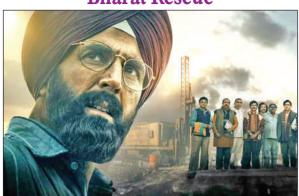
## **MOVIE REVIEW**

STATETIMES

### Mission Raniganj: The Great **Bharat Rescue**



Director: Tinu Suresh Desai Cast: Akshay Kumar, Parineeti Chopra, Rajesh Sharma

**STORY:** Based on a real-life rescue mission of 1989, the film pays homage to the late Jaswant Singh Gill, who saved the lives of 65 miners trapped in a flooded coal mine in Raniganj, West Bengal.

**REVIEW:** Tragedy struck on November 13, 1989, in the Mahabir colliery in Raniganj. While triggering blasts to extract coal, the underground water table ruptured under pressure, unleashing a torrent of water and risking the lives of 65 miners trapped inside. In a race against time, when the usual methods failed, engineer Jaswant Singh Gill (played by Akshay Kumar) suggested to drill a well and deploy a specially crafted rescue capsule. In the absence of a crane and corruption within CIL (Coal India), the film shows how Gill, and his bunch of valiant experts rescued all 65 miners, one by one through the innovative capsule.

Bringing true events to screen and honouring the valour of India's unsung heroes is great, provided the storytelling does justice to the brave hearts and the perilous events that unfolded. Mission Raniganj with all its potential to tap into the human psyche and behaviour when put in a life-threatening situation, misses the goal by a mile.

An evacuation thriller can be engaging, unnerving and an ultimate test of humanity. 'Thai Cave Rescue' for instance, made you invest in each character and their fate emotionally.

### In-depth Analysis

aving kids is no easy feat

but raising your kids to be

\_successful and best of the

lot is even tougher. While parent

never really ends), experts and

researchers have now devised a

few common traits particular to all parents who raise successful

They play and engage with their

If you thought to get your kids to

tant thing, think again. According

to experts and child psychologists.

it is equally crucial for parents to

form of free play every day. Doing

time engaging in any activity with either of their parents

were found to have higher levels of oxytocin, which helps

behaviour. Even simple things like eye contact, touch can

promote empathy and help in their developmental charts.

on their future lives. A research conducted in New York

found that teenagers who shared a warm and loving

childhood can severely affect their self-esteem.

Children's relationships with their parents have a big impact

relationship with their parents (especially mothers) were less likely to fall into the trap of abusive or threatening

relationships. Any form of conflict or trauma experienced in

Children learn to channelize their inner thoughts, behaviour

and mental peace by seeing the role models in front of them.

Parents and caretakers often assuming the first place, hence,

have a big role to play here. Positive parenting and sharing

open, empathetic relationships go a long way in building

promote social interaction and encourages positive

They are empathetic and less conflicting

engage with their kids in some

this is excellent to boost their mental health. Children who spent

play outside was the only impor

children. Take a look:

ing, no doubt is a 24x7 job (which

Our averall critic's rating is not an average of the sub scores below

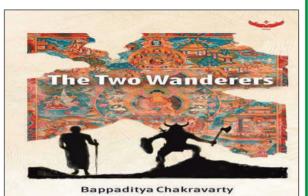
Direction Dialogues Story

Visual appeal

2/5 2/5 2/5

## **BOOK REVIEW**

### The Two Wanderers



Title: 'The Two Wanderers' Author: Bappaditya Chakravarty

Publisher: Garuda Prakashan Pages: 344 Price: Rs 550

Review: The Two Wanderers by Bappaditya Chakravarty, a Garuda Prakashan book, is not historical fiction as we understand the genre today. It is set in the ninth century in India, China, Tibet, and Europe. It is not about monarchs and their successes or failures, which can be found in several books with dates and basic descriptions. However, the book vividly depicts the lives and times of common people who dot the landscape along the routes taken by the two protagonists—Snorre, the Unruly, a Viking from Denmark, and Sriverma, a former Nalanda University graduate—by including incredibly minute and well-researched details of the routes, rivers, passes, cuisines, and local politics. Their routes resemble the Silk

In The Two Wanderers, the author not only describes the world as it existed at the time, but also paints fully developed characters who are explorers and thinkers in their own right.

The plot revolves around a Viking from Europe and a Nalanda University alumnus whose lives become entwined in the chilly, hostile landscape of Tibet. Under the direction and supervision of seasoned and experienced Lamas, they take on unexpected missions and do things that they probably never imagined possible. Both Snorre the unruly, a Viking, and Sriverma, the Nalanda graduate, have different reasons for embarking on lengthy quests for answers. Snorre, who has just started to doubt his own brutal lifestyle, has been given the task to hand over the daughter of an Eastern European chieftain to the man she is intended to marry in China.

## **GADGET REVIEW**

## Vivo V29 Pro



Expected Price Rs 39,999. Display 6.78-inch Resolution (1260x2800)Front Camera 50MPRear Camera 50MP + 12MP + 8MP8GB, 12GB RAM 256GB Storage **Battery Capacity**  $4{,}600\mathrm{mAh}$ Android 13 Wi-Fi Yes, v 5.30 Bluetooth USB Type-C Number of SIMs

Fingerprint sensor Yes Yes Magnetometer Proximity sensor Yes Accelerometer

Ambient light sensor Yes Gyroscope Fast charging Proprietary Himalayan Blue, Space Black Colours

## **Pros**

\* Good display. <sup>k</sup> Sleek design.

\* Aura light for images.

\* Fast charging.

