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REVIEW

LOVE BREAKUPS ZINDAGI

Love Breakups Zindagi, the debut production of Dia Mirza, Zayed Khan and Sahil Sangha is as cliché as it can be, with a predictable script and generous garnishing of over-the-top Karan Johar type scenes.

It's a movie about a bunch of people namely Jai (Zayed Khan), Naina (Dia Mirza), Govind (Cyrus Sahukar), Sheila (Tisca Chopra), Arjun (Satyadeep Mishra) and Gayatri (Auritra Ghosh) and their interpretation of true love.

Jai and Naina are in their respective not-so happy relationships. They meet at a common friend's wedding and grow fond of each other.

In meantime, Jai's friend Govind, a divorcee, falls in love with Sheila, who is much older than him.

After week-long festivities, Jai and Naina return to their respective lives and soon realize they are in love with each other. The romance between Govind and Sheila is oddly cute, while Zayed and Dia are OK. Bomen Irani deserves a mention thanks to his perfect comic timing. The direction is good, but the script plays a true villain.

REAL STEEL

The idea of robots boxing is quite bad, creating some embarrassingly awful moments for Hugh Jackman as an ex-fighter scraping by in the near future as a promoter of brawling machines that have taken over the sport from human boxers. His 11-year-old son (Dakota Goyo) joins him on the road after the boy's mother dies.

Then the kid stumbles on an outdated sparring robot in a junkyard.

The squabbling father and son bond as their little 'bot becomes a sensation on the fight circuit and gets an underdog shot against the world champion.

Jackman's generally out-acted by the robots, whose bouts are deafening and bruising, more like demolition derbies than sporting events. "Real Steel" puts director Shawn Levy in contention for the title of worst blockbuster filmmaker in show business. (AP)

Lady Gaga Will Not Attend RA One Premiere

Superstar Shah Rukh Khan, who was looking to have pop diva Lady Gaga for a song in his film RA One and also for its premiere in London, says since they were not able to reach her, she will not come for the event. By roping in international pop star Akon for the song Chammak Challo, Shah Rukh created ripples and the song has become a sensation.

However, not stopping at this, Shah Rukh was also in talks with the international sensation pop singer Lady Gaga about collaborating on a song.

"We were looking at speaking to Gaga's manager about doing a song and attending the premiere on October 25 at London. We were not able to get to or speak to the management. But as there was no time, all this will not happen," SRK told reporters.

After south superstar Rajnikanth agreed to do a special appearance in 'RA One', it is now megastar Amitabh Bachchan, who will be heard in a voiceover for the upcoming film.

"Amitji will be lending his voice for 'RA One'. We are happy to have him. The voice over is for an important scene. The dubbing will take place today," director Anubhav Sinha, told PTI.

Last weekend, Rajnikanth, despite his ill health, flew down to Mumbai to do a cameo for

'RA One'.

He will be seen playing the role of 'Chitti' the robot.

Besides these two cinema stalwarts, actors Sanjay Dutt and Priyanka Chopra will also feature in the film for cameos. 'RA One', a superhero film, starring Shahrukh, Kareena Kapoor and Arjun Rampal, releases on October 26.

Meanwhile, Shah Rukh's earlier attempts at giving up smoking may have failed but the actor now intends to do away with cigarettes after the release of RA One.

"I want to give up smoking and will soon do it. Even my daughter keeps on asking me when I will quit it. I will give up the habit after RA One releases," SRK told reporters at a promotional event of his film.

RA One claims to show ten evils in the world and smoking is also an evil, which affects the health of an individual.

"There is one scene in RA One, which speaks about the ill-effects of cigarettes, which is in the form of conversation between father and son," the actor said. Even, on World 'No Tobacco Day', Shah Rukh had said he would try to give up this dangerous habit. (PTI)

Serious Cinema Has Taken Backstage: David Dhawan

With masala films like 'Dabangg', 'Singham' and 'Ready' ruling the box office, director David Dhawan, best known for his comedies, says the phase of serious cinema is over. The maker of films like 'Partner', 'Mujhse Shaadi Karogi', 'Haseena Maan Jaayegi' in his kitty, Dhawan is back with Sanjay Dutt-Ajay Devgn starrer action-comedy 'Rascals'.

The film released on Thursday, a day ahead of the Friday to cash in on the holiday crowd.

