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WORLD AIDS DAY

What is World AIDS Day? 

-SHIZA DESHMUKH

World AIDS Day takes place on 1 December each year. It's an opportunity for people worldwide to unite in the fight against HIV, to show support for people living with HIV, and to commemorate those who have died from an AIDS-related illness. Founded in 1988, World AIDS Day was the first ever global health day.

Over 105,000 people are living with HIV in the UK. Globally, there are an estimated 38 million people who have the virus. Despite the virus only being identified in 1984, more than 35 million people have died of HIV or AIDS related illnesses, making it one of the most destructive pandemics in history.

Today, scientific advances have been made in HIV treatment, there are laws to protect people living with HIV and we understand so much more about the condition. Despite this, each year in the UK over 4,139 people are diagnosed with HIV, people do not know the facts about how to protect themselves and others, and stigma and discrimination remain a reality for many people living with the condition.

World AIDS Day is important because it reminds the public and government that HIV has not gone away – there is still a vital need to raise money, increase awareness, fight prejudice and improve education.

Every year, United Nations agencies, governments and civil society join together to campaign around specific themes related to HIV.

Awareness-raising activities take place around the globe.

Many people wear a red ribbon, the universal symbol of awareness of, support for and solidarity with people living with HIV.

People living with HIV make their voice heard on issues important in their lives. Groups of people living with HIV and other civil society organizations involved in the AIDS response mobilize in support of the communities they serve and to raise funds.

Events highlight the current state of the epidemic.

World AIDS Day remains as relevant today as it's always been, reminding people and governments that HIV has not gone away. There is still a critical need for increased funding for the AIDS response, to increase awareness of the impact of HIV on people's lives, to end stigma and discrimination and to improve the quality of life of people living with HIV

CHRISTMAS 2022

-HEER PANGHAL

Christmas, also known as "Feast day of Christ," is a popular Christian holiday. This day celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. The first Christmas was celebrated in Rome in 336 A.D. Christmas is a cultural celebration that requires large and beforehand planning. People get a holiday break to celebrate since it is a public holiday. For the majority of people, Christmas preparations begin early so that festivities can start on Christmas Eve. There are numerous things to do in order to get ready for Christmas. Gifts, food, and decorations are purchased primarily for the benefit of children in the family and friends. Decorating the house, and locality with lighting and other decorations bring this occasion to the next level of liveliness. As the Christmas tree spreads holiday cheer throughout homes. To commemorate the occasion, Christmas carols are broadcast on radio and television. Family get-togethers are planned to celebrate with food and music while exchanging gifts. Christmas celebration treats include homemade cakes, muffins, cupcakes, and traditional plum cakes. Christmas serves as a reminder of the value of sharing and giving with friends and family. It is a reminder of how we find ourselves the happiest and safest with our people. And how important it is to celebrate it even if it is just a small celebration. Through Christmas, we are reminded that the world's greatest achievements began with the birth of Jesus. Typically, it is a chance to reflect on nature and the reason for our existence. Despite being a Christian holiday, Christmas is celebrated globally by people of all faiths and religions. The heart of this festival is what brings people together so strongly. And being the final festival of the year, it also represents happiness, hope, and new beginnings.



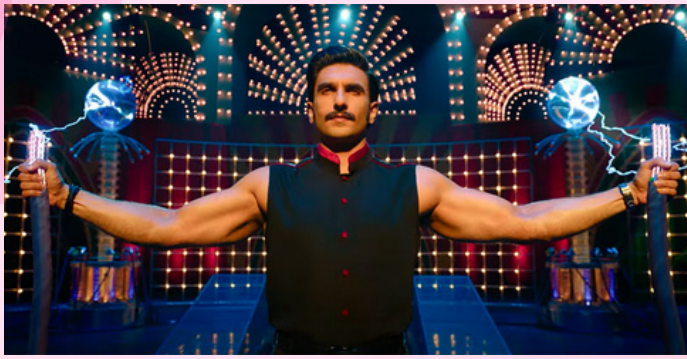
NEW YEAR'S EVE 2022

-KHUSHI VIRA

31 December was the day I couldn't ever forget. I celebrated the year's eve most uniquely by attending a wedding function and playing garba till I couldn't breathe. Firstly I visited the Portuguese church in Dadar, it was all lit up, fairy lights everywhere shining in my eyes, the soft sound of the church and the bells ringing with the wishes of people to the Lord was as peaceful as being in heaven would feel. Spending some time confessing things to god, I went on and attended the sangeet sandhya I was invited to. It was new year's eve and people were dressed in all short dresses and bling on another hand I was there on-road riding my scooter in kurta with bindi and bold lips. Playing Garba till all most midnight and not being able to walk was the most satisfying thing about ending the year in the best way I can. Leaving the venue, me and my friends went to a small dhaba to make even more happening and came back with ice creams in our hands, laughing and giggling at each other. That day I knew celebration is always not about bling, new clothes, and alcohol it's all about people.

