

MOVIE REVIEW

Dunki



Director: Rajkumar Hirani
Cast: Shah Rukh Khan, Taapsee Pannu, Boman Irani, Vicky Kaushal

STORY: A soldier, Hardayal Singh Dhillon (Shah Rukh Khan) takes on an arduous and audacious mission, that of helping a group of friends realise their dream of going to England. It seems like an impossible task because neither do they have a visa or nor can they afford a ticket. And It is the start of a journey that promises to change all their lives forever.

REVIEW: Dunki's' story is an emotional one - rolling in friendship, romance, heart-wrenching and heart-warming moments all into one. And in trademark Hirani style, there are dollops of comedy which is laced with satire to make it an entertaining ride, along with the strong message the film brings forth. The expansive narrative (Abhijat Joshi, Rajkumar Hirani, Kanika Dhillon) not only crosses borders and landscapes, but also has a 25-year time leap.

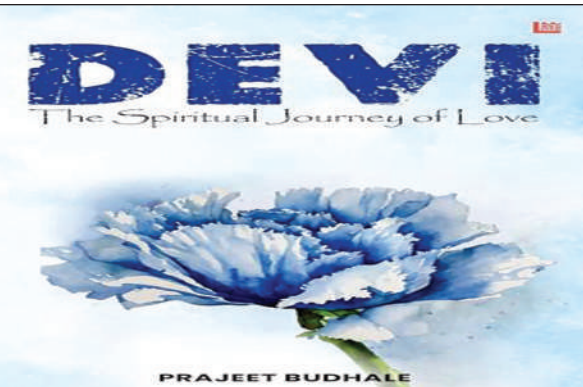
After two back-to-back blockbusters, Pathaan and Jawan, Shah Rukh Khan's 'Dunki' comes riding on huge expectations. And it marks the first collaboration between Rajkumar Hirani and Khan. Stepping out of the action-hero mould he donned in his first two outings this year, with 'Dunki', Hirani gives us a wholesome Shah Rukh Khan - he's charming, romantic, funny and pulls off some mean action sequences too. There are meta references and a hat-tip to some of Khan's iconic cinematic moments.

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

Devi: The Spiritual Journey of Love



Title: Devi: The Spiritual Journey of Love
Author: Prajeet Budhale
Genre: Fiction
Publisher: One Point Six Technologies Pvt. Ltd.
Pages: 258
Price: Rs 299

Review: In a defining moment of his life where someone's goodness inspired the same in him, author Prajeet Budhale was motivated to write his new book 'Devi - The Spiritual Journey of Love.' Although the book is a work of fiction, it draws from a true incident. During a recent interview, Prajeet shared how a brief interaction with a total stranger had ignited truth and goodness within him. This encounter prompted Prajeet to reassess many beliefs that had centered his life. A year later, Prajeet had the chance to express his gratitude to the person in a brief interaction.

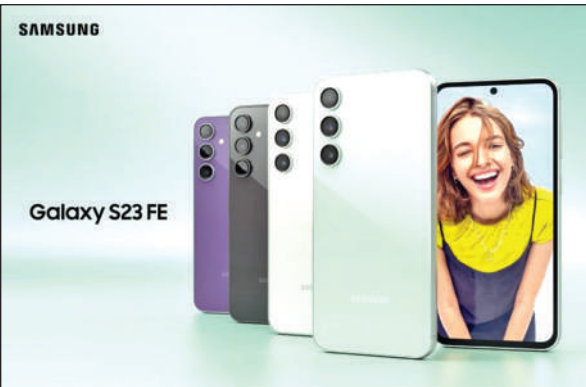
Set in contemporary times, the story of 'Devi: The Spiritual Journey of Love' revolves around everyday challenges the protagonist, Tapas Banerjee goes through while seeking pleasure in life. Guided by someone who instills goodness in him, Tapas transitions from materialistic desires to self-consciousness.

The book draws on multiple analogies from Indian history, emphasizing that these concepts are not religious but rooted in the ancient way of life in the country. Divided into four sections - Tamas, Rajas, Sattva, and Nirvana - the book signifies the protagonist's evolutionary journey. The carefully crafted nine-year time-spaced drama parallels Navratri, representing the nine divine nights of Goddess worship.

Early readers describe the book as a 'something in every page' kind of experience. With numerous twists and turns, the narrative takes the reader on a roller coaster ride from ambiguity to clarity.

