# STATETIMES

### MOVIE REVIEW

### Shaitaan



Director: Vikas Bahl

Cast: Ajay Devgn, R. Madhavan, Jyothika, Janki Bodiwala **STORY:** When a family lets a stranger into their farmhouse, the man mysteriously controls the teenage daughter. She does every bizarre and life-threatening thing he commands her to. What dark secret does the stranger possess, and can this desperate family escape his twisted game?

**REVIEW:** The narrative maintains a good pace and the treatment makes the movie gripping for the most part, although things gets a tad monotonous in the second half. Albeit not too suspenseful, the buildup is unnerving. The story has some unconvincing elements, and one scene gives away a pivotal plot point, which makes the climax predictable. Cinematographer Sudhakar Reddy Yakkanti excels in creating an atmosphere of dread and darkness, further enhanced by Amit Trivedi's music

Madhavan is outstanding as the malevolent figure and pulls off every sinister deed perfectly. Ajay Devgn delivers a powerful performance as a helpless but determined father. Jyotika stands her might, too. Janki Bodiwala deserves to be lauded for her pitch-perfect performance as the young girl under a devious spell. She laughs, cries, dances, and attacks on cue in immediate succession perfectly. Anngad Raaj as the son performs well, too.

Even though Shaitaan's narrative stumbles at times, the masterful use of atmosphere and top-notch acting elevate it into an unsettling experience worth having.

#### In-depth Analysis

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

Direction Dialogues

## **BOOK REVIEW**

### The Book of You'



Title: 'The Book of You' Author: Manoj V. Jain

Review: In 'The Book of You As Told By A Hundred Ravens' author Manoj Jain courageously delves into the depths of human existence, offering readers a profound exploration of life's complexities. Through a unique blend of poignant prose and stunning artwork, Jain guides readers on a transformative journey of self-reflection and insight.

Each page of this captivating book is a masterpiece in itself, with intricately detailed artwork complementing the profound words that follow. From pencil-shaded sketches to vibrant illustrations, the visual elements of the book serve as a representation of the themes explored within its pages. The drawings not only enhance the reader's understanding but also evoke a sense of connection and resonance with the narrative. Jain's words are like a guiding light, illuminating the path to thoughtfulness and understanding. Drawing on themes of karma, personal growth, and the interconnectedness of all beings, he challenges readers to question their perceptions and embrace the journey of self-exploration.

The book is a testament to Jain's talent as both a writer and an artist. With each page turned, readers are drawn deeper into the intricate web of human existence, gaining insights that resonate long after the book is closed.

Manoj Jain invites readers of 'The Book of You As Told By A Hundred Ravens' to embark on a journey of self-reflection and insight, where every word and image serves as a mirror to one's soul. It is a book that transcends mere reading, offering a transformative experience that touches the heart and spirit. In conclusion, 'The Book of You As Told By A Hundred Ravens' is a book about introspection and depth, showcasing the author's acquired talent and insight. It is a book that is capable of leaving a lasting impression on readers, inspiring them to embrace their life's journey with courage.

# **GADGET REVIEW**

# Oppo F25 Pro 5G



**Expected Price** Rs 23,999 6.70-inch Display Resolution (1080x2412)MediaTek Dimensity 7050 Front Camera 64MP + 2MP + 2MPRear Camera RAM 8GB 128GB, 256GB Storage  $5000 \mathrm{mAh}$ **Battery Capacity** Android 14 Wi-Fi GPS Yes, v 5.20 Bluetooth USB Type-C Number of SIMs Face unlock Fingerprint Sensor Magnetometer Proximity sensor

Fast charging **Pros**  Super VOOC

Ocean Blue, Lava Red

\* Bloatware.

Cons

\* No Wireless Charging.

Stylish Design.

Colours

\* Immersive Display. \* Smart OS Features.

\* Long-lasting Battery.

Good Camera.

# **VEHICLE REVIEW**

## **MG** Comet EV



Starting Price Rs. 6.98 - 9.13 Lakh\* Fuel Type Electric(Battery) Range 230 km/charge **Battery Capacity** 17.3 kWhCharging Time 7H | AC 3.3 kW (0-100%)

Emission Norm Compliance ZEV Transmission Automatic Airbags Driver and Passenger

Yes Central Locking Yes  $40.14\;\mathrm{kW}$ Motor Power Max Torque  $110\mathrm{Nm}$ Motor Type Permanent Magnet

Synchronous Motor Suspension Front McPherson Strut Multi-Link Coil Suspensio Suspension Rear

Brakes Front Brakes Rear Drum Steering Type Electric Turning Radius 4.2Speed Sensing Auto Door Lock Yes

### **Pros**

Small proportions, makes \* No boot space without the car ideal for city use. \* Premium look and feel of

the interiors. \* Feels peppy and effortless

to drive in the city. \* Keyless entry.

### Cons

folding the rear seats.

\* Not at all a highway car.

# Health and Lifestyle

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Why should you erase unnecessary 'sorry' from your dictionary!

# SORRY SORRY SORRRY SORRRY SORRRY SORRRY SORRRY SORRRY SORRRY SORRY SORRRY SORRY SORRY SORRY SORRY SORRY SORRY SORRRY SORRY SORR SRYSRY ) B B A N SORRY ANNOS SORRY ANNOS SORRY SORRY

ell us, if this sounds familiar. A stranger bumps into you on the streets and you are the one to say sorry, you apologise even when things are completely out of your control or do not even demand an apology. However, the worst part is, when your incessant need to apologise is brought to attention, you say sorry for even being sorry. If you

is for you. The irony is while some people find it difficult to admit that they're wrong,

recognize yourself in any of the above signs, this article

some have a tendency of apologising at the drop of the hat. Saying sorry a little too much is not rare, however, it is not a good habit to have.