CIRKUS MOVIE REVIEW

-OSHIN WANKHEDE



Cirkus is a Bollywood movie released in 2023. The plot of the movie shows the connection between two set of twins. A square and B square are the names of the twins who are later named as joy and roy. Two different couples adopt these twins. Set in the picturesque green hills of Ooty and carefully created colourful and unreal set pieces that look like a theme park, 'Cirkus' is based in the late 60s or early 70s era, as the film desperately tries to pay a tribute to the cinema of the time. Many classic Bollywood numbers pop up in the background at every given opportunity and the only thing louder than the yesteryear costumes of the actors, is their acting. It's an all-out slapstick comedy but the problem is not that, as Bollywood has seen several films in that genre that have taken the audience along with it for a joyride. It also includes some films from Rohit Shetty's stable. Collectively, barely a scene or two manage to evoke the kind of laughter we are used to experiencing in a Rohit Shetty film. Sample this, our hero Roy is immune to high voltage shocks and his showstopper act at his 'Jubilee Cirkus' is to dramatically make two live wires kiss each other, with his bare hands. But everytime he does that his twin brother experiences a massive electric shock and so does anyone who touches him. All is well with him once the act is over. If you can get past this, then you'd perhaps have a little less discomfort in sitting through the rest of the plot that involves caricatures, good actors wasted in stereotypical characters, unfunny dialogues, and situations that literally go nowhere. The screenplay offers nothing fresh in terms of comedy and punchlines and suffers from abject repetition. Ranveer Singh tries to do his best in portraying both his characters, but sadly both the parts lack enough conviction. Deepika Padukone's cameo in the song 'Current Laga Re' is a highlight that comes as a true respite. Varun Sharma's comic timing is criminally wasted here and, in the end, it's upto the ever-so-dependable Johnny Lever (as Polson bhai) to bring in some much-needed organic laughter. The ace comedian creates more rib-tickling moments in his few minutes of screentime than the entire cast put together. Pooja Hegde looks resplendent in her sombre role of Roy's wife Mala. Jacqueline Fernandez steps in to add the glam quotient as Roy's girlfriend and does just that. Sanjay Mishra once again takes one for the team in a role that isn't funny, but the actor makes up for the lack in the writing and the missing punchlines, which is a recurring problem of this unfunny mess. 'Cirkus' is a busy film filled with a battery of characters put together with a purpose to make us laugh, but is far from that. Entertaining the audience with slapstick comedy and drama is a tightrope that Rohit Shetty has successfully walked before but this time he seems to have tripped several times.

AVATAR MOVIE REVIEW

-ADITI SINGH

Movie- Avatar: The Way of Water
Director- James Cameron

Duration- 3h 12m

Genre- Adventure

AVATAR:

The Way of Water is the first of four planned sequels to the 2009 1m Avatar, released on December 16, 2022. Direction and screenplay by James Cameron, produced by Lightstorm Entertainment and distributed by 20th Century Studios. The movie is set 15 years after the events of the first 1m. The story revolves around Jake Sully and Neytiri's newfound family of ve children. Despite giving their best efforts to keep their family together, a threat resurfaces because Earth is dying, The Sully family has no option other than coerce themselves into becoming refugees and ee to the land of the Metkayina clan in the Pandoran oceans. It is where they go for their lives. The 1m's plot is intended to be a fully-encapsulated standalone narrative, as will the other sequels, but will also be part of a meta-narrative that extends across Avatar 3,4&5.

PERFORMANCES-

Sam Worthington and Zoe Saldana played a significant role in the movie as the story did revolve around them but they weren't the leaders of the pack this time. Zoe Saldana was not to be seen enough as on the other hand, Sam Worthington had a good screen time.

Cli Curtis and Kate Winslet as the leaders of the Metkayina clan seemed much stronger. Stephen Lang had one of the best performances, his aggression and expressions were to live for. The rest of the supporting cast is decent enough in their little screen time.

CINEMATOGRAPHY-

The writing by James Cameron, Rick Jaa, Amanda Silver, Josh Friedman, and Shane Salerno is lled with family bonding, emotions, tragedy, action and drama, but it doesn't have the kind of variety that the rst 'Avatar' movie had. James Cameron and his amazing skills of VFX, with a bright mind to create such a fantasy ction.

The scenes could actually make you feel as if you are living in it. There are some plot points that have been absolutely forgotten in the middle of the 1m. Like there is hardly any mention of unobtanium mining, which was the root cause of the humans landing on pandora.

Overall Rating- 7.8/10

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