

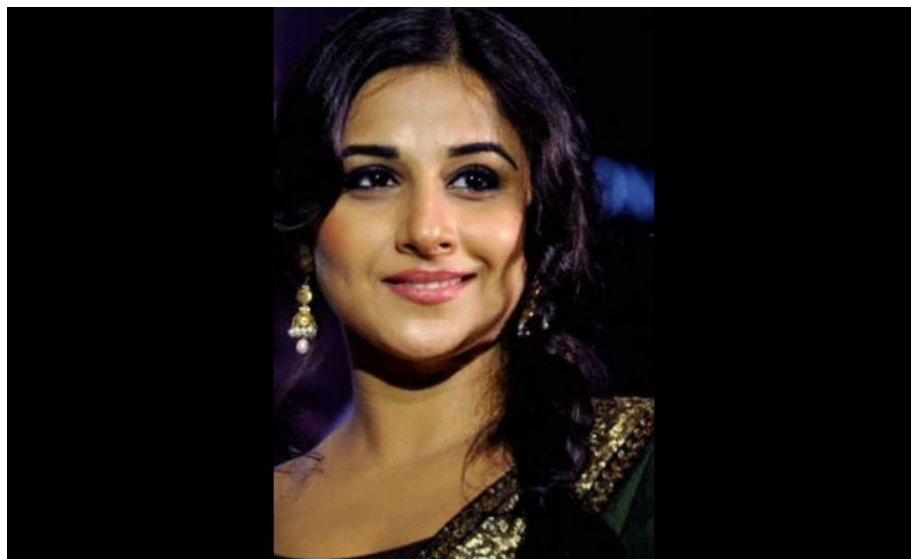


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Fancy but inauspicious

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The annual triplet series of the 21st century started with 01-01-01 and ends with 12-12-12. The next series will begin only after 89 years on January 1, 2101. It's thus safe to say that like the Hailey's comet, this will be the last triplet series we will see.

While Wednesday's fancy date had stirred the imagination of many in the West, Hyderabad seems to be nonchalant. Unlike on 07-07-07 when one lakh marriages were performed in the state and dozens of babies were delivered, not much has been scheduled for Wednesday.

The reason? December 12 happens to be Krishna Chaturdasi which is followed by amavasya. The Telugu calendar is a luni-solar calendar and, according to it, the day before and after amavasya are inauspicious. "All functions, including weddings and house-warming ceremonies are planned according to muhurat. There is no muhurat on December 12. It is inauspicious for weddings," says Dr Edupuganti Padmaja Rani, an expert in almanac (panchanga karta).

Numerologists, however, believe that it is auspicious as the number totals to three, which signifies the planet Jupiter. "Jupiter is lucky and the number. 3 stands for divinity," says senior numerologist Mudigonda Gopi Krishna, adding, "This is because neither the day or the total of the year does not come to 4, 5, or 8, which are inauspicious. But number 3 helps in strengthening family bonds," he explains.

Astrologer V. Venkata Chary says, "Numerologically the day is blessed by Jupiter. It is simply another auspicious day thanks to the planetary positions."

Fertility expert and senior gynaecologist Dr Roya Rozati also says that her hospital has not received any request for planned deliveries on December 12. "On 07-07-07 we were flooded with such requests," she says.

Mayans prophesied the world's end on 21-12-2012 and that a new one will begin. I am getting married on 21st to signify that it is a new beginning for me as well.

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Vidya Balan's also tying the knot on December 14 instead of 12.

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