

WEBSERIES REVIEW

Human Season 1



Director: Vipul Amrutlal Shah, Mozez Singh
Cast: Shefali Shah, Kirti Kulhari, Vishal Jethwa
 Ram Kapoor, Seema Biswas, Idraneil Sengupta
Story: Cardiac specialist Dr Saira Sabharwal is thrilled to join Manthan, the multi-specialty hospital founded and headed by one of India's ace neurosurgeons, Dr Gauri Nath, whom she holds in the highest regard. Even as the two become close friends, a series of events starting with a drug trial gone wrong will not only impact them hard, and thwart their ambitions, but also affect those around them as well.

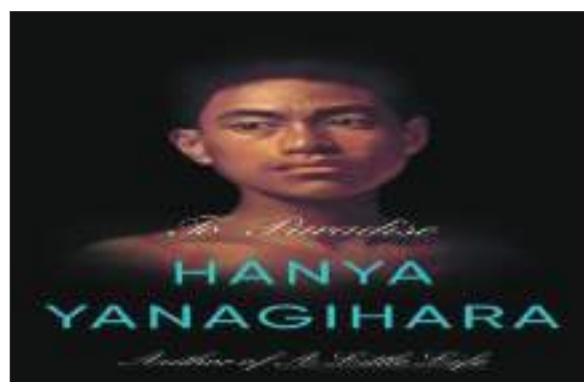
Review: Shefali Shah once again displays her mettle as an actress and portrays the many facets of Dr Gauri Nath with conviction. Whether she's the calm and composed head of her hospital or vulnerable with her old confidante Roma Ma (aptly enacted by Seema Biswas), she lends a certain gravitas to her character. Kirti Kulhari proves her potential as Saira Sabharwal, who decides to follow the path of righteousness in the face of fierce opposition, on both, work and personal fronts. Ram Kapoor is effective as Gauri Nath's husband Pratap Munjal, who manages her business affairs in the boardroom and with the politicians.

To sum up, Human is an interesting series with a novel subject and unpredictable narrative that is sure to make you binge-watch it. At the same time, with barely a few light moments, it's also very intense and can get morbid at times. While it makes a compelling watch, the faint-hearted may brave it and take it slow.

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

To Paradise'



Title: To Paradise'
Author: Hanya Yanagihara
Genre: Historical fiction/dystopian fiction
Publisher: Doubleday
Pages: 720
Price: 2024 INR

Review: Hanya Yanagihara, a deputy editor at 'T: The New York Times Style Magazine', earlier received widespread critical acclaim for her 2015 novel 'A Little Life', a devastating story about four friends in New York City. After seven years, she is back with the daunting 'To Paradise'.

At more than 700 pages, with a span of 200 years, Yanagihara's 'To Paradise' is presented uniquely in three books with three different plot lines and begins in New York in 1893. The novel winds through three eras across 200 years and into an alternative world. In The Free States of America, centered in New York of the 1890s, same-sex love and marriage are the norms. But Black citizens are not permitted. A century later, a descendant of the last monarch of Hawaii lives in the same neighborhood - Greenwich Village - as AIDS ravages a generation, while his heritage is endangered. And in 2093, pandemics and storms push the area now known as Zone Eight into an authoritarian society, locking up millions for society's protection.

All in all, 'To Paradise' is a novel of the highest order. It's written elegantly, evokes emotion, and renders believable characters who move the plot. Though there are three separate settings, Yanagihara moves through them with fine finesse. While themes of love and belonging are prevalent in Book I and Book II, fear takes over in Book III - hitting all of us living in the current times.

GADGET REVIEW

Realme 9i



Expected Price	Rs 15,999
Display	6.60-inch
Resolution	(1080x2400)
Processor	Qualcomm Snapdragon 680
Front Camera	16MP
Rear Camera	50MP + 2MP + 2MP
Rear autofocus	Yes
Rear flash	Yes
RAM	6GB
Storage	64GB
Battery Capacity	5000mAh
OS	Android 11
GPS	Yes
Bluetooth	Yes
USB Type-C	Yes
Headphones	3.5mm
Number of SIMs	2
Fingerprint sensor	Yes
Proximity sensor	Yes
Accelerometer	Yes
Colours	Prism Black, Prism Blue

Pros

- * Huge 5000 mAh battery.
- * Lots of built-in features of MIUI 12.
- * Support for facial unlock.
- * Sufficient storage options.

Cons

- * 720p resolution only.
- * Pre-installed Bloatware.

VEHICLE REVIEW

Skoda Kodiaq



Starting Price	Rs. 34.99 Lakh*
ARAI Mileage	12.78 kmpl
Fuel Type	Petrol
Engine Displacement	1984 cc
No. of cylinder	4
Gear Box	7-Speed DSG
Max Power	187.74bhp@4200-6000rpm
Max Torque	320nm@1500-4100rpm
Seating Capacity	7
Transmission Type	Automatic
Boot Space	270 L
Fuel Tank Capacity	58.0 L
Body Type	SUV
Ground Clearance	192 mm
Kerb Weight	1793 kg
No of Airbags	9
Touch Screen size	8 Inch
Connectivity	Android Auto, Apple CarPlay
No of Speakers	12
Front Brake Type	Disc
Rear Brake Type	Disc

Pros

- * Good Looks.
- * Solid build.
- * Practical and spacious cabin.
- * Ride and handling balance.

