

MOVIE REVIEW

Sam Bahadur



Director: Meghna Gulzar
Cast: Vicky Kaushal, Fatima Sana Sheikh, Sanya Malhotra
STORY: 'Sam Bahadur' chronicles the life of Sam Manekshaw, the legendary Chief of Army Staff, who later ascended to the position of Field Marshal. The film explores the milestones of his illustrious career.

REVIEW: The film, however, is not devoid of moments that significantly contribute to its overall charm. Sam's interactions and shared moments with Gurkha soldiers, his comical exchanges with the grumpy South Indian cook, and the scenes featuring his encounters with Indira Gandhi—all add a unique flavor to the narrative. The film effectively captures the synergy between Sam and Indira Gandhi, showcasing their ability to understand and respect each other's perspectives. The initial scenes depicting Sam's sojourns in Mussoorie and Ferozpur play a crucial role in shaping his character arc. They highlight the core essence of Sam as a no-nonsense, non-conformist soldier willing to go to any lengths to serve his country.

Undoubtedly, the standout element of the film is Vicky Kaushal's performance. Kaushal once again takes on the challenge of embodying a real-life character for the screen, and this time too he comes out with flying colours.

Sam Bahadur endeavours to encapsulate the chequered career of a decorated Army officer who epitomized bravery and nationalism, leaving an indelible mark in the annals of the Indian Army as a larger-than-life persona.

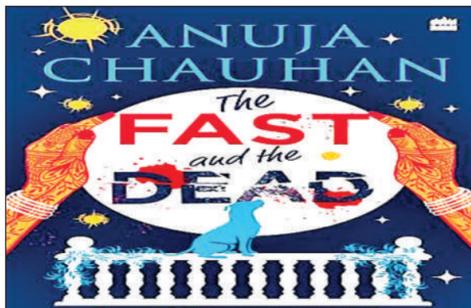
In-depth Analysis

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

Direction	██████████	3/5
Dialogues	██████████	3/5
Story	██████████	3/5
Music	██████████	3/5
Visual appeal	██████████	3/5

BOOK REVIEW

The Fast and the Dead



Title: The Fast and the Dead
Author: Anuja Chauhan
Genre: Thriller
Publisher: HarperCollins
Pages: 420
Price: Rs 499

Review: Anuja Chauhan's latest literary offering, 'The Fast and the Dead', unfolds in the vibrant world of Bangalore's Habba Galli, where the calmness and spiritual sense of Karwa Chauth night is shattered by the unusual Dondi Pais and her double-barrelled shotgun. What begins as an attempt to disperse noisy mongrels takes a sinister turn when a stray bullet claims the life of a sour jeweller, setting the stage for a gripping and classic whodunnit.

Chauhan masterfully weaves together a tale of suspense, romance, and the quirks of a neighbourhood mingled with its residents and stray dogs. Against the backdrop of the bustling bazaar, the devout residents speculate on divine retribution, linking the jeweller's demise to his wife's untimely breaking of her Karwa Chauth fast. The author, Anuja Chauhan introduces a cast of characters, from rising Bollywood star Haider Sait to the canny ACP Bhavani Singh, the only common link to her previous work, 'Club You to Death'. As corpses pile up, ACP Bhavani Singh, now in Bangalore for her annual honeymoon ritual, takes centre stage in the investigation.

While 'The Fast and the Dead' is a sequel to Chauhan's previous work 'Club You to Death', it can also be read as a stand-alone novel. The book showcases her ability to craft engaging narratives in diverse settings. The narrative unfolds with a delightful blend of suspense and humour, keeping readers hooked until the last page. Chauhan's storytelling techniques shine as she navigates the complexities of a murder mystery, offering readers a taste of the city's charm and the behaviour of its inhabitants.

