

## WEBSERIES REVIEW

### Anamika Season 1



**Director:** Vikram Bhatt  
**Cast:** Sunny Leone, Sonmali Seygall, Rahul Dev Samir Soni, Ayaz Khan

**STORY:** Anamika (Sunny Leone) suffers from retrograde amnesia and has no memory of her life other than the fact that Dr. Prashant (Ayaz Khan) saved her from a fatal accident three years ago. And when she decides to move on in life with him, she is confronted with old acquaintances and foes who had previously assumed she was dead and are now attempting to track her down.

**REVIEW:** Sunny Leone in and as Anamika engages the viewers in the thrilling encounters with the mafia and DTA Agents who are after her. One can really sit back and enjoy the action. Her training in a variety of combat is evident, especially in her movements and body language. While there is nothing exceptional in the plot which you haven't seen before, it is still watchable for an earnest performance by Sunny. She breathes fire and is quick with getting rid of the baddies. However, emotional scenes, particularly her chemistry with Dr. Prashant, are still not her strongest suit. Overall, it's a relief that her role isn't limited to just being an object of the male gaze.

All said, 'Anamika' is an out-and-out Sunny Leone show about a spy gone rogue. It may not feature any surprises besides revealing her new avatar, but it's thrilling enough to keep you on the edge of your seat the entire time. In the end, many questions remain unanswered, providing ample hints that the mystery will be fully resolved in the following season.

#### 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

## BOOK REVIEW

### Rumours of Spring



**Title:** Rumours of Spring: A Girlhood in Kashmir  
**Author:** Farah Bashir  
**Publisher:** Fourth Estate India  
**Pages:** 240  
**Price:** 321 INR

**Review:** Photojournalist and communications consultant Farah Bashir's 'Rumours of Spring' is a poignant account of her life as an adolescent in the conflict-ridden Kashmir of the 1990s. Published by HarperCollins and released in April 2021, it is a narrative on the death and funeral preparations of 'Bobeh' - the protagonist's grandmother. The narrative is scattered with multiple flashbacks, where the author remembers growing up in Kashmir at the peak of militancy.

Interestingly, the chapters of 'Rumours of Spring' follow the different phases of the day of Bobeh's funeral - Evening, Night, Early Hours, Dawn, Morning, and Afterlife. Each chapter focuses on different facets of Bashir's life. How life changed drastically in the Valley from 1990 onwards with massacres, shootings, curfew, and barbed wires becoming a part of the daily lives of Kashmiris, has been presented to the readers as accurately and honestly as possible.

"As Indian troops and militants battle across the cityscape and violence becomes the new normal, a young schoolgirl finds that ordinary tasks - studying for exams, walking to the bus stop, combing her hair, falling asleep - are riddled with anxiety and fear," reads the book's blurb.

Bashir, very nonchalantly, weaves the threads: the way it was earlier, the present state of unrest, and how it affects her family and the whole of Kashmir.

All in all, 'Rumours of Spring' is a must-read for anyone who wants to understand everyday life in Kashmir, as seen through a Kashmiri lens and language.

## GADGET REVIEW

### Redmi 10



<b>Expected Price</b>	<b>Rs 43,900</b>
Display	6.70-inch
Resolution	(720x1648)
Protection type	Gorilla Glass
Processor	Qualcomm Snapdragon 680
Front Camera	5MP
Rear Camera	50MP + 2MP
Rear autofocus	Yes
Rear flash	Yes
RAM	4GB
Storage	64GB
Battery Capacity	6000mAh
OS	Android 11
GPS	Yes
Bluetooth	Yes, v 5.00
USB Type-C	Yes
Headphones	3.5mm
Face unlock	Yes
Fingerprint sensor	Yes
Colours	Caribbean Green, Midnight Black, Pacific Blue

#### Pros

- \* Full HD 90Hz refresh rate screen.
- \* Gorilla glass 3 protection.
- \* Stereo speakers are present.
- \* Great battery life.

#### Cons

- \* Default brightness screen.
- \* No wireless charging support.

## VEHICLE REVIEW

### Toyota Glanza



<b>Starting Price</b>	<b>Rs. 6.39 - 9.69 Lakh</b>
ARAI Mileage	22.94 kmpl
Fuel Type	Petrol
Engine Displacement	1197 cc
No. of cylinder	4
Max Power	88.50bhp@6000rpm
Max Torque	113nm@4400rpm
Seating Capacity	5
TransmissionType	Automatic
Boot Space	318 L
Fuel Tank Capacity	37.0 L
Body Type	Hatchback
Steering Type	Power
Steering Column	Tilt & Telescopic
Front Brake Type	Disc
Rear Brake Type	Drum
Touch Screen size	7 Inch
No of Speakers	4
Connectivity	Android Auto, Apple CarPlay
Advance Safety Features	Idle start stop, Curtain Airbags

#### Pros

- \* Still a very premium looking car.
- \* Well-appointed and spacious Interiors.
- \* Impressive feature and safety list.
- \* Efficient and city-friendly CVT.

#### Cons

- \* It's available only in a five-speed manual avatar.

# Health and Lifestyle

## Signs you are being manipulated



won't have much control over your feelings.

#### Conditions

The worst part about having a manipulative partner is that there will always be conditions for their love. They will always get back to you about doing something, in return for their love. They will subconsciously make you feel bad if you choose not to do certain things.

