

MOVIE REVIEW

Cirkus



Director: Rohit Shetty
Cast: Ranveer Singh, Pooja Hegde, Jacqueline Fernandez

STORY: Two sets of identical twins separated at birth, end up in the same town at the same time, years later. The confusion and misunderstanding that ensues throws their lives into a tizzy.

REVIEW: Ranveer Singh tries to do his best in portraying both his characters, but sadly both the parts lack enough conviction. Deepika Padukone's cameo in the song 'Current Laga Re' is a highlight that comes as a true respite. Varun Sharma's comic timing is criminally wasted here and, in the end, it's up to the ever-so-dependable Johny Lever (as Polson bhai) to bring in some much-needed organic laughter. The ace comedian creates more rib-tickling moments in his few minutes of screentime than the entire cast put together. Pooja Hegde looks resplendent in her sombre role of Roy's wife Mala. Jacqueline Fernandez steps in to add the glam quotient as Roy's girlfriend and does just that. Sanjay Mishra once again takes one for the team in a role that isn't funny, but the actor makes up for the lack in the writing and the missing punchlines, which is a recurring problem of this unfunny mess. 'Cirkus' is a busy film filled with a battery of characters put together with a purpose to make us laugh, but is far from that. Entertaining the audience with slapstick comedy and drama is a tightrope that Rohit Shetty has successfully walked before but this time he seems to have tripped several times along the way.

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

Health and Lifestyle

3 innovative healthy recipes for your 2023 celebrations



No new year celebration is complete without a scrumptious spread of food. As we get into the groove of planning the perfect New Year celebration, let us not forget to take care of our bodies too. With the concept of healthy and sustainable living on the rise, many of us look for food options that are delicious and nutritious at the same time.

There are many nutritious ingredients that are easily available to all, which can be incorporated into our food easily. One such ingredient are nuts. Nuts are popular as a rich source of protein and fiber. Nuts are also power packed with many vitamins and minerals and provide the body with the much-needed omega and fatty acids. Consuming even a small amount of nuts can be incorporated in multiple ways to whip up some lip-smacking dishes.

Try these easy-to-follow and innovative recipes by Lakshay Singh and Tarneet Kaur, renowned food bloggers to add a dash of nutrition to your 2023 celebrations:

Chocolate Cake

Ingredients:

Milk

2 Cups Water

2 Dates

For Cake Batter

1/2 Cup Oil or Butter

1/2 Cup Sugar

1 Cup Curd

1/4th Cup Milk

2 tbsp Chocolate Spread

1 Cup Maida (All Purpose Flour)

2 tbsp Cocoa Powder

1 tsp Baking Powder

1/2 tsp Baking Soda

Method:

In a mixing bowl, add the oil and sugar and whisk them together until light and fluffy. Next, add in the curd, milk and the chocolate spread. Whisk them all together.

Sift all purpose flour, cocoa powder, baking powder, baking soda and salt through a sieve. Add them to the bowl. Mix all the dry ingredients with the wet ingredients. Be mindful not to overmix. The batter should be of a semi-liquid consistency.

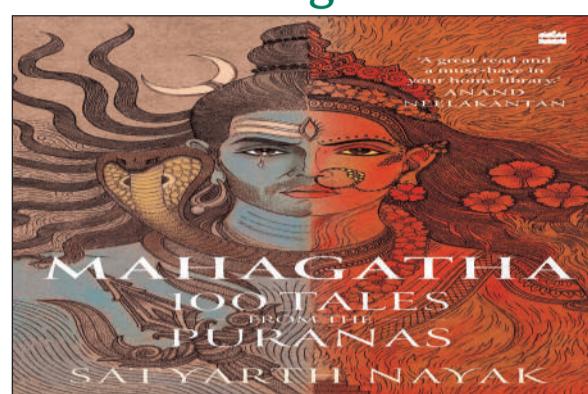
Line a baking tray with parchment paper and pour the batter into the tray. Bake for 40 minutes at 180° C. Sprinkle some chocolate dust on top and serve warm!

Coconut Balls

Ingredients

BOOK REVIEW

Mahagatha



Title: 'Mahagatha: 100 Tales from the Puranas'

Author: Satyarth Nayak

Genre: Non-fiction

Publisher: HarperCollins India

Pages: 436

Price: 599 INR

Review: Author Satyarth Nayak recently launched his new book titled Mahagatha : 100 Tales from the Puranas at Kuzum, Vasant Vihar. "I have been working on it for five years and went through all the Puranas. 100 of the greatest mythological tales from these ancient texts have been hand-picked and compiled into an epic illustrated edition," says Satyarth about the book.

The Hindu mythology is quite intriguing. The tales and stories are so encapsulating that we are often left in awe of them. They not only entertain us but also enlighten. Satyarth's book is an attempt to delve deep into the minds of gods, demons and humans trying to seek a deeper understanding of their motivations.