GADGET REVIEW

Motorola Edge 40 Neo



Expected Price	Rs 22,999
Display	6.55-inch
Resolution	(2400x1080)
Processor	MediaTek Dimensity 7030
Front Camera	32MP
Rear Camera	50MP + 13MP
RAM	8GB, 12GB
Storage	128GB, 256GB
Battery Capacity	5000mAh
OS	Android 13
Wi-Fi	Yes
GPS	Yes
Bluetooth	Yes, v 5.00
NFC	Yes
USB Type-C	Yes
Headphones	No
Fingerprint Sensor	Yes
Magnetometer	Yes
Proximity sensor	Yes
Accelerometer	Yes
Gyroscope	Yes

Pros

- * Stylish design, IP68 rating.
- * Impressive screen.
- * Good battery life.
- * Clean software.

Cons

- * Overheating & performance throttling.
- * Captures images with boosted colours.

VEHICLE REVIEW

Royal Enfield Himalayan 450



Starting Price	Rs. 2.69 - 2.84 Lakh*
Ground Clearance	230 mm
Emission Type	BS6-2.0
Engine Displ.	452 cc
No Of Cylinders	1
Max Torque	40 Nm @ 5500 rpm
Max Power	40.02 PS @ 8000 rpm
ABS	Dual Channel
Bore	84 mm
Stroke	81.5 mm
Drive Type	Chain Drive
Valve Per Cylinder	4
Fuel Type	Petrol
No Of Gears	6 Speed
Transmission	Manual
Brakes Front	Disc
Brakes Rear	Disc
Fuel Capacity	17 Liters
Kerb Weight	196 Kg
Tail Light	LED
USB charging port	Yes

Pros

- * Gets 452cc liquid-cooled engine.
- * Known for its off-road capabilities.
- * Comes with great ground clearance.

Cons

- * Not exciting colours.
- * Misses out on tubeless spoke wheels as standard.

Health and Lifestyle

Is your kid an extrovert or an introvert? Find out



Your kid's personality affects the way he/she communicates, makes new friends or fares at school. Therefore, being aware of whether your child is an extrovert, introvert or somewhere in between is crucial for his development years. It not only helps in communicating with your little one in a better manner but also plays an important role in building his/her confidence. Identifying the child's personality enables the parents to make better decisions when it comes to choosing the learning environment and helping the little one harness his innate strengths.

Is your child an introvert or an extrovert?

One of the first steps in identifying the personality type of kids is finding out what affects their mood and how they gain the most stimulation. While every child has an extroverted or introverted streak, there are different subtypes in both the personality categories.

Who is an extrovert

By definition, an extrovert is a person whose energy flows outwards. Typical extroverts are usually sociable, communicative and like being with and talking to people.

Who is an introvert

On the other hand, an introvert gains energy by staying alone and enjoys solitude and privacy. While they may enjoy talking to people occasionally, being alone with their thoughts is really stimulating for them.

How to determine whether your child is an introvert or an extrovert?

Trying to decipher your kid's personality type might be easier said than done. Hence, here is a list of questions that might come in handy to determine your child's energy flow. This will not help you care for your children in a better manner but also help you understand their meltdowns and reactions to everyday situations.

A. When interacting with others, your child is:

1. Happy and talkative
2. Shy and fussy

B. Your child is generally:

1. Hopping around and full of energy
2. Calm and composed

C. While talking to others his age, your child is:

1. Engrossed in conversations and happily playing
2. Fussy and wants to stay alone

D. When meeting new people, your child is:

1. Excited to meet them
2. Irritated and wants to stay aloof

E. When participating in activities in school/pre-school, your child:

1. Takes initiative and wants to be in the spotlight
2. Observes from the sidelines and wants to do things on his/her own

If most of your answers are 1:

Your kid may be an extrovert or may have a streak of extroversion. He/she may prefer making friends and interacting with different people. As a parent, you can arrange activities where your child can shine in the spotlight.

From ensuring that your kid participates in various extra-curricular activities in school such as drama and music to taking social initiative and engaging in leadership roles.

If most of your answers are 2:

Your child may be an introvert and benefit more from alone play-time. While he/she may prefer being quiet in large social settings, they communicate best on a one on one basis. You mustn't force your little one to do something he/she is not comfortable with.

At the same time, you should gently encourage them to go beyond their comfort level.

