

MOVIE REVIEW

Sukhee

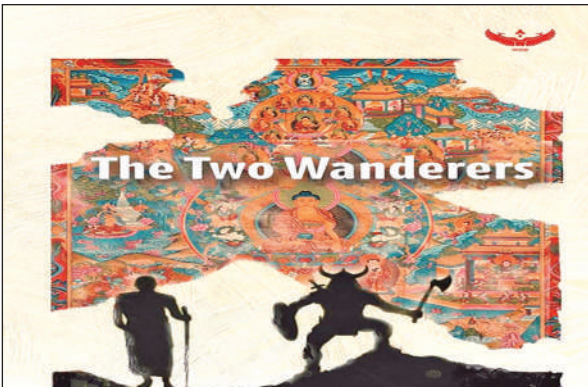


Director: Sonal Joshi.
Cast: Shilpa Shetty, Amit Sadh, Kusha Kapila
STORY: Sukhpreet Kalra aka Sukhee (Shilpa Shetty Kundra), a devoted middle class Punjabi housewife in her 40's faces existential crisis. A school reunion invitation wakes her from her boredom.
REVIEW: Sukhee feels promising until things get slapstick and off track. Expect pointless toilet humour and jokes that lack punch. The narrative shifts gear and loses your attention once the action moves to Delhi. Scenes and dialogues run in circles, and everyone keeps repeating things they have already said. "Sukhee naam wale kabhi dukhi nahi hotay" sounds good when you hear it once. Overkill is tiring. The girl gang track would've worked if other characters weren't just Sukhee cheerleaders but individuals in their own right. None of the other girls (Kusha Kapila, Dilnaz Irani, Pavleen Gujral) have much to do, though all have a decent screen presence. Despite roping in a good actor, Amit Sadh love track is the film's weakest portion. It does not work at all and only drags the film endlessly. The film could've easily been 20 minutes shorter to work better.
Shilpa Shetty Kundra is perfect for this part and reminds you why she deserved roles like Life in a Metro, Phir Milenge more. Despite her sultry screen avatar, she slips into the psyche of a middle-class housewife effortlessly. She even gets a Baazigar 'bangs' makeover to show her younger self.

| In-depth Analysis | | | |
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| Our overall critic's rating is not an average of the sub scores below. | | | |
| Direction | <div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div> | <div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div> | 3/5 |
| Dialogues | <div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div> | <div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div> | 3/5 |
| Story | <div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div> | <div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div> | 3/5 |
| Music | <div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div> | <div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div> | 3/5 |
| Visual appeal | <div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div> | <div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div> | 3/5 |

BOOK REVIEW

The Two Wanderers



Title: 'The Two Wanderers'
Author: Bappaditya Chakravarty
Publisher: Garuda Prakashan
Pages: 344
Price: Rs 329
Review:The 'Two Wanderers' by Bappaditya Chakravarty, a Garuda Prakashan book, is not historical fiction as we understand the genre today. It is set in the ninth century in India, China, Tibet, and Europe. It is not about monarchs and their successes or failures, which can be found in several books with dates and basic descriptions. However, the book vividly depicts the lives and times of common people who dot the landscape along the routes taken by the two protagonists—Snorre, the unruly, a Viking from Denmark, and Sriverna, a former Nalanda University graduate—by including incredibly minute and well-researched details of the routes, rivers, passes, cuisines, and local politics. Their routes resemble the Silk Route.
The plot revolves around a Viking from Europe and a Nalanda University alumnus whose lives become entwined in the chilly, hostile landscape of Tibet. Under the direction and supervision of seasoned and experienced Lamas, they take on unexpected missions and do things that they probably never imagined possible. Both Snorre the unruly, a Viking, and Sriverna, the Nalanda graduate, have different reasons for embarking on lengthy quests for answers. Snorre, who has just started to doubt his own brutal lifestyle, has been given the task to hand over the daughter of an Eastern European chieftain to the man she is intended to marry in China. Sriverna, a recent graduate of Nalanda University, departs towards Gandhara and beyond in order to trace the son of a trader, who escaped after being falsely accused of murder. Besides, he must come back with the answers, as gurudakshina, to the many questions his gurus have given him.

