# STATETIMES

#### MOVIE REVIEW

#### Fukrey 3



Director: Mrighdeep Singh Lamba Cast: Richa Chadha, Varun Sharma, Pulkit Samrat

STORY: Choocha inadvertently challenges Bholi Punjaban n an election for the legislative assembly. But when he and Hunny end up with a gift to create petrol, it lands them in trouble with the water mafia. Will they get out of the pickle?

**REVIEW:** The viewer is set to crash land into the world of fukreys (no-gooders), Hunny (Pulkit Samrat), Choocha (Varun Sharma), Laali (Manjot Singh), and Panditji (Pankaj Tripathi) for the third time. As fun introductory credits roll, a recap of the previous two parts is weaved into a song to bring the viewers up to speed with the story. This time around, Bholi Punjaban (Richa Chadha) is contesting the election for the portfolio of Water Resources Minister, and Choocha emerges as her unlikely opponent and a public favourite, vowing to help them overcome their water woes.

Varun Sharma displays his impeccable comic timing and is effortless throughout the film's 2 hours and 30 minutes. Besides him, it's Pankaj Tripathi who shines in his role. Pulkit Samrat is passable as the smartest guy in the lot. Richa Chadha as the don and Manjot Singh as the exasperated friend perform well. Tanishk Bagchi and Abhishek Nailwal's quirky music is cool and complements the hilarious situations well. The film will often make you laugh, especially if you are a fan of out-and-out slapstick comedies. But the muddled-up storyline and how the events pan out leave much to be desired. That being said, it's a decent one-time watch.

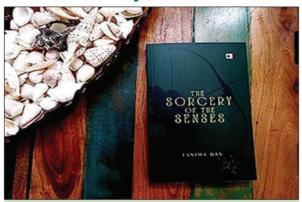
In-depth Analysis Our averall critic's rating is not an average of the sub scores below.

Direction Dialogues



#### **BOOK REVIEW**

#### The Sorcery of the Senses



Title: 'The Sorcery of the Senses' **Author: Tanima Das** Publisher: ArtoonsInn Pages: 220 Price: Rs 329

Review: Tanima Das is an Indian author whose short stories have been published internationally. She is also one of the winners of season 2 and season 3 of the Write India contest conducted by The Times of India. Salman Rushdie praised her imagination in the winning entry. By profession, she is a software engineer but writing remains the work that gives her maximum fulfilment. 'The Sorcery of the Senses' is her first novel. This genre-bending novel mixes fantasy, mythology, and contemporary threads to present a seamless integration.

The story begins with the protagonist Dhruv finding himself completely alone following the successive deaths of his parents and a sudden divorce with his wife Juthika. He stumbles upon an heirloom jewellery that transports him to another dimension where he meets the first sense, Dristi.

Dristi shows Dhruv his previous lifetime as Grhiz, a tribal girl, with superpowers. Next, Dhruv meets Sparsha, who shows him his life as Mong, a blind girl with healing powers. In his current lifetime, Dhruv is yet to come to terms with his break up and yet, he now knows that he has been entrusted with a bigger mission. He must find the lost stone and finish the task that was left midway in the previous lifetime.

The storyline moves fast and keeps the reader enchanted with its absolutely original premise. The author's coherent presentation ensures that the end product is not a potpourri of conflicting thoughts despite the presence of widely varying themes, timelines, and philosophies.

The book ends on a cliffhanger and the following book in the series is slated to be released in 2024.

### **GADGET REVIEW**

#### Apple iPhone 15



Expected Price Rs 79,999. 6.10-inch Display Resolution (1179x2556)Apple A16 Bionic Front Camera 12MP 48MP + 12MPRear Camera 8GBRAM 128GB, 256GB, 512GB Storage iOS 17 Wi-Fi Yes GPS Yes

Yes USB Type-C Yes Headphones Type-C 3D face recognition Magnetometer Proximity sensor Yes Accelerometer Wireless charging

Bluetooth

Black, Blue, Green, Pink, Yellow Colours

Cons

\* A lot more expensive than

corresponding Android

\* No Always On option.

alternatives.

Yes, v 5.30

#### **Pros**

- \* Subtle redesign makes it more comfortable to hold and use.
- Great build quality, water-resistant.
- Solid battery life. \* Excellent loudspeaker

**VEHICLE REVIEW** 

#### **Toyota Rumion**



Rs. 10.29 - 13.68 Lakh\* Starting Price 1462 ccEngine Displacement

Emission Norm Compliance BS VI 2.0 Fuel Type Petrol Fuel Capacity 45 Liters Transmission Manual 101.64bhp@6000rpm Max Power Max Torque  $136.8\mathrm{Nm}@4400\mathrm{rpm}$ 1462 cc

Engine Displ. Rear AC Ducts Audio Control No Of Cylinders Gear Box Paddle Shift Kerb Weight

1195-1205 Kg Suspension Front Macpherson Strut & Coil Spring Suspension Rear Torsion Beam & Coil Spring

Yes

Yes

6-Speed

**Brakes Front** Brakes Rear Drum Steering Type Electric Seating Capacity

#### **Pros**

\* Decent Ground Clearance \* No Diesel Engine Or of 180mm.

\* 3 Powertrain Choices.

\* Top-Notch Survivability score in Global NCAP.

#### Cons

Modern Automatic Option.