Parents often try their best to inculcate good manners in their children. After all, we want our kids to apologize from a heartful place and make amends for their mistakes. While the intent might be to turn them into model citizens, we need to teach our kids not to hand out apologies like extra

change, rather use them wisely. Teach them to identify another person's emotions and then ask them if they want to say something.

To put it simply, stop forcing "I am sorry" down your kid's throat just to make him/her look civilised. It might take some practice to make the switch, but it will surely be worth it. We tell you 5 reasons why you should stop overusing the word "Sorry":

### 1. It makes you look guilty

Yes, whether you believe it or not, if you tend to say sorry for every little thing, it could make you look guilty in the eyes of others. Even if your inten tions are pure, people may feel that you have something to be guilty of. 2. It makes you feel

burdened If you keep blurting sorry to every other person you bump into, you may feel

like you are doing something very wrong. constantly. After a point of time, it gets really trouble some and exhausting to carry the burden of unnecessary guilt.

3. People may find it irritating

Imagine this scenario for yourself. If a friend keeps saying sorry over nothing, ultimately it becomes a little irritating. This is especially apt in a situation where their

#### actions did not even hurt you in the first place. 4. Apology means nothing

If you ask for forgiveness for every little thing, the 'big' apology eventually loses its meaning. So, in a situation when you want to apologize from the bottom of your heart, it does not have the same effect anymore.

### 5. You come across as a weaker person

When you are the first person to apologise, if you have not hurt anyone, it ultimately makes you look like a weaker person. It can also make you a soft target in a lot of unwanted circumstances.

### What can you do?

The best way to avoid the strings of sorry is to replace them with a thank you. So, the next time somebody waits for you for an extra 5 minutes, say "Thank you for waiting" instead of apologising for being a little late. Also, try practising the art of saying silent until you find another word except 'sorry.'

# ASTROLOGY

# WEEKLY PREDICTIONS 10<sup>™</sup> — 16<sup>™</sup> MARCH 2024



You may have a lot on your plate this week, much as you did last week. However, this week there is a shift in the air, and you'll be eager to consider options that are a departure from the norm. You do best when you can get out of your own way and don't try to control every single detail. The start of the week can see you making progress on a goal that may be important to



This week you continue to be in a quieter phase as the focus continues on your spiritual zone. This is a chance to take stock and consider your spiritual health and physical health. With a full moon in your lifestyle sector it might be better to lighten your schedule, because confusing influences could lead to mistakes. You may also be more sensitive to others' SEP 24 - OCT 22 moods, and this could leave you a tad drained.

**TAURUS** 



Outings can be fun but also have a serious note, particularly if you're learning something through the process of discovery. There is potential for romance, particularly if you meet someone who shares your ideas and with whom you have a lot in common. And it's likely to occur when you move out of your comfort zone. Don't be afraid to talk about issues that may be personal but that reveal the truth about you.



OCT 23 - NOV 22

Social events and group or club meetings could keep you busy this week. If you're involved in any committees, you may have more than your fair share of work to do. And if other people see how eager you are, they could add to your workload unless you speak up. Still, this is a great time for collaborating, and your efforts can be very productive even if things take a little while to come to fruition.

Your time in the spotlight continues this week,

bringing opportunities to showcase your best

skills and abilities to the world. Make the most



The theme of organizing your home and getting it shipshape continues this week. However, you don't have to do it all yourself. Ask for support and delegate a few of those key tasks and the household chores can get done much more quickly. You may want to give your place a deep cleaning, perhaps to get it ready for the holiday season, which isn't too far away.

# **SAGITTARIUS**





this time, because within a couple of weeks the emphasis will shift to your social sector. For now, you are much more proactive concerning your goals, ambitions, and career plans. And if you can adopt a disciplined approach, much can be accomplished.

# **CANCER**



You may be busy in an intellectual sense and have a lot of writing, studying, or research to do. If you're a student, this could be an intense time when you have deadlines, or you're perhaps getting used to a new curriculum. Whatever you're doing, planning is the key to an easier life. With Cancer as your sun sign or rising sign, you often get overcome by moods.

JUN 22 - JUL 23



DEC 23 - JUL 20

If you have opportunities to travel for work or pleasure, go for it. This is very much a time to move out of your comfort zone and explore options you might never have considered before. If you have a desire to study, this is the perfect time to start. You'll likely find it very useful in the future regarding plum jobs or even a potential career change.

**LEO** 



This can be a great time to market your goods and services, start a side hustle, or let others know about a skill of yours that may be underused. This is an excellent opportunity to get your money to work for you and perhaps find ways to enhance your income. Have too much stuff? Selling it could give you more space and add to your cash reserves, too.

**AQUARIUS** 

The focus on finances and business affairs continues this week, and you could be eager to get on board with new ideas and opportunities. The only thing that might stop you is your own hesitation. This could come down to past experiences that have left their mark. Small treats are no problem, but avoid purchasing big-ticket items on impulse.





It's game, set, and match to you as the planets in your sign give you a certain advantage. Lingering aspects early in the week can see you moving ahead with a creative project or perhaps honing a skill. Either way, this can be a productive time. You might be better off waiting a few days until this lunar phase has passed.



You could have your work cut out for you because you'll likely be a lot busier than usual. Your social life could ramp up with more invitations and potential dates. And if you're in a long-term relationship, you and your partner might decide to get out and about more and perhaps take on a few challenges together.