Among the various tales the author has picked, one of them is that of Brahma and Narada. Did you know they had a fight and this book tells you the reason behind that. There are several stories from the Puranas that we are not aware of. Did you know why Chandra committed adultery or why Brahma lusted over his own daughter? Satyarth's book has the answer for everything. Once you have finished reading this book, you will get to know so much more about Puranas than ever before. This book is an excellent read.

Using Puranic markers, he constructs a narrative that travels through the four yugas, offering continuous and organic action. "This is the very first time an attempt has been made to narrate the stories chronologically from Sat Yuga to Kal Yuga. It has been a joy to compile 100 stories from the sacred Puranas," he adds.

GADGET REVIEW

Infinix Zero 20



Expected Price Rs. 18,999.

Display 6.70-inch

Resolution (1080x2400)

Front Camera 60MP

Rear Camera 108MP + 13MP + 2MP

Rear flash LED

RAM 8GB

Storage 256GB

Battery Capacity 4500mAh

OS Android 12

Wi-Fi Yes

GPS Yes

Bluetooth Yes, v 5.00

NFC Yes

USB OTG Yes

USB Type-C Yes

Headphones 3.5mm

Fingerprint sensor Yes

Accelerometer Yes

Colours Space Gray, Glitter Gold, Green Fantasy

Pros

- * Good selfie camera.
- * 3.5mm Audio Jack.
- * Long battery life.
- * Decent performance
- * Solid build.

Cons

- * Filled with Bloatware.
- * Average Cameras.

VEHICLE REVIEW

Mahindra Scorpio-N



Starting Price

Rs. 11.99 - 23.90 Lakh*

Fuel Type Diesel

2198 cc

Engine Displacement 4

6-Speed

No. of cylinder 4

4WD

Gear Box 172.45bhp@3500rpm

400nm@1750-2750rpm

Max Power 6, 7

Automatic

Max Torque 57.0

SUV

Seating Capacity 187

Electric

Transmission Type Ventilated Disc

Ventilated Disc

Front Brake Type Parking Sensors

Front & Rear

Rear Brake Type USB Charger

Front & Rear

No of Airbags 6

8 Inch

Touch Screen size Android Auto, Apple CarPlay

Pros

- * Powerful Engines.
- * Good ride and handling
- * Comfortable seats
- * Easy to drive despite the size.

Cons

- * Boot smaller than expected.
- * Interior fit and finish.
- * Cramped third row.

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ASTROLOGY

WEEKLY PREDICTIONS 01ST—07TH JANUARY 2023

ARIES



MAR 21 - APR 19 This week, you're looking into the future. The week begins when Mercury retrograde in Capricorn sextiles Neptune in Pisces. Today, you are a visionary. Aries, you're able to look into the distant future and see the possibilities. This is a good time to look at your timeline five years, a decade, or two decades out and see where you are.

LIBRA



SEP 23 - OCT 22 This week, you're following your intuition. The week begins when Mercury retrograde in Capricorn sextiles Neptune in Pisces. Today, you're relying on your feelings to make decisions about your future. Libra, you have many options in front of you, but there are only a few that really give you that tug from your solar plexus.

TAURUS



APR 20 - MAY 20 This week, you're drawing up plans. The week begins when Mercury retrograde in Capricorn sextiles Neptune in Pisces. Taurus, you have the ability to envision a great future. Neptune stimulates your imagination so you can design where you want to be a year from now. You can be the architect of your life, and today is a good day to draw up some plans.

SCORPIO



OCT 23 - NOV 21 This week, you have a vision of a great future. The week begins when Mercury retrograde in Capricorn sextiles Neptune in Pisces. Today, you could tap in to the law of attraction. Scorpio, you might put together a vision board, putting the images into a collage you can use as a screensaver. You might make a piece of art that you can look at daily. This is a good way to attract opportunities.

GEMINI



MAY 21 - JUN 20 This week, you're setting some goals. The week begins when Mercury retrograde in Capricorn sextiles Neptune in Pisces. It's good to put your energy into looking ahead. Gemini, you face a blank slate right now and a world full of possibilities. This combination can help you see clearly what's been foggy in the past. Today is a good day to set some goals.

SAGITTARIUS



NOV 22 - DEC 21 This week, your successes are written in the stars. The week begins when Mercury retrograde in Capricorn sextiles Neptune in Pisces. Sagittarius, your psychic ability is quite strong today, and you might want to try some automatic writing. That is, with pen in hand, you just start writing and allow the thoughts to flow onto the page without editing. You could end up with some amazing insights from your higher self.

CANCER



JUN 21 - JUL 22 This week, there are possibilities for you to pursue. The week begins when Mercury retrograde in Capricorn sextiles Neptune in Pisces. Cancer, you can look out at the future and see possibilities. You can see things coming together to help you build the life that you want, such as a more successful career, stronger family connections, and a wonderful community that unites to help you. This is a good day to dream.

CAPRICORN



JUL 23 - AUG 22 This week, you're discovering something about yourself. The week begins when Mercury retrograde in Capricorn sextiles Neptune in Pisces. Today, you're looking for new ways to reach your goals. You've made some progress, but it is still moving too slowly for your tastes. Capricorn