\* Impressive Fuel efficiency. \* Non-Removable 3rd-row

# Health and Lifestyle

## Gift your child a bedroom that grows with him



ith the advent of nuclear families, the need for private space for each family member has become a necessity, especially for young adults aged 7-

#### 13 years. Home spaces for young

"The transition from childhood to adulthood is fundamental to the development of their intellectual, emotional, and mental health," says Cyrus Mody, a Luxury homes developer based in Mumbai. "Thus, a play area for children is important in every home, whether a room, a corner, or any area that gives them a sense of ownership, joy, and belonging. Although every room has a purpose, a child's room is in actuality a common room that accommodates varied activities for healthy interactions.

As kids mature and develop, their likes and preferences change too. Your child may be obsessed with Legos for one minute, only for Transformers to rule their universe later. Or perhaps the pink/princess phase transforms into other preferences. Ensuring that their rooms stay up to date with their changing sensibilities is paramount. Thus, keeping a neutral palette for the bones of the room, investing in sturdy furniture that lasts, and changing soft furnishings with smaller accessories according to your child's age and choice, can be produc-

Segregation of spaces when a child has a sibling

For couples with more than one child, segregation of the space within the same room is essential, as each one of your children might have different preferences, passions, and/or timetables to follow.

"Each individual has a unique personality, even if they are siblings, and so, thoughtful segregation and space allocation within the rooms will give your children the personal space they need to put into effect, their thoughts, imaginations, and ideas, that will be of use to them as they grow and excel in their lives individually.

"Being able to let your children choose how they want to decorate their own space may seem trivial but may prove to be hugely valuable in the long run, as it will encourage them to develop their style and give them a sense of ownership of

their space, with the freedom to express themselves," adds

Bedrooms for children should ideally be designed in a manner that caters to all their needs and demands. They should have enough space for their clothes, and toys. The study table should have an adequate number of drawers to accommodate their books and other study materials. The walls should be colourful enough to stimulate creativity and encourage focus when desired. The space should be versatile enough and have high ceilings, to allow for space for your children to transition

# **ASTROLOGY**

## WEEKLY PREDICTIONS 08™ 14™ OCTOBER 2023



Libra, in your house of relationships, making a trine to Jupiter in Aquarius in your house of friendships. Aries, you might find your mind on someone from your past. They might reach out to you on social media. It's as though you were thinking about each other at the same time. Now you can feel if there is still a smol-



Mercury, in your own sign of Libra and in your house of confidence, making a trine to Jupiter in Aquarius in your house of fun and adventure. Perhaps you have been working too hard, but you now have an overwhelming desire to do something fun. Perhaps you did not get a vacation over the summer, and you feel like you missed out



of health and well-being, making a trine to Jupiter in Aquarius in your house of progress. Taurus, you might be returning to a healthy habit you had before. You may have renewed interest in raw veganism or strapping on your Fitbit to track your movements for the day. You may be doing some virtual fitness sessions, or trying Eye Yoga.

Mercury retrograde in Libra, in your house



OCT 23 - NOV 21

**SAGITTARIUS** 

of intuition, making a trine to Jupiter in Aquarius in your house of ancestors. Today, you may feel an angelic presence or be visited by your guides. This is a good day to do a vision quest, séance, or to sit and remember relatives who have gone on to the other side. Scorpio, light a candle and let the Universe know you're listening.

Mercury retrograde in Libra, in your house





Love could bounce back into your life suddenly and with no fanfare. Gemini, this could be someone you've known from the past. Or it could be a person who reminds you of someone you loved before. If you're already in a relationship, this could just be a temptation flitting around the edges of your life. Mars in Libra, in your house of children, makes an inconjunct to Uranus in your house of the shadow self.

The week begins on Monday, October 4, with



**CAPRICORN** 

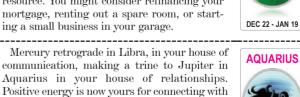
Mercury in Libra, in your house of friendships, making a trine to Jupiter in Aquarius in your house of communication. You may hear from a friend who lives on the other side of the country (or the other side of the world). It may have been years since you talked, and suddenly you are chatting together as though no time has passed at all. Sagittarius, it's good to catch up and find out what they have been doing.

**CANCER** 



**LEO** 

Mercury retrograde in Libra, in your house of home and family, making a trine to Jupiter in Aquarius in your house of resources. Now that Mercury is retrograde, you might be revisiting the idea that your home could be a financial resource. You might consider refinancing your mortgage, renting out a spare room, or starting a small business in your garage.





job opportunities, making a trine to Jupiter in Aquarius in your house of money. This aspect comes at a perfect time if you're starting a new job or taking on a project. This is a good day to ask for a leadership role or to apply for a transfer to a different department. Capricorn, plant the seeds for good opportunities with this positive energy.

Mercury retrograde in Libra, in your house of

Mercury retrograde in Libra, in your house of education, making a trine to Jupiter in your own sign of Aquarius and in your house of confidence. You may have an opportunity to teach something or to be published. This could be connected to your job and give your career a real boost. Aquarius, you could be asked to speak at a conference, or you might be tapped as an expert in your industry.

**PISCES** 



Mercury in Libra, in your house of money, making a trine to Jupiter in Aquarius in your house of work. Virgo, this is very fortunate energy for getting a new job or getting a better position at your current company. Dust off your resume and apply for new jobs today. Or, because Mercury is retrograde, consider applying for positions you didn't get before.

a potential relationship. This could be a great

friendship or even a romantic partnership. If

you're looking to add someone into your life, it's

a good idea to reach out to someone new. Leo,

you could receive quite the welcoming response.



Mercury in Libra, in your house of resources, making a trine to Jupiter in your house of spirituality. Pisces, your angels are gathering to help you. Instead of just filling out the application like everyone else, consider lighting a metallic gold candle first to give your application lucky energy. Sprinkle some cinnamon on your welcome mat to bring in positive money.