## STATETIMES

#### **MOVIE REVIEW**

#### Dream Girl 2



Director: Raaj Shaandilyaa Cast: Ayushmann Khurrana, Ananya Panday, Paresh Rawal, Annu Kapoor

STORY: Karamveer wants to marry his girlfriend, Pari. But he must first fulfil her father's condition and make Rs 25 lakhs in six months. An easy way out for him is pretending to be a girl and dancing at a bar. Things take a bizarre turn when four people pursue Pooja/Karam for marriage.

**REVIEW:** Director Raaj Shaandilyaa serves this comedy four years after the original Dream Girl, which was delightful for its quirky set-up and premise. The second outing has a similar premise. Karamveer (Ayushmann Khurrana) needs to raise an enormous amount of money quickly if he wants to marry his girlfriend, Pari Shrivastav (Ananya Pandav). So, he pretends to be a woman, Pooja, and works as a dancer at Sona Bhai's (Vijay Raaz) bar. Thereon, the movie has little new to offer throughout its 133 minutes. Writers Raaj and Naresh Kathooria have tried to crank up the comedy, but the narrative goes havvire and ends up as just a

mishmash of situations and characters pursuing each other. Ayushmann Khurrana skillfully switches between playing Karam and Pooja's characters in the film. He particularly shines in the dance sequences and gets the latkas and jhatkas perfectly. His knack at pulling off situational comedy shows and he owns some of the best parts of the film. Ananya Panday has little scope to perform, and struggles with consistency in her Braj Bhasha dialogue delivery.

In-depth Analysis

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

Direction Dialogues Story

in a situation where we have

to deal with difficult, stub-

born and annoying people but we have to make sure that we remain

civil with them. In this case, why not

follow the JADE technique? This

technique is a communication strate-

gy that helps manage interactions

with difficult individuals. JADE

stands for Justify, Argue, Defend,

and Explain. This technique helps

people navigate challenging conver-

sations by providing guidelines for

responses that are more effective and

When dealing with a difficult per-

son, it's common to feel the need to

justify your actions or decisions.

However, the JADE technique advis-

es against over-explaining or justify-

When you do that, it gives the other

person more ammunition to challenge or criticise your posi-

tion. It is best to channel your energy and focus on providing

a concise and clear explanation without giving out unneces-

Why argue with difficult people when it leads to heightened

tension and increased defensiveness? Try the JADE technique

that suggests avoiding getting into a back-and-forth argu-

While it's important to express your perspective, remember

less likely to escalate conflicts.

Justify

ing your choices.

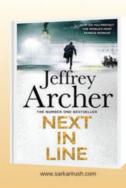
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Argue

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#### **BOOK REVIEW**

#### Next in Line'



Title: 'Next in Line' **Author: Jeffrey Archer** Genre-Fiction Pages: 388 Price: Rs 1262

Review: International bestselling author Jeffrey Archer is back with the highly anticipated fifth novel in his much-loved William Warwick' series

Set in London, in 1988, this page-turner with a compelling story features Detective Chief Inspector William Warwick and his team. Tasked with serving in Scotland Yard's Elite Protection Squad, their primary duty is to safeguard the esteemed British royal family. However, as they delve deeper into their investigations, they uncover a growing threat that puts both the Crown and the nation in jeopardy. With the responsibility of protecting the world's most famous family, there is no room for error. Any weakness could have disastrous

Enter Ross Hogan, a maverick former undercover operative who is entrusted with a highly sensitive and unique mission. As the story unfolds, it becomes apparent that the challenges within Royalty Protection are merely the tip of the iceberg. A rogue organization has set its sights on undermining the country's security and targeting the Crown. The only question that remains is who will be their next victim.

Filled with suspense, mystery, and unexpected twists, this multifaceted tale keeps readers on the edge of their seats until the final page. The beloved Princess Diana also plays a significant role in the thrilling narrative.

Author David Baldacci says, "Only someone like Jeffrey Archer . . . could have written a compelling story like this. Every page bristles with suspense and the ending comes at you with the force of a tank round".

### **GADGET REVIEW**

#### Vivo V29e





Cons

\* No wireless charging.

Expected Price Rs 26,999. Display 6.78-inch Resolution (2400x1080)Qualcomm Snapdragon 695 Front Camera 64MP + 8MPRear Camera RAM 8GB 128GB, 256GBStorage **Battery Capacity**  $5000 \mathrm{mAh}$ 44W Flash Charge Fast charging Android 13 Wi-Fi Yes Bluetooth Yes, v 5.10 USB Type-C Yes Number of SIMs Proximity sensor Accelerometer Yes Ambient light sensor Yes Gyroscope Artistic Red. Artistic Blue

**Pros** \* Large curved AMOLED

display. Great camera.

Colours

\* Unique rear finish.

\* Good battery life.

\* Superb performance.