Cons

- * Cramped third-row seating.

ASTROLOGY

WEEKLY PREDICTIONS 23RD — 29TH JANUARY 2022



It is a season of celebrations, loaded up with blissful snapshots of festivity. Indeed, we're talking the much-anticipated wedding season that sees everybody in their best of spirits. Dressing for weddings resembles exploring an interesting minefield—we are continually looking for the best. We really want outfits that are statement-making and are equivalent amounts of celebratory that we can wear to all possible events without mulling over.

The world of ethnic fashion has taken a delightful turn towards simplicity and contemporary elegance.

In case you're thinking about what to wear this happy season, Anuj Mundhra, Chairman & MD of fashion brand, will help to get you the spotlight for this wedding season and will assist you with reclassifying your style objectives.

- Silk and festivities are like two sides of the same coin. If you feel the same too, then go for shararas and ghararas this season. The sparkling clothing is an optimal choice assuming you need to ditch your ordinary sarees and lehengas with an agreeable yet chic assertion piece. Sure to make heads turn, the sharara & gharara set with sequins weaved all around the article of clothing and complimented with a designer heavy-work dupatta is ideal to finish the happy look.

- If all else fails concerning what to wear, go for undercurrent and basic tones which are consistently protected to wear and

offer a la mode expression. A light shade kurta combined with pants is an absolute necessity for the celebrations this season. You can make it a substantial look with statement gems or even can go for oxidized earrings.

- In case you are somebody who believes that the idea of toning it down would be ideal, then, at that point, the Palazzo set is an optimal pick for you this bubbly season. For the people who need to decide on a basic and unpretentious happy look, palazzo sets are an ideal arrangement for themselves and this one will fill the need.

- Botanical prints consistently convey you that fun and lively look. From relaxed or ordinary go-to look to festive celebratory, fluttery botanical Salwar suits find some kind of harmony of easy and clean. Pro your flower outfit with jhumkas and conventional studs to complete the look.

- Go for the anarkalis this wedding season. An anarkali is an eternally favourite silhouette, which will look good, elegant yet classy this season.

Festive dressing is the most fundamental concern we have during the shaadi season and we as a whole are prepared up to emphasize your wardrobe. From stunning contemporary dresses to basic stylish kurtas and that's only the tip of the iceberg, bubbly dressing is tied in with getting the best of ethnic wear. Most importantly, remember that elegance and 'less-is-more' should be your fashion mantras this wedding season.

ARIES

 MAR 21 - APR 19

This week, you can make real headway in your career. Aries, opportunities are lining up. Sun in Aquarius making a conjunction to Mercury retrograde in your house of technology and the future. Something you've seen before pops up, and the Universe is saying, "give this another look." This is about future trends and an opportunity for you, Aries.

TAURUS

 APR 20 - MAY 20

This week, there are opportunities to put yourself at the head of the table. Taurus, you are taking charge. Sun in Aquarius making a conjunction to Mercury in your house of career and reputation. You're in the spotlight with the sun elevated in your chart, shining a light on your talents and abilities. Taurus, you are more visible at this time, and this can help you take your life in a whole new direction.

GEMINI

 MAY 21 - JUN 20

This week, you can achieve more by believing in yourself. Gemini, the sky's the limit. Sun in Aquarius making a conjunction to Mercury retrograde in your house of education. If you're in school, it's time to lean in. Gemini, you might want to investigate better study habits. Gemini, you might be quite distracted from an important goal today.

CANCER

 JUN 21 - JUL 22

This week, you're finding the balance between your current self and future self. Cancer, you're heading in the right direction. Sun in Aquarius making a conjunction to Mercury retrograde in your house of money from business and passive-income sources. Now you might be very interested in investments or a profit-generating business that you can do on the side.

LEO

 JUL 23 - AUG 22

This week, you're moving in a better direction. Leo, you're making great headway. Sun in Aquarius making a conjunction to Mercury retrograde in your house of relationships. This is one of the best days for looking for love. Leo, you can reach out to someone you've met before, perhaps through an online dating site. You might be approached by an old lover who says they've changed and wants to try again.

VIRGO

 AUG 23 - SEP 22

This week, you're fighting through distractions and winning. Virgo, you're coming out ahead. Sun in Aquarius making a conjunction to Mercury in your house of coworkers. Someone you work with could pay you a great compliment. This person might see your talents and abilities beyond what others do (especially your boss).

AQUARIUS

 JAN 20 - FEB 18

This week, you can tap into a treasure trove of spiritual energy. Aquarius, you're receiving help from your spiritual family. Sun in Aquarius making a conjunction to Mercury retrograde in your house of magnetism. People are quite attracted to you as if you have some sort of gravitational pull. There are forces at work here to bring opportunities for friendships, partnerships, and even a romantic relationship.

PISCES

 FEB 19 - MAR 20

This week, a new community is welcoming you with open arms. Pisces, you're making new friends. You might be getting together with someone you haven't seen in a long time. Maybe they've reached out to you after months or years of separation, and now you're connected again. Not only are they very happy to see you, they have interesting news for you.