

MOVIE REVIEW

Bhediya



Director: Amar Kaushik
Cast: Varun Dhawan, Kriti Sanon, Abhishek Banerjee
STORY: A road construction contractor, Bhaskar, goes to Arunachal Pradesh to build a highway through the dense jungle of Ziro. Besides opposition from the tribals, his companions cousin JD, friend Jomin and he, have a bigger challenge. A series of unexpected deaths take place soon after Bhaskar is bitten by a wild animal. Is it a figment of someone's imagination, or a werewolf folklore come true?

REVIEW: First and foremost, the most remarkable part about the movie is its visual impact. While cinematographer Jishnu Bhattacharjee has created the dark and enigmatic world of werewolves with the backdrop of the full moon in the midnight sky, jungles of Ziro and mountains splendidly, the vfx are outstanding. Monsters and creatures in films can often turn more spooky than spooky because of shoddy makeup and effects. But not in Bhediya. The lead's transformation from human to werewolf is convincing and terrifying. The film has many jump scares and the background score only makes things scarier.

The movie's first half is extremely gripping. It perfectly sets the tone for what will unfold soon and also brings in a sense of intrigue. However, the second half seems stretched and loses momentum in parts. It could do with a tighter edit. While all the songs are catchy and pleasant to the ears, dropping a song or two would have tightened the narrative.

In-depth Analysis

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

Direction	4/5
Dialogues	4/5
Story	4/5
Music	4/5
Visual appeal	4/5

Health and Lifestyle

3 fat burning soup recipes you should try in this season!



Tabasco sauce to taste

Preparation

In a big pot, melt the butter over medium heat. When the vegetables are cooked, add the onion, carrot, broccoli, and garlic and simmer for about 5 minutes.

When all of the vegetables are coated equally, stir in the flour and continue cooking. To prevent the flour from clumping, vigorously whisk in the stock. Simmer for a few minutes, then transfer the mixture to a blender and puree until mostly smooth, if necessary (a bit of texture can be nice here).

The soup can alternatively be pureed using a hand blender. Simmer it slowly over low heat.

Add the milk and cheese and stir.

Add some salt, pepper, and Tabasco to the soup when the cheese has melted completely into it. Each bowl of soup should be served with a floating Parmesan crisp.

Pumpkin Soup Recipe

Ingredients

1 large butternut squash/ Pumpkin

1 Pinch grated nutmeg

1 small onion, diced

1 Tbsp minced or grated fresh ginger

1 green apple, peeled and chopped

Chopped chives and light sour cream (optional)

4 cups low-sodium chicken broth

Olive oil

Salt and black pepper to taste

Preparation

Warm up the oven. Scoop out the pumpkin's seeds after cutting it in half lengthwise. Season the halves with salt, pepper, and nutmeg after lightly rubbing them with oil.

Place on a baking sheet, and roast for 35 to 40 minutes, or until the flesh is extremely tender. Set apart for cooling.

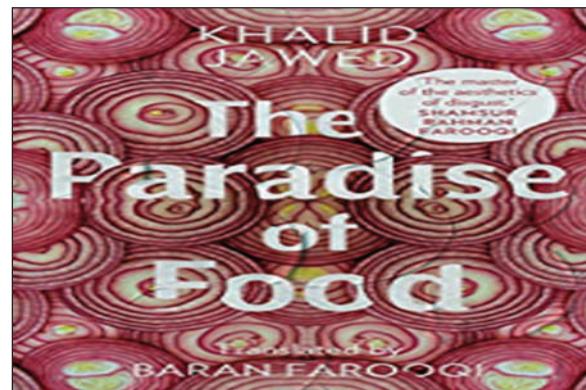
A big pot should be heated at medium heat.

Place on a platter and set aside. Cook the onion and ginger in the heated pot for three minutes, or until the onion is transparent. Add the apple and simmer for a further three minutes or so, until tender. Scoop out the flesh of the squash when it is cold enough to handle it, and then place it in a blender or big food processor. Then, add the pot's contents and cover with broth. Add the remaining broth and boil while stirring.

Add a little more nutmeg and season with salt and pepper.

BOOK REVIEW

The Paradise of Food



Title: 'The Paradise of Food'

Author: Khalid Jawed

Genre: Contemporary Fiction

Publisher: Juggernaut

Pages: 424

Price: 799 INR

Review: One of the leading Urdu novelists today, Khalid Jawed wrote 'Ne'mat Khana' in 2014. Bringing his work to a wider audience, the book was translated from Urdu to English by Baran Farooqi and published as 'The Paradise of Food' earlier in 2022. In 'Ne'mat Khana', his novel published in Urdu, Khalid Jawed investigates the disease and squalor of domestic existence through the metaphor of the kitchen or the pantry. Food and sustenance make human life go, but they also corrupt human life," reads the book's introduction.