## Hero Karizma XMR



Rs. 1.79 Lakh\*

DOHC

210 cc

bs6-2.0

 $160 \; \mathrm{mm}$ 

73 mm

 $50 \; \mathrm{mm}$ 

Chain Drive

4-Stroke, 4 Valve,

25.5 PS @ 9250 rpm

20.4 Nm @ 7250 rpm

Single Cylinder Liquid Cooled,

**Starting Price** Engine Type

Engine Displacement Max Power Max Torque Emission Type Ground Clearance

Bore Stroke No Of Cylinders Drive Type Valve Per Cylinder Fuel Type Fuel Capacity Transmission

No Of Gears **Brakes Front** Brakes Rear Turn Signal Lamp

Petrol 11 Liters Manual 6 Speed

### Disc Disc LED

\* Powerful Engine.

\* Spacious seat.

Excellent value for money.

**Pros** 

Cons

\* Underwhelming instrument cluster.

## Health and Lifestyle

## Parents of successful kids have these 5 traits in common



children's character from a young age.

They focus on their kids' sleep patterns

Clocking in enough hours of sleep is crucial and when you don't get that in check, it can prove costly for both the adults and the children. When kids do not get proper, quality sleep, they are more likely to lag behind, be less interested in learning things, fall into pressure or face chronic health troubles. Parents raising successful kids do not ignore this advice and pay heed to

They limit screen time It's not the biggest tech conglomerates who limit their

children's screen time. For raising successful, smart kids, it

is important that you exercise control over what your kids

watch, read or observe. In fact, a study conducted by the

hours in front of the screens have less functional or

They do not indulge in any form of violence

developing child.

Academy of Pediatrics found that children who spend long

developed brains than the ones who spent less time in front

of the gadgets. Safe to say, sitting in front of the screen for

long hours at a stretch is not good for the health of your

Goes without saying, violence is never the answer to any

thing and exercising brutal or corporal punishment, especial

ly towards kids can have bad side effects on young minds.

According to several studies conducted, children who have

been subjected to any kind of violence, abuse or aggressive

behaviour tend to be more at risk of mental health problems.

subjects your kids to risk of brutal injuries and health issues.

cognitive issues, and emotional deficits. Worst, it also

# **ASTROLOGY**

Cons

\* No stereo speakers.

\* Average selfie camera.

## WEEKLY PREDICTIONS 15™ 21<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2023



The week begins with sun in Libra and mak-

MAR 21 - APR 19

ing a quincunx to Uranus in Taurus. Aries, you are the fastest of all the signs of the zodiac, but

today you might need to rein it in. When it comes to a love relationship, you might have to wait for the other person to respond. Don't assume that they can move as quickly as you

**TAURUS** 

This week, you're making an important decision. The week begins with the sun in Libra and your house of daily routines making a quincunx to Uranus in your own sign of Taurus. There might be a bit of frustration today because everything seems to take longer than usual. There could be stuff in the way, or you might have to wait in a line or for someone



LIBRA

This week, you're receiving support from others. The week begins with the sun in Libra (happy birthday!) and your house of confidence making a quincunx to Uranus in Taurus. True confidence comes when you recognize that you can handle whatever comes your way. Today, you might feel challenged when something unexpected happens



to get off the phone.

**SCORPIO** 

OCT 23 - NOV 21

This week, you're exploring new realms. The week begins with the sun in Libra and your house of psychic ability making a quincunx to Uranus in Taurus. Scorpio, while you are naturally very intuitive, today it would be easy to get your wires crossed. A psychic impression you have might not be true, especially if it cen-

ters around doom and gloom.



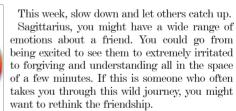
This week, you can discover a new ability. The week begins with the sun in Libra and your house of romance making a quincunx to Uranus in Taurus. Today, you might ask someone on a date who isn't necessarily your "type." Gemini, you could be branching out, or you might just spontaneously feel like doing something different.

**SAGITTARIUS** 



NOV 22 - DEC 21

**CAPRICORN** 



**CANCER** 

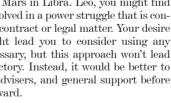
MAY 21 - JUN 20



This week, you're connecting with your past. The week begins with the sun in Libra. As much as you love your family, some days they drive you a little nuts. Today is filled with inconsistencies and erratic behavior by others. Cancer, the people in your life aren't doing what they said they were going to do. Your best bet is to just try to go with the flow. It might feel like the world is moving too fast.



This week, you get some good news. The week begins with Mars in Libra. Leo, you might find yourself involved in a power struggle that is connected to a contract or legal matter. Your desire to win might lead you to consider using any means necessary, but this approach won't lead to a true victory. Instead, it would be better to seek help, advisers, and general support before moving forward.





house of recognition making a quincunx to Uranus in Taurus. Today, you are highly motivated to make your mark. Capricorn, you might decide to post extra content or start a channel. You could put your name in the running for a reality TV show or do some stand-up comedy in front of a live audience. This week, you're tapping into your spiritual side. The week begins with the sun in Libra and

This week, you're receiving positive notice.

The week begins with the sun in Libra and your



**DEC 22 - JAN 19** 

your house of education making a quincunx to Uranus in Taurus. You might be cramming for a test or trying to finish a project that's due next week. And this is when you find that you're out of printer ink, your Internet is down, or you have other obstacles in your path. Take a breath. Maybe take a walk.

**PISCES** 

This week, you're getting some great ideas.



This week, you realize you deserve success. Virgo, you are determined to seize a new source of revenue, and you see the potential prize ahead of you. With lots of energy and a chance for victory, you might feel like you're in a race to reach your goals. It might mean burning the midnight oil instead, but the effort will be



Today, you might be reviewing your investments and having some mixed reactions. Pisces, it's possible there's been a lot of volatility in the market or just in your holdings, but this isn't a time to make rash decisions. Remember that you're in it for the long haul, and everything could change. FEB 19 - MAR 20

