# MOVIE REVIEW

STATETIMES

### Teri Baaton Mein Aisa Uljha Jiya



Director: Amit Joshi Cast: Shahid Kapoor, Kriti Sanon, Dharmendra Dimple Kapadia, Rakesh Bedi, Rajesh Kumar

STORY: A robotics engineer unknowingly becomes part of a project to test a human-like female robot. Things take a twist when he falls in love with her and can't get her off his mind. Can man and machine form a bond of partnership and marriage? The film takes you into that zone with laughs and sur-

**REVIEW:** Although the concept is unique, the narrative often finds itself going around in circles while trying to build the story around it. The movie also touches upon the man vs machine debate, and using AI and robots responsibly. This aspect seems rushed and wraps up too quickly.

The movie's appeal lies in romance, and Shahid Kapoor and Kriti Sanon have a smashing on-screen chemistry. Kriti's poker-faced robotic act and on-cue laughter are hilarious, and she delivers every scene where she glitches in the human world with aplomb. Shahid breezes through the role of an irreverent guy hopelessly in love. Dharmendra as Shahid's grandfather is adorable, and Dimple Kapadia is a treat to watch. Sachin-Jigar, Tanishk Bagchi, and Mitraz deliver a banger of a soundtrack, especially the title track (redux of Raghav's Angel Eyes) and Laal Peeli Ankhiyan. At a time when mega-scale action films are ruling the big screen, this one comes as a refreshing concept packaged with humour and good music.

#### In-depth Analysis

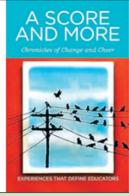
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Direction Dialogues Story

3/5 3/5 3/5 Visual appeal

## **BOOK REVIEW**

### A Score and More



Title: 'Afternoon' Author: Dr. Ruchi Seth and Sutapa Basu Genere: Fiction Publisher: Readomania

Pages: 182 Price: Rs 295

Review: Short stories make life captivating and enticing. With the fast-paced life of the city and more than we can handle schedules, short stories allow us to take a deep, refreshing breath of bite-sized relatable connection.

Reading 'A Score and More', stories written by educators who are the first role models in a child's life, I glimpsed into the capacity of individuals who model the perception of future global citizens. Educators bear the weighty responsibility of being teachers and torch-bearers of change. They are individuals in their own right, assaying the roles of a parent, a friend and the keepers of our mental well-being with finesse.

From the vantage point of having spent more than a decade as an educator, I could feel the imprint of the authors vividly. I felt like I was watching the stories play out in technicolour as I went through the gamut of emotions. Youthful and built around pertinent issues from relationships with parents to resentments, earnest moments and nebulous changes that are revealing of the times we live in.

The superpower of these authors is the ability to condense reality with subtlety and composure. They brought about the onslaught of nostalgia for the charged yet evocative moments of my youth. How fragile we are and how feelings of regret, shame and guilt spare no one.

The stories are brimming with insight and deep feelings that are handled with grace and maturity, not once giving in to gimmicky overlays to create chaos to make the resolution seem contrived. It's a book for the community that needs to be spoken about and discussed.

# **GADGET REVIEW**

### Samsung Galaxy S24



Expected Price Rs 73,999 6.20-inch Display Processor  ${\it octa-core}$ Front Camera Rear Camera 50MP + 12MP + 10MP8GB RAM 128GB, 256GB, 512GB Storage **Battery Capacity** 4000 mAhAndroid 14 Wi-Fi Yes GPS Yes Bluetooth Yes, v 5.30 Yes USB Type-C Yes Number of SIMs Wi-Fi Direct Fingerprint sensor

Proximity sensor Colours Amber Yellow, Cobalt Violet, Marble Gray, Onyx Black

### **Pros**

- \* Excellent display
- \* Compact, premium build.
- \* Flagship performance. \* Useful AI features.

Compass

Seven-year software support commitment.

### Cons

- \* Limited RAM and storage
- \* Can get warm while gaming.

# VEHICLE REVIEW

# **Tata Tigor**



Rs. 6.30 - 9.55 Lakh\*

84.82bhp@6000rpm 113Nm@3300rpm

19.6 km/kg

CNG

1199 cc

Automatic

419 Litres

Sedan

Electric

Tilt

Disc

Drum

**Starting Price** ARAI Mileage Fuel Type Engine Displacement No. of Cylinders Max Power Max Torque Seating Capacity Transmission Type Boot Space

Front Suspension Rear Suspension

Body Type

Steering Type Steering Column Front Brake Type Rear Brake Type Touch Screen size Connectivity

### Android Auto, Apple CarPlay

Independent Lower Wishbone

Rear Twist Beam with Coil Spring

Shock Absorbers TypeHydraulic

McPherson Dual Path Strut

- **Pros** One of the best looking sub-4m sedan. Solid value for money
- package. Well loaded with features.
- Gets an all-electric drivetrain option.

Cons \* Engine refinement and performance not on par with rivals.

\* No diesel engine option.

# Health and Lifestyle

# Unusual symptoms of diabetes that can help you identify the condition early



ur knowledge about diabetes is very much limited and to some extent misled too. Diabetes, a blood sugar disease, is linked to signs like frequency of urination, poor healing

exhaustion. Unfortunately, many people ignore these signs as well and allow the disease to progress. Here are a few unusual signs of diabetes which seem to be remotely related to the disease. Identifying these signs can help you spot the disease early.