ASTROLOGY

WEEKLY PREDICTIONS 10TH - 16TH DECEMBER 2023

ARIES



MAR 21 - APR 19

This week, a romantic getaway is possible. Aries, you could dream the day away, thinking romantic thoughts about someone special. Plan a romantic getaway for the two of you. Or you could escape into a steamy novel or romantic movie. Mercury retrograde in Capricorn. Fun and exciting plans can happen once responsibilities are done.

LIBRA



SEP 23 - OCT 22

This week, you're taking care of things. On December 11, Mercury in Capricorn and your house of family sextiles Venus in Scorpio and your house of money and possessions. Today, you could go shopping with your sibling or take a niece or nephew to the mall. But this is also a time when you might talk about heirlooms and vintage items with family members.

TAURUS



APR 20 - MAY 20

This week, there's good energy for partnerships and collaborations. On Monday, December 11, Mercury in Capricorn and your house of education sextiles Venus in Scorpio and your house of partnerships. Today, you can find someone to study with or give you help so you really comprehend the class material. Taurus, this is a good time to find a tutor or watch videos from a mentor.

SCORPIO



OCT 23 - NOV 21

This week, there are financial opportunities that sound good. On December 11, Mercury in Capricorn and your house of communication sextiles Venus in your own sign of Scorpio. If you're looking for love, you might connect with someone who has a great voice or an infectious laugh. Scorpio, other people could compliment your voice. Today, there might be love based on the sound of a voice.

GEMINI



MAY 21 - JUN 20

This week, clear communication is key. On December 11, Mercury in Capricorn and your house of investments sextiles Venus in Scorpio and your house of systems. Today, you might uncover a good process for investing or earning passive income. This is an opportunity you should investigate. Take the time to really understand this activity and you could uncover treasure.

SAGITTARIUS



NOV 22 - DEC 21

This week, you get a confidence boost. On December 11, Mercury in Capricorn and your house of money sextiles Venus in Scorpio. Sagittarius, you can make a little extra money today. You might sell something for a profit or have a couple of good sales through your online business. You might find some money, win a small prize, or receive a gift.

CANCER



JUN 21 - JUL 22

This week, you're making great connections. On December 11, Mercury in Capricorn and your house of relationships Venus in Scorpio and your house of fun and romance. Today, you have an opportunity for a romantic encounter. If you're looking for love, this is a great day to go on a first date. Cancer, if you're already in a love relationship, consider what you can do that will put a smile on your sweetheart's face.

CAPRICORN



DEC 22 - JAN 19

This week, an old love might return. There is a new moon in Sagittarius on Tuesday, December 12. Also, Mercury goes retrograde in Capricorn. You might get a call from a past love. Someone wants to rekindle an old flame. Capricorn, you might run into your ex when you're out shopping. Today, your past could become your present.

LEO



JUL 23 - AUG 22

This week, it's good to trust your gut. On Monday, December 11, Mercury in Capricorn and your house of work sextiles Venus in Scorpio at the base of your chart. Today, you could find a colleague who is willing to back you up. You might have a coworker who will stand by you and even lend a helping hand. Today, you could find a friend at work.

AQUARIUS



JAN 20 - FEB 18

This week, you're tapping into your psychic ability. On December 11, Mercury in Capricorn and your house of magic sextiles Venus in Scorpio. Today is a good time to gather your magical tools and set your intentions. Aquarius, you might use crystals or herbs to boost your message to the Universe. You could light candles to send your wishes into the ether. Now you can weave a spell.

VIRGO



AUG 23 - SEP 22

This week, you're tapping into some higher energy. On December 11, Mercury in Capricorn and your house of Venus in Scorpio and your house of communication. Some romantic texts could help you land a hot date. The two of you might express yourselves through emojis and fantasy thoughts, leading to fun evening.

PISCES



FEB 19 - MAR 20

This week, you can reach a goal. On December 11, Mercury in Capricorn and your house of friendships sextiles Venus in Scorpio and your house of education. You could meet a new friend in school. Pisces, you might become study buddies or tutor this individual. You might take a class with a friend so you can study pottery or music together.