Rs. 1.72 Lakh\*

**VEHICLE REVIEW** 

Hero Karizma XMR

Starting Price Engine Type

Engine Displacement Max Power Max Torque Emission Type Bore Stroke Drive Type No Of Cylinders Valve Per Cylinder Fuel Type Transmission No Of Gears **Brakes Front** Brakes Rear Ground Clearance Seat height Battery Capacity

4-Stroke, 4 Valve, Single Cylinder Liquid Cooled 210 cc25.5 PS @ 9250 rpm 20.4 Nm @ 7250 rpm bs6-2.073 mm $50~\mathrm{mm}$ Chain Drive Petrol Manual 6 Speed  $\operatorname{Disc}$ Disc  $160 \; \mathrm{mm}$ 810 mm 12 V / 6 AhLED

#### **Pros**

\* Refined Engine. \* Excellent Mileage.

Turn Signal Lamp

\* Vast Sales & Service Network.

Informative Instrument

#### Cons

\* Engine lacks character.

\* Thin Tires.

## Health and Lifestyle

### What is the JADE technique to deal with difficult people? All you need to know



that some people may thrive on conflict and they often attempt to draw you into a debate. State your viewpoint assertively but without aggression.

#### Defend

Defending yourself vigorously will just intensify disagreements. Instead of taking a defensive stance, the JADE technique encourages maintaining a calm and composed demeanor.

If the difficult person launches personal attacks or criticism, acknowledge their feelings without necessarily accepting blame. Responding defensively often escalates the situation, whereas a more neu- $\operatorname{tral}$ and composed approach can help defuse

Explain

Yes, for good communication, we are generally advised to explain our perspective but the JADE technique advises against excessive explanations because that can lead to misunderstandings or misinterpretations.

If you want to or have to explain, keep your explanations concise and focused on the main points. Be attentive to the other person's reactions and willingness to listen. If it becomes clear that they are not receptive, it might be best to disengage from the explanation to prevent further conflict.

# **ASTROLOGY**

#### WEEKLY PREDICTIONS 03<sup>RD</sup>— 09™ SEPTEMBER 2023



This week, you're formulating plans. The week begins with an extraordinary day. Venus goes direct in Leo, tomorrow Jupiter goes retrograde in Taurus, and today, both of these planets appear to be standing still. You might feel a great need to consider what you want in your life, and the Universe is suggesting that it might be easier to acquire than you think



**LIBRA** 

This week, your intuition is loud and clear. The week begins with some unique energy. Venus goes direct in Leo, and tomorrow Jupiter goes retrograde in Taurus. Today, both of these planets appear to be standing still, providing powerful energy to help you attract what you want. Libra, take some time today to figure out what that is, from love to care

**TAURUS** 

This week, your confidence is high. The week begins with some special energy. Venus goes direct in Leo, and tomorrow Jupiter goes retrograde in your own sign. Today, both of these planets appear to be standing still. You can be a magnet that attracts what you want. Take some time to visualize what you want in your life. Create a vivid picture of it in your mind and attach some emotion to it.



OCT 23 - NOV 21

This week, you're making good connections. The week begins with some unusual energy. Venus goes direct in Leo, and tomorrow Jupiter goes retrograde in Taurus. Both of these planets appear to be standing still. 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 commit-

ted to a particular course of action.



MAY 21 - JUN 20

This week, you have opportunities to be social. The week begins with some unique energy. Venus goes direct in Leo, and tomorrow Jupiter goes retrograde in Taurus, Today, both of these planets appear to be standing still. Gemini, you're often in motion, but take the time today to contemplate what has not changed in your life. Look at the things that persist but don't satisfy your needs.

This week, you have social opportunities. The

retrograde in Taurus. Today, both of these

planets appear to be standing still, making the

energy very strong. It's like you have a mega-

phone and you're speaking to the Universe.

Cancer, your desires and wishes are coming

This week, you're finding your way through.

**SAGITTARIUS** 



NOV 22 - DEC 21

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.

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,

**CAPRICORN** week begins with some special energy. Venus goes direct in Leo, and tomorrow Jupiter goes



**DEC 22 - JAN 19** 



perhaps to the point of obsession. You have the ability to channel your power and energy into a single wish. 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

JAN 20 - FEB 18

have access to this power today, so make use of it. You're quite fortunate when it comes to finances at the moment.





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. Pisces, take this opportunity to contemplate and visualize what you want to manifest in your life.



JUN 21 - JUL 22

**LEO** 

The week begins with the sun in Virgo opposing Saturn in Pisces. Additionally, Mars enters the sign of Libra and your house of talents and activities, where it will stay until October 11. Now you're trying to balance what you want to do with the resources that you have available. You might receive a thousand thanks for something you did for someone.

across loud and clear.



AUG 23 - SEP 22

This week, you're finding what you value. The week begins with the sun in Virgo opposing Saturn in Pisces. Additionally, Mars enters the sign of Libra and your house of money. Now you're trying to balance respect for your partner's wishes with your desire for financial security. Virgo, you might have different spending habits.



FEB 19 - MAR 20