GADGET REVIEW

Samsung Galaxy S23 FE



Expected Price	Rs 56,500
Display	6.40-inch
Processor	octa-core
Front Camera	10MP
Rear Camera	50MP + 12MP + 8MP
RAM	8GB
Storage	128GB, 256GB
Battery Capacity	4500mAh
OS	Android 13
Wi-Fi	Yes
GPS	Yes
Bluetooth	Yes
NFC	Yes
USB Type-C	Yes
Number of SIMs	2
Wi-Fi Direct	Yes
Fingerprint sensor	Yes
Magnetometer	Yes
Fast charging	Proprietary
Wireless charging	Yes
Colours	Cream, Graphite, Mint, Purple

Pros	Cons
* Stylish design.	* Thick bezels.
* A flagship-level camera system that can shoot 8K videos.	* Slow Charging at 25W.
* Good battery life.	
* IP68 water and dust resistance.	

VEHICLE REVIEW

Hyundai Venue Facelift



Starting Price	Rs. 7.89 - 13.48 Lakh*
ARAI Mileage	18.31 kmpl
Fuel Type	Petrol
Engine Displacement	998 cc
No. of cylinder	3
Max Power	118.41bhp@6000rpm
Max Torque	172Nm@1500-4000rpm
Seating Capacity	5
Transmission Type	Automatic
Boot Space (Litres)	350
Fuel Tank Capacity	45 L
Body Type	SUV
Gear Box	7-Speed DCT
Drive Type	2WD
Front Suspension	McPherson strut with coil spring
Rear Suspension	Coupled torsion beam axle
Steering Type	Electric
Steering Column	Tilt
Front Brake Type	Disc
Rear Brake Type	Drum
Parking Sensors	Rear

Pros	Cons
* Updated styling makes the Venue look more butch and upmarket.	* Narrow cabin means the Venue is still best suited for four.
* Powered driver's seat.	* No diesel-automatic.
* Dual-tone interior is classy.	

Health and Lifestyle

A six-step guide to getting your interior design right



D haunted by reorganising your space and don't know where to begin? Here's a step-by-step guide from Shah Akshat, Founder and Entrepreneur of a design company, to help you get started on designing your own living or workspace. While hiring a good interior designer will help, knowing the basics of aesthetic design can give you a head start!

Less is always more

As cities get populated and space becomes a prized possession, practicality should be your new mantra. Space has to be used optimally and not merely to a decorative extent - hence prime use of a property's carpet area and ideal positioning of furniture is paramount. Good space planning in fact is key to make an area look its best.

Let the sunshine flow

A significant part of creating a good interior design is the optimum use of natural light, along with ventilation. More natural light fills the space with positive energy and also makes the space look bigger. Not just that, your power bills will also go down substantially.

Shade & Shape

Colours can enhance the illusion of space and intimacy, depending on what you choose to splash on the walls. White and other pastel shades, such as blush pink, can make a space appear larger than it is - more so if the space is bathed in natural light. Conversely, if there's very little or no natural light, consider using dark pastel shades to give a sense of intimacy



and cosiness. For a soothing and safe touch, go for pastel shades as they are easy to merge in any design setting.

Multifunctional territory

The concept and culture of work from home during the pandemic has given birth to multifunctional rooms as bedrooms, living rooms and even dining rooms that double up as workspaces in the last two years. Multiple uses of rooms is now the new norm as apartments and houses have limited scope for expansion too.

Tech is the future

A smart home for a smart you! Even though technology has reached new realms of advancement, its introduction to private homes came pretty late. A smart home will involve operations of all your appliances and gadgets, such as televisions, music systems, lights, curtains, etc., with a simple voice command. This is all the rage in 2022; the world is rapidly moving towards intelligent living and technical help assistants.

Texture & Tone

Just as colours make a space feel warm or cool, texture lends tone and weight to the space. In interior design, texture implies the surface quality of a material used. To give an example, rough textures set off a feeling of warmth as they reflect less light, giving the object a rustic and weighty feel whereas smooth and shiny textures lend themselves to a modern look as they reflect more light, making the living space feel more contemporary. Quite simply, without texture, a space will fall flat. It's the perfect way to add depth, dimension, and decadence to a room.

ASTROLOGY

WEEKLY PREDICTIONS 24TH - 30TH 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 goes 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.