

WEBSERIES REVIEW

Kaun Banegi Shikharwati



Director: Gaurav K. Chawla, Ananya Banerjee
Cast: Naseeruddin Shah, Lara Dutta, Soha Ali Khan

Kritika Kamra, Anya Singh, Raghubir Yadav

STORY: 'Kaun Banegi Shikharwati' is about the lonely, broke sovereign of Shikharwati, Raja Mrityunjay who owes the government a staggering amount of Rs 32 crores in wealth tax, which he cannot afford to pay. Mishra Ji, the king's right-hand man, is desperate to save the palace and suggests that the monarch call his daughters and announce who will be the next heir to his throne and accompanying property. As a result, whoever wins the crown will be held responsible for paying the debts and looking after the 200-crore estate.

REVIEW: Veteran actor Naseeruddin Shah delivers flawless performance and injects some effortless humour into the story. He lives in his own little world, confined to the palace, and is unconcerned about the peasants labelling him "nalyak raja" (unworthy king). Shah never disappoints, and this time he charms audiences as a bumbling king who is dressed in a tracksuit rather than some shahi libaas. His chemistry with Raghubir Yadav, who plays Birbal aka Mishra Ji, the king's only advisor, is a delight to watch. Anurag Sinha makes an honest attempt in playing Veer Singh, a conscious villager who wants to save Shikharwati and is concerned about people moving to Mewar for business. Due to its simple writing and intriguing characters, this 10-part series with a duration of 30-35 minutes every episode is a fine blend of humour and drama.

In-depth Analysis
Our overall critic's rating is not an average of the sub scores below.
Direction: 2.5/5
Dialogues: 2.5/5
Story: 2.5/5
Music: 2.5/5
Visual appeal: 2.5/5

BOOK REVIEW

The Legend of Birsa Munda



Title: The Legend of Birsa Munda

Author: Tuhin Sinha and Ankita Verma

Genre: Historical fiction

Publisher: Manjul Pub.

Pages: 400

Price: 499 INR

Review: It's been over 75 years since India has been free and independent from the British Raj. While people today remember prominent Indian freedom fighters who laid their lives for the country, unfortunately, some of them have been forgotten in the pages of history. And remembering one such lesser-known tribal hero, Birsa Munda, author Tuhin Sinha has written a new book which is co-authored by Ankita Verma. Titled 'The Legend of Birsa Munda', the book tells the extraordinary story of Birsa Munda, who courageously fought against the oppressive British Raj for the rights of his tribal community.

During 19th century India, the Adivasis of present-day Jharkhand were living a life of misery as they struggled to survive under the oppression of the colonial state and that of the local zamindars, who were British Raj collaborators. The Adivasis were victims of the grand British colonial plan—of building an empire for their Queen but at the cost of innocent people's lives. In the process, the tribals had everything to lose—from their forests and homes to their culture, religion, identity, and families. That's when 25-year-old Birsa Munda decided to take matters into his own hands as he led his community to rebel and fight for their rights.

Pacy, interesting, intriguing—'The Legend of Birsa Munda' is a thrilling story of Birsa Munda, a tribal hero whose contributions to India's freedom struggle shouldn't be forgotten. A warrior, hero, spiritual guru—Birsa Munda was all this and more for his people.

GADGET REVIEW

Motorola Edge 20 Pro



Expected Price Rs 34,990

Display 6.70-inch (1080x2400)

Processor Qualcomm Snapdragon 870

Front Camera 32MP

Rear Camera 108MP + 16MP + 8MP

RAM 8GB

Storage 128GB

Battery Capacity 4500mAh

OS Android 11

Number of SIMs 2

Rear autofocus Yes

Rear flash Yes

GPS Yes

Bluetooth Yes, v 5.10

NFC Yes

USB Type-C Yes

Fingerprint sensor Yes

Proximity sensor Yes

Accelerometer Yes

Gyroscope Yes

Pros

- * 144Hz refresh rate display.
- * 5G-ready, powerful SoC.
- * Promised software updates for two years.
- * 5X telephoto camera.

Cons

- * Slower charging than competition.
- * Low-light camera performance needs improvement.

VEHICLE REVIEW

Honda CB500X



Starting Price

Rs. 6.87 Lakh*

Engine Type 4 Stroke, SI Engine(Parallel Twin)

Engine Displacement 471.03 cc

Max Power 47.5 PS @ 8500 rpm

Emission Type bs6

Max Torque 43.2 Nm @ 6500 rpm

Bore 67 mm

Stroke 66.8 mm

No Of Cylinders 2

Drive Type Chain Drive

Valve Per Cylinder 4

Fuel Type Petrol

Fuel Capacity 17.7 Liters

Transmission Type Manual

No Of Gears 6 speed

Brakes Front Disc

Brakes Rear Disc

Radial Tyre Yes

Tyre Type Tubeless

Ground Clearance 181 mm

Tail Light LED

Pros

- * Good Looks.
- * Design and Colour Shades on Offer.
- * Engine Performance.
- * Telescopic forks at the front.

Cons

- * Lack of Features.

Health and Lifestyle

9 winter pet care tips for your furry companions



Winter in India ranges from the pleasantly cold to the very extremes, and both you and your pets need just as much care when the mercury drops! If you thought that furry coat was enough to keep them warm, you'd join many pet parents who make the same mistake. But you need to make sure that your beloved companion is as healthy and comfortable as can be, so they can enjoy the best of the cold seasons with you!

Here are the top 9 winter pet care tips that will make your life easier by Dr. Vinod Sharma, Head of Veterinary Services – DCC Animal Hospital and Pet Care.