#### Darker skin on neck Thick and dark patchy skin on

the neck is a sign of diabetes. This skin feels velvety and even sometimes coarse. Known as acanthosis nigricans, this condition is seen in the groin and armpits too.

### Funny smelling breath

A subsequent complication of diabetes is fruity smelling breath which is medically known as diabetic ketoacidosis.When the body is unable to use insulin it breaks down fats for energy and in this process ketones are released. Due to excess ketones in the blood the breath smells like acetone or has a fruity smell.

### Dry mouth

Remotely connected to the general idea we all have about diabetes, dry mouth is an unusual indicator of diabetes.

High blood sugar reduces the secretion of saliva and hence makes the mouth dry. There is a downside to this, too little saliva in the mouth puts the tooth and gum at risk

### Nausea

Nausea and vomiting, a common reaction of the body to complications, is also an indicator of diabetes. Diabetes affects the digestive ability of a body. High blood sugar causes gastroparesis, which is a condition in which the way you digest your food is affected.

### Unbearable pain in legs

Pain in the legs or feet is an indication that one may be havhigh blood levels. Nerve damage, or diabetic neuropathy, caused due to diabetes leads to pain or even numbness in limbs. Many people experience burning sensation in the limbs.

### Sexual dysfunction

Erectile dysfunction is a warning sign of diabetes in men.Due to high blood sugar the blood vessels and nerves that carry blood to penis get damaged making it difficult to achieve an

### Repeated episodes of infec-

Diabetes compromises the body's immune system to fight back against pathogens and puts the body at risk of infection. High blood sugar levels make the body more susceptible to illnesses. The types of infections you can be prone to are

vaginal infections, yeast infections, bladder infections and

# ASTROLOGY

# WEEKLY PREDICTIONS 11™ — 17™ FEBRUARY 2024

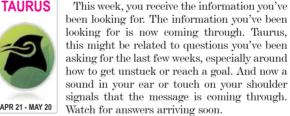


This week, you could be the chosen one. Now you stand out from the crowd. You could be chosen for something exciting and important. Aries, it's likely you are the first to raise your hand to volunteer. This is a time to look at what you want to accomplish and pick some aspect of it to work on today. The momentum alone will carry you forward



**SCORPIO** 

Libra, this is an excellent day to look for love. You might want to update your profile or post pictures on a dating app. You could engage a matchmaker or let your friends know that they can fix you up on blind dates. If you're already in a love relationship, your ability to communicate and connect with each other is quite strong today.





OCT 23 - NOV 22

This week, you're ready to move forward. Today, you could be bitten by the exercise bug. Perhaps a new piece of equipment has arrived and you set it up. Soon, you're pedaling with others via a remote connection. Or perhaps you joined a gym and scheduled a session with a personal trainer. Scorpio, it's possible you've decided to train for a marathon and you're try-

ing on new running shoes.





This week, you're making great connections. Gemini, your circle of friends could widen considerably when you join a special group. You could gather with like-minded film editors, political activists, or environmentalists. You might get together with other motorcycle enthusiasts or people who have been to Burning Man more than once. You're finding your tribe.



NOV 23 - DEC 22

**CAPRICORN** 

This week, an adventure awaits. Sagittarius, you and your dating partner could plan a real adventure together. Some hopes and wishes might come out, and now that you know that you're interested in similar things, you might be ready to try something new. And while for some this might be hang gliding, for others, it could involve a couples massage and some warm almond oil.

This week, others are cheering you on. Today. you could receive a really positive message that



**CANCER** 

gives your career a boost. This might be a testimonial from a client or patient. Cancer, this could be some recognition from your supervisor or even upper management. What you've been doing is starting to bring you positive notice. If you're looking for a new job, you could get a call today to schedule an interview.



DEC 23 - JUL 20



This week, you're getting things together. You could be feeling quite responsible as you gather together all of your receipts and paperwork to prepare your taxes. You might hire an accountant to look over your company's books. Capricorn, you might update your passport and then consider putting all your important documents in a fireproof bag to keep them safe.



This week, you're finding your way. Leo, you might be on the road today, exploring a new town or getting on a plane. If you're confined to your town because of your schedule, you might take a trip to a neighborhood you don't often visit. You could try a new restaurant or take a new route to work. When you're out walking, you could take a new route just to see something different. This is a good day to make some trav-



JAN 21 - FEB 23

This week, a financial opportunity is in front of you. Aquarius, a money opportunity could be available to you. It's a small step outside your comfort zone. Energy like this allows you to skip it if you wish, but if making more money is your goal, this is a real opportunity that you should consider. You might get an invitation to visit siblings who live in a nearby town.



JUL 24 - AUG 23

This week, the right way forward is revealed. Today, you might gain a boatload of information about a new type of investment that you're interested in or a more traditional investment that you're learning about. It's possible you're guided by someone who has made a fortune through similar investments. Someone you knew in school might contact you.



This week, there are many opportunities around you. Pisces, you might wake up with more energy. You could go to the gym and lift more weight than usual. You might go for a run in the morning. You might be highly productive today and then get home and clean the house. It isn't every day you feel like this, but today you're like the Energizer Bunny.