GADGET REVIEW

Vivo T2 Pro 5G



| Expected Price | Rs 23,999. |
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| Display | 6.78-inch |
| Resolution | 1080 x 2408 pixels |
| Processor | MediaTek Dimensity 7200 |
| Refresh Rate | 120 Hz |
| Resolution Standard | FHD |
| Front Camera | 16MP |
| Rear Camera | 64MP + 2MP |
| OS | Android 13 |
| Battery | 4600 mAh |
| Wi-Fi | Yes |
| Bluetooth | Yes |
| NFC | Yes |
| USB Type-C | Yes |
| Number of SIMs | 2 |
| Fingerprint Sensor | Yes |
| Screen Unlock | Fingerprint, Face unlock |
| Wireless Charging | No |
| Speaker | Yes |
| Audio Jack | Yes, USB Type-C |
| Video Player | Yes, Video Formats: MP4 |

Pros

- * Bright AMOLED display.
- * Very good camera performance.
- * Good battery life.
- * Great overall performance.

Cons

- * Preinstalled bloatware, notification spam.
- * Single speaker.

VEHICLE REVIEW

Hyundai i20 N-Line



| Starting Price | Rs. 9.99 - 12.32 Lakh* |
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| Fuel Type | Petrol |
| Engine Displacement | 998 cc |
| Engine Type | 1.0 l Turbo GDi petrol |
| No. of cylinder | 3 |
| Max Power | 118.41bhp@6000rpm |
| Max Torque | 172Nm@1500-4000rpm |
| Seating Capacity | 5 |
| Transmission Type | Automatic |
| Fuel Tank Capacity | 37.0 |
| Body Type | Hatchback |
| Gear Box | 7- Speed DCT |
| Drive Type | 2WD |
| Front Suspension | McPherson strut |
| Rear Suspension | Coupled torsion beam axle |
| Shock Absorbers Type | Gas |
| Steering Type | Electric |
| Front Brake Type | Disc |
| Rear Brake Type | Disc |
| Wheel Base | 2580 mm |
| No of Doors | 5 |

Pros

- * Engine gearbox combo. Just perfect for city and nearby runs.
- * OG steering wheel from the i20N sold overseas.
- * Interiors are sorted, modern yet well put together.

Cons

- * Not enough grip + lots of road noise.
- * Headlights, not strong enough for highway runs.

Health and Lifestyle

Chic balcony seating designs that add a sparkle to your interiors!



As monsoon is in full bloom at the moment, it is the best time to convert your balcony into a delightful haven. A space where you can spend your mornings intentionally immersing in mindful practices, or unwind after a long tiring day with your favourite iced tea, or even have a fun game of carrom with your family post dinner. This space can be your personal go-to for pockets of joy throughout the day, or one where you play host and entertain your friends and family.
Statement piece
Creating an aesthetic balcony for yourself can be a creatively fulfilling process, one that you thoroughly enjoy and look forward to. When it comes to outdoor furniture, we will always be in favour of styles and materials that are more towards the natural side.
Beautifully woven wicker furniture is always a classic, absolutely timeless. Wicker chairs, swing seating or even a coffee table can accentuate a space and add so much character to it. This complemented with vibrant green plants, would be chefs kiss!



Planters for your balcony
When it comes to materials, bamboo and wood would not be left behind. These natural elements add a sense of calm and serene to any space. All of these are styles that can very well be incorporated into houses with any décor style.
Flower vase
When it comes to upholstery, our best bet would be materials that are not sensitive to fading in bright sun, and also water repellent. Keep the muted neutrals to match the vibe of the furniture, almost creating a boho dream. If prints are what you naturally go for, we would say go for chic stripes, and if you are feeling bold, bright prints will come in handy to create a tropical atmosphere.
Be sure that everything compliments each other well, creating a visual dream. You can stick with minimum pieces of furniture, that is may be one statement swing or sofa, and that's it, or you can create a lounge like seating depending on what you intend the place to be, your personal nook for some peace, or a place where you bring all your loved ones together for a good time!