Spanning over 50 years, 'The Paradise of Food' follows the story of the protagonist Hafizuddin Mohammad Babar, an orphan, as he transforms from boyhood to adulthood and old age. Hafizuddin, fondly called Guddu Miyan, grows up in a middle-class joint Muslim family. This is his story over the years, as the narrator struggles in order to find a place for himself- at home and in the outside world. The author also parallelly portrays how, during this time, India and the Islamic culture have hardened and become increasingly intolerant. "But to describe the novel in its plot is to do its originality no justice. In this profoundly daring work - tense, mysterious, even unfathomable on occasion - Jawed builds an atmosphere of gloom and grotesqueness to draw out his themes. And in doing so he penetrates deep into the dark heart of middle-class Muslims today," reads the book's blurb.

Jawed's raw descriptions and flawed characters will not only grip the readers' attention but also stir up their emotions. The evocative writing and Miyan's philosophical thoughts make one think deeper, long after reading the book.

GADGET REVIEW

Motorola Edge 30 Ultra



Expected Price

Display 6.67-inch

Resolution (1080x2400)

Processor Qualcomm Snapdragon 8+ Gen 1

Front Camera 60MP

Rear Camera 200MP + 50MP + 12MP

Rear autofocus Yes

Rear flash Yes

RAM 12GB

Storage 256GB

Battery Capacity 4610mAh

OS Android 12

Wi-Fi Yes

GPS Yes

Bluetooth Yes, v. 5.20

NFC Yes

USB Type-C Yes

Headphones No

Face unlock Yes

Fingerprint Sensor Yes

Compass Yes

Pros

* Clean Android Experience.

* Super Fast Charging

Support.

* Solid Build Quality.

* Powerful Processor.

* Excellent Speaker.

Cons

* Lacks Waterproof.

* Night Photography Needs Improvement.

VEHICLE REVIEW

TVS Apache RTR 160 4V Special Edition



Starting Price

Displacement 159.7 cc

Engine Type SI, 4 stroke, Oil cooled, SOHC, Fuel Injection

No. of Cylinders 1

Max Power 17.55 PS @ 9250 rpm

Max Torque 14.73 Nm @ 7250 rpm

Front Brake Disc

Rear Brake Disc

Fuel Capacity 12 L

Saddle Height 800 mm

Ground Clearance 180 mm

Body Type Sports Naked Bikes

Mobile Connectivity Bluetooth

Riding Modes Rain, Sports, Urban

LED Tail Light Yes

Speedometer Digital

Odometer Digital

Tripmeter Digital

Fuel gauge Yes

Tachometer Digital

Pros

* Good Looks

* The engine is one of the smoothest.

* Offers very good ride quality.

* Packed with tech like

Bluetooth connectivity

and riding modes.

Cons

* Brakes could be more responsive and sharper.

ASTROLOGY

WEEKLY PREDICTIONS 04TH—10TH DECEMBER 2022

ARIES



MAR 21 - APR 19

This week, a small spark could generate some romantic heat. The week begins with Mercury in Sagittarius and Uranus in Taurus. Aries, you might have a little confirmation bias today. Someone could present you with the facts and you just don't believe them. You might have to run the numbers yourself to recheck their work. Today, you are more than skeptical.

LIBRA



SEP 23 - OCT 22

This week, you're in manifesting mode. The week begins with Mercury in Sagittarius and your house of communication making a quincunx to Uranus in Taurus. You have to be quite careful with communication today. Libra, it would be easy for your thumb to slip and send off a text in which autocorrect has included some colorful words.

TAURUS



APR 20 - MAY 20

This week, moving deliberately gets the job done. The week begins with Mercury in Sagittarius and your house of resources making a quincunx to Uranus in your own sign of Taurus. Speed leads to sloppiness, and this is one of the reasons that you so diligently take your time. Someone who wants you to agree to a sale, sign paperwork or make a decision might be standing beside you ready to burst.

SCORPIO



OCT 23 - NOV 21

This week, power and opportunity come your way. The week begins with Mercury in Sagittarius and your house of money making a quincunx to Uranus in Taurus. Something you want isn't at the right price, or maybe it's at the right price but the store is out of stock. Scorpio, you might need to leave empty-handed (except for the rain check in your pocket).

GEMINI



MAY 21 - JUN 20

This week, you're setting your sights on something important. The week begins with Mercury in Sagittarius and your house of relationships making a quincunx to Uranus in Taurus. Today, you and your partner might get your wires crossed, and this could end up in an informational disaster. It's possible you get disturbed while they're talking and you show up at the wrong time or in the wrong place.

SAGITTARIUS



NOV 22 - DEC 21

This week, you have an opportunity to work as a team. The week begins with Mercury in Sagittarius and your house of confidence making a quincunx to Uranus in Taurus. Today, you might be a little nervous because all eyes are on you. You could be singing a solo at your church or performing in a play. Sagittarius, it's possible you're heading to a bar to sing karaoke or going ballroom dancing in your first competition.