Get to know the temperature your pets can handle

Just like humans, you need to understand your pet's tolerance based on several factors including their coat, body fat stores, activity level, and health. While long-haired or thick-coated pets are usually more cold-resistant, short-haired or those with shorter legs feel colder because of the increased exposure. So, make sure your pet is wearing suitable covering or coat made for them, and check on them regularly.

Keep their outdoor hours during the daytime

If you don't already, walk them during the late morning or early afternoon, when it's warmer outside. Not only will it be more comfortable, walking or playing in the sun also gives them their much-needed dose of Vitamin D!

Make sure their bedding is warm and comfortable

While we all know how much our pets love claiming every spot in the entire house as their own, we should still make sure they have a space of their own that is adequately warm and cozy. That ends up becoming their safe space, with their familiar warm blankets and toys. Additionally, if you have any kind of heaters or fireplaces in the house, make sure they are pet-proofed, and your pets don't accidentally hurt themselves while seeking warmth.

Moisturise

Be it dogs or cats, dry and cold weather can be as bad for your pets' skin as it is for ours. At times, even more. By consulting with your veterinarian, you can add a skin and coat supplement to their food, to help prevent dry, flaky, or cracked

skin. Coconut oil is also a great natural moisturizer you can apply externally if needed.

Avoid overfeeding

There is a common misconception that increasing the food intake of your pets might protect them from the cold, but that could prove disastrous for them. You need to carefully monitor your pets' weight throughout the season to make sure they're at a healthy weight and adjust their calorie intake based on their level of activity as well. Again, you can consult your veterinarian for a high-quality whole-food diet for your pets.

Makes sure they're hydrated

Winter lowers our water consumption, just as much as it can in your pets. But for them, dehydration can be life-threatening! So, during winters, make sure their water bowls are never empty and keep watch on whether they are drinking adequate water or not.

Groom them

Grooming your pets is usually a basic thing that should already be done periodically, but during winters, it becomes even more necessary to take care of their fur and skin. A good brushing session can help clear up anything stuck, and help provide better insulation to your four-legged friend. If you take your dogs outside to play, you need to properly clean or bathe them, and dry them, when you bring them inside.

Avoid having open still water

Standing water can carry several kinds of parasites and toxins, and become breeding grounds for disease-spreading insects. This could cause digestive issues and severe complications for them. When taking your pet outdoors, make sure they don't drink from any outside water source and avoid having open water containers around the house.

Wellness exam

Cold weather could exacerbate several conditions in pets, such as arthritis, diabetes, or heart disease. Similarly, young or older pets may have very different requirements for care during the cold season. So, a yearly wellness exam is always a good idea for your pets, and there's no better time like the winter season for it.

ASTROLOGY

WEEKLY PREDICTIONS 16TH—22ND JANUARY 2022



ARIES

MAR 21 - APR 19

Capricorn making a conjunction with Pluto in your house of time and timekeeping. Now, in the new year, you're thinking about how your life is passing by. Aries, you might be stuck in a rut, succumbing to the same repetitive routines over and over. But it's likely you love variety in life. Pull out your calendar today, and schedule some new and exciting things to do.



LIBRA

SEP 23 - OCT 22

Libra, you don't know how many weeks it will take, but, now that you have made up your mind, you have criteria for making other choices. You know whether to buy a new sofa or adopt a pet. While none of these commitments are carved in stone, this is not the day to waffle back and forth. It's OK to change your mind in the future.



TAURUS

APR 20 - MAY 20

Capricorn making a conjunction with Pluto in your house of education and ideas. Perhaps you're jumping back into school, vowing to keep up with your studies. You are enthusiastic about learning something practical that could make you money in the future. It's possible you are brushing up on your Photoshop skills, editing videos in Final Cut Pro, or making music with Audacity.



SCORPIO

OCT 23 - NOV 21

Capricorn making a conjunction to Pluto in your house of communication. How you communicate with others—and especially yourself—is key to getting everything you want. If there seems to be too much space between you and your goals, shift your vocabulary. Pluto transforms a life by removing something tangible, so now it's time to remove defeatist thinking. Scorpio, you value the truth.



GEMINI

MAY 21 - JUN 20

You might be looking at your investment portfolio and thinking about how you can go big. Gemini, you could be considering some of the riskier offerings, investments not offered by a conventional brokerage house. You're thinking way outside the box. Make sure you weigh your personal risk tolerance—and that of your family—before you throw all your chips into the pot.



SAGITTARIUS

NOV 22 - DEC 21

You know the formula for success: make more, spend less—and abundance happens. Today, put yourself on the path to wealth. Keep track of the trivial items you buy on a day-to-day basis. Sagittarius, this might mean packing a lunch or eating leftovers. Perhaps you swap cable for free streams on Tubi—even though they are reruns of shows you've seen before. Today you're broadcasting your determination.



CANCER

JUN 21 - JUL 22

You have the desire now to transform a relationship. It's possible you're dating and want to be exclusive, or you want to shift the relationship toward a more permanent status. If you're in an established partnership, maybe you want to transform it into the other direction. Cancer, consider walking away from a situation—or seeking some counseling—if the dynamic of the relationship isn't what's best for the two.



AQUARIUS

JAN 20 - FEB 18

As a new year begins, and there is another birthday candle on the cake, see the life you have built. You've been through many peaks and valleys, good things and bad, and, throughout it all, you've been persistent. Now you can let go of hesitation. You can release doubt. Capricorn, you don't need to be on red alert all day, every day. It's time to recognize that you are a problem solver, prolific, and smart.



VIRGO