MLA from Kerakat assembly constituency, said the celebrations began on Saturday night. According to family sources, the engagement had an exclusively vegetarian menu.

Rinku Singh, a popular figure in Indian cricket, played for the Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) in the

recently concluded 2025 edition of the Indian Premier League (IPL).

Priya Saroj is a first-time Member of Parliament, having won the Machhlisahr seat on a Samajwadi Party ticket in the 2024 general elections.

A native of Karkhiaon village in Varanasi, Priya Saroj has been actively involved with the SP for several years. She first gained public attention during her father's campaign for the 2022 Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections.

The parliamentarian holds an arts degree from Delhi University and a law degree from Amity University in Noida.

Rinku Singh, born on October 12, 1997, in Uttar Pradesh's Aligarh, became an overnight sensation in IPL 2023 when he hit five sixes in a single over, securing a victory for the KKR -- a team he has been a part of since 2018. He earned a spot in the Indian cricket team the same year.

He has played two One Day Internationals (ODIs) and 33 Twenty20 Internationals. In first-class cricket, he has amassed 3,336 runs in 50 matches, including seven centuries.

Pro League: India need to avoid conceding late goals against Netherlands

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AMSTELVEEN: The Indian men's hockey team will have to shed the habit of conceding late goals if it wishes to bounce back against The Netherlands and stay in contention for top spot in the FIH Pro League here Monday. India have dropped to the fourth position in the Pro League standings after the 1-2 loss against Netherlands on Saturday.

Netherlands are atop the leader-board with 17 points from nine games, followed by England (16 points from eight games), Belgium (16 points from eight games) and India (15 points from nine games).

The European leg of the Pro League holds greater significance for India. A top-place finish will help India directly qualify for next year's World Cup to be co-hosted by Belgium and Netherlands.

If they fail, India will have another chance through the Asia Cup to be held in Rajgir, Bihar from September 5 to

14 this year.

Against Netherlands on Saturday, India squandered a one goal lead to lose to Olympic champions Netherlands.

The Indian side showed promise in the early phases of the first half, with captain Harmanpreet Singh converting a penalty corner to give his side the lead.

The Dutch, however, made a strong comeback and ultimately emerged victorious courtesy a brace from Thijs van Dam, which included the winning goal in the 58th minute.

The Indian defence was upto the task against Netherlands' fierce attacks but some lapse in concentration and man-marking cost them dearly with two minutes remaining.

Having said that, the Indian forwards will have to be assertive and create more chance from field opportunities, an area which was found wanting on Saturday.

Also, what needs to be

worked upon is more co-ordination between the midfield and forwardline, a vital area which creates goal scoring opportunities.

"We did well in the first half but the third quarter wasn't as good. In the fourth quarter we did well again and were winning the ball, but we weren't getting any shots on goal.

"It was unfortunate to lose like that because I thought we could push for a draw. We want to push ourselves as hard as we can, especially against a team like the Netherlands," India head coach Craig Fulton said after Saturday's match.

With next year's World Cup spot up for grabs, India will aim to do well in the remaining matches and gain maximum points against challenging opponents.

India played the home leg of the Pro League in Bhubaneswar earlier this year; when they amassed 15 points with five wins in eight games.