ASTROLOGY

WEEKLY PREDICTIONS 24TH—30TH SEPTEMBER 2023

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| <p>ARIES</p> <p>MAR 21 - APR 19</p> <p>This week, profound experiences are possible. The week begins with the moon in Cancer opposing Pluto in Capricorn. Aries, the Universe is reaching out to send you a message, but if you're operating on autopilot, you could miss it. Mercury retrograde in Virgo and your house of daily routines makes a semisextile to Mars in Libra.</p> | <p>LIBRA</p> <p>SEP 23 - OCT 22</p> <p>This week, your intuition is loud and clear. The week begins with some unique energy. Venus goes in Leo, and Jupiter goes in Taurus. Both of these planets appear to be standing still, providing powerful energy to help you attract what you want. Take some time today to figure out what that is, from love to career to lifestyle.</p> |
| <p>TAURUS</p> <p>APR 20 - MAY 20</p> <p>This week, you gain a deeper understanding of an important concept. The week begins with the moon in Cancer opposing Pluto in Capricorn. Today, a family member could say something that has such a profound impact on your understanding of family dynamics that you're flabbergasted. Taurus, it's like an important puzzle piece is finally in your hands.</p> | <p>SCORPIO</p> <p>OCT 23 - NOV 21</p> <p>This week, you're making good connections. The week begins with some very unusual energy. Venus goes in Leo, and Jupiter goes retrograde in Taurus. Today, both of these planets appear to be standing still. Scorpio, you might have a realization that you're in love. It could be a deep emotional connection with a person, or you could find yourself fully committed to a particular course of action.</p> |
| <p>GEMINI</p> <p>MAY 21 - JUN 20</p> <p>This week, you're getting a handle on things. The week begins with the moon in Cancer opposing Pluto in Capricorn. Today, you could feel an overwhelming urge to get your finances under control. You might be looking at the numbers and seeing that you've been doing some impulse spending. It also could be that there are financial opportunities that need your attention.</p> | <p>SAGITTARIUS</p> <p>NOV 22 - DEC 21</p> <p>This week, you have the magic touch. The week begins with an unusual event. Venus goes direct in Leo, and tomorrow Jupiter goes retrograde in Taurus. Today, both of these planets appear to be standing still, resulting in extraordinary energy. Venus represents your desires, while Jupiter brings luck and expansion. With these combined energies, you become a magnet for what you want.</p> |
| <p>CANCER</p> <p>JUN 21 - JUL 22</p> <p>This week, you get things straightened out. The week begins with the moon in Cancer opposing Pluto in Capricorn. Cancer, you are a sensitive soul, and you could be around people today who aren't necessarily cognizant of that fact. You might need to do something to guard your feelings, but mostly try not to take things personally today. The person in front of you might just be having a bad day.</p> | <p>CAPRICORN</p> <p>DEC 22 - JAN 19</p> <p>This week, you're finding solutions. The week begins with an extraordinary event. Venus goes direct in Leo, and tomorrow Jupiter goes retrograde in Taurus. Today, both of these planets appear to be standing still, granting them extra power. Capricorn, your desires are expanded, perhaps to the point of obsession. You have the ability to channel your power and energy into a single wish.</p> |
| <p>LEO</p> <p>JUL 23 - AUG 22</p> <p>This week, you could see some gains. The week with the moon in Cancer opposing Pluto in Capricorn. A relationship could be very intense today. Leo, it's possible that you find out a friend really wants to have a physical relationship with you. Or you might discover that someone at your job is very attracted to you. Whether this puts you in an awkward position or not, it could come as a big surprise.</p> | <p>AQUARIUS</p> <p>JAN 20 - FEB 18</p> <p>This week, you're finding your power. The week begins with a very special astrological event. Venus goes direct in Leo, and tomorrow Jupiter goes retrograde in Taurus. Today, both of these planets appear to be standing still, granting them immense power. Aquarius, you have access to this power today, so make use of it. Utilize the energy of Venus to visualize what you want.</p> |
| <p>VIRGO</p> <p>AUG 23 - SEP 22</p> <p>This week, you're getting things right. The week begins with the moon in Cancer. You could be feeling extra sensitive today, especially regarding a love relationship. You might be reading between the lines in their last text. Today, you could misinterpret where they're coming from and skew it toward the negative.</p> | <p>PISCES</p> <p>FEB 19 - MAR 20</p> <p>This week, you're seeing what's ahead. The week begins with some very unique energy. Venus goes direct in Leo, and tomorrow Jupiter goes retrograde in Taurus. Today, both of these planets appear to be standing still, emphasizing your future desires. Take this opportunity to contemplate and visualize what you want to manifest.</p> |