#### Using insecurities

If your partner is manipulative, they will use your insecurities against you. You will feel like you are being constantly put on the spot about your weaknesses and your worst moments.

#### Turn others against you

Your manipulative partner will try to turn others against you by

People who manipulate others do it very subtly, which makes it difficult for the victim to identify if they are being manipulated or not. This emotional control over a person is an unhealthy show of emotions and feelings. This steers towards negativity more than possessiveness or jealousy in a relationship. Hence, it becomes all the more important to be aware of whether your partner is manipulating you subtly or not. Here are some telltale signs that suggest you are being manipulated.

#### Feeling guilty and sad

When you are being constantly manipulated, you will find yourself feeling sad, disappointed and guilty of something, all the time. This constant feeling of self-depreciation arises when your partner manipulates you into thinking that you're not enough.

#### Questioning oneself

You will spend a lot of time questioning yourself why you aren't enough. When you're with a manipulative partner, you will constantly doubt your decisions, abilities and thought processes, mainly because you



speaking ill and negative things. You will find yourself getting distanced by your close ones. You will also end up feeling left out and alone.

# ASTROLOGY

## WEEKLY PREDICTIONS 27<sup>TH</sup> — 02<sup>ND</sup> APRIL 2022

### ARIES



MAR 21 - APR 19

Venus in Aquarius making a conjunction with Saturn in your house of technology. Today what you want seems to be blocked. The computer might not be running fast enough, or you can't remember your password. It's easy to get frustrated if all of your attention is on external factors like the software or the lack of customer service.

### LIBRA



SEP 23 - OCT 22

It is very hard to take the vision that's in your head and put it on paper. It just doesn't seem perfect enough. You could be playing music and forget the cords. Or you just draw a blank when you need to write an important email. A better use for this energy is sculpting something out of clay or marble.

### TAURUS



APR 20 - MAY 20

No matter how prepared you are, today it's a steep climb to get to your goal. If you have meetings today, it would be better to postpone them, especially if you are trying to achieve a sale or gain something for yourself. Taurus, a better use for this energy is literal rock climbing. Set a goal for yourself that takes you to new heights like running stairs or taking a flying lesson.

### SCORPIO



OCT 23 - NOV 21

You're getting your home in order. You might be reorganizing, using bins you got at The Container Store, or labeling everything with your new label maker. You may be doing some repairs from damage done over the winter months. You may uncover the garden for spring. This is a good time to organize paperwork or get ready to file taxes.

### GEMINI



MAY 21 - JUN 20

You might be stuck, trying to solve a problem. If you can figure out how to ask the question, you will find the right answer; but now there's just frustration, hitting wall after wall until you just want to throw up your hands and give up. Fortunately, this energy only lasts for a day or so. You may be at a spiritual crossroads, deciding whether you want to add more magic and rituals into your daily life.

### SAGITTARIUS



NOV 22 - DEC 21

Your message may not get through today. The person you want to reach is not available, your phone's not holding a charge, or you can't find two minutes to make the call. Sagittarius, this may work in your favor as if you do reach the person, you're likely to receive a negative response. What you want today is blocked, and it's difficult to get through.

### CANCER



JUN 21 - JUL 22

Today you may hear the word "no." Saturn creates a block to what you want. If you're asking a bank for a refinance, a bill consolidation loan, or a lower interest rate, it's likely you'll be turned down. So go do something else today. Cancer, there are better uses for this energy like refinishing a piece of furniture, patching a hole in the wall, or laying tile on the bathroom floor.

### CAPRICORN



DEC 22 - JAN 19

With an eye on the road to success, you could be very focused on putting your financial life in order. You might be stuffing cash envelopes or setting up accounts for sinking funds. While this sort of activity may put others to sleep, you could end the day feeling energized and excited. This opens up the energy for you to receive more financial opportunities. Money could be flowing in from many directions.

### LEO



JUL 23 - AUG 22

Venus in Aquarius making a conjunction with Saturn in your house of relationships. It's possible you want to ask someone on a date. But today is not the right day. Leo, you could get a hard "no." This works both ways, so if you're asked, you will probably say "no," too. A good use of this energy is to help a friend move. You could be presented with a career opportunity that's just a smidge outside your comfort zone.

### AQUARIUS



JAN 20 - FEB 18

Aquarius, you might be a little rundown today. Perhaps you overdid it over the weekend, or it's just been a busy month. It would be a great idea to take a little time for yourself. Try to clear off your schedule so you can spend the day taking care of yourself. You may want to skip the gym as you won't be setting any deadlift records today. Instead, consider a nap.

### VIRGO



AUG 23 - SEP 22

Virgo, this is a perfect aspect for working hard. And there's no way out of it. To get good results, you have to lean in and sweat. This means if you have a deadline, it's going to take as many hours as you expect or more. This is not a day to skip, cut corners or try to bluff your way. Anything but the real deal will be uncovered and rejected.

### PISCES



FEB 19 - MAR 20

Pisces, there could be a looming deadline for school or work that you can't procrastinate on any longer. This may be quite a struggle today. Saturn makes things feel hard, possibly harder than they really are. So take a big rock from the garden and put it on your desk. This represents Saturn, and perhaps this stone will use up some of this stuck energy today.