Dhawan, 51 feels that comedy will always rule in Bollywood. "After spending so much money on ticket, a moviegoer wants a good experience. I think that after the success of Salman's 'Dabangg' and 'Ready', serious cinema has taken a backstage," he told PTI in an interview. (PTI)

DiCaprio Dating Australian Model?

Hollywood star Leonardo DiCaprio has reportedly found himself a new girlfriend, Australian model Alyce Crawford, just days after ending his five-month-old romance with actress Blake Lively.

DiCaprio, who is in Sydney to film 'The Great Gatsby', is said to have had regular visits from 21-year-old Crawford, a former Australia's Next Top Model contestant, at his hotel, the Daily Telegraph reported.

"It's been going on about two weeks. He texts her when he wants to see her and they hook up a few times a week. They've mostly been meeting up during the week. He does other things on weekends. She's been going to his hotel to visit but he is too smart to be seen with her in public," a source told the newspaper. (PTI)

MASK/MUSIC

'Billy Elliot' To Close On Broadway

"Billy Elliot the Musical" is planning its last dance on Broadway.

Producers announced on Monday that the Tony Award-winning show will play its final performance on January 8, ending a more than three-year run at the Imperial Theatre on 45th Street that will have included 1,304 regular performances and 40 previews.

The musical, which recouped its USD 18 million investment in 14 months, is based on the popular 2000 movie about a young boy who longs to dance ballet but lives in the bleak coal-mining area of Northern England.

His story is set against the backdrop of a bitter miners' strike. The show took its time jumping from a London stage to New York but was greeted with critical acclaim when it did. It had one of the biggest casts on Broadway and multiple young actors playing the role of Billy. (AP)

Chris Brown Banned From Jackson Tribute Concert

American R & B singer Chris Brown has been banned from entering the UK to perform at the Michael Jackson tribute concert in Cardiff, Wales, because of his criminal record. The 22-year-old "Look at Me Now" hitmaker, who was convicted of assaulting then-girlfriend Rihanna in 2009, has been refused a work visa, reported Daily Mirror.

"It would put a negative slant on the day. The family wants to make sure the show is a fitting tribute to Michael," a source said.

Brown was sentenced to five years probation and six months of community service for his assault on Rihanna, which took place in Las Vegas.

Following the assault, Rihanna said she didn't expect to ever talk to Brown again, although she did consent to have a restraining order against him relaxed, so he could more easily and carry on with his career. However, the pair are rumoured to have recently reconnected through twitter. (PTI)

Kim Kardashian Stood By Me In Tough Times: Demi

Singer Demi Lovato, who was coping with eating disorder until last year, says Kim Kardashian helped her get through it. The 19-year-old had undergone treatment to tackle eating disorder and other personal issues says that Kardashian stood by her side in her tough times, reported Us magazine.

"I feel like there are some people that you're friends with that talk to you on Twitter or text. But the people that are really there for me are the people that were there for me when I went into treatment," the singer said. (PTI)

FASHION/TELE BYTES

Lea Michele Never Takes Fashion Advice

'Glee' actress Lea Michele says she never listens to fashion advice as she always chooses what she likes. The 25-year-old singer-actress says she was told by the show's creator Ryan Murphy not to wear black for her first Golden Globe Awards but decided against his tip, Contactmusic reported.

"Ryan Murphy had told me, 'Don't wear black. You should never wear black. So my stylist pulled floral, beautiful colours.' "As I'm walking to the bathroom to try them on, I see the Oscar (de la Renta) dress hanging up in her closet.

I said 'I'm wearing that.' And I called Ryan, and said 'Ryan, I'm wearing black!,'" she said. However, it seems Murphy wasn't upset about her not taking his advice. "When I met Lea, she was only sort of interested in clothes, but in the last two years she's become a red-carpet star.

I think what happened is Lea went to an event, and someone said, 'Oh, you look pretty.' It was an interesting moment for her," he added. (PTI)

Big Boss Is No Dramatic Push To Career: Pooja Bedi

Actress Pooja Bedi, who is best known for her act in Jo Jeeta Wohi Sikander, says, a reality show like Big Boss, does not necessarily give dramatic push to the careers of the participants.

Actress-cum-reality TV star Pooja Bedi, is one of the celebrity contestants in the fifth season of Big Boss that kick started from October 2 "People, who come to Big Boss to look for work, should not come to the show then...because you don't get work generated out of Big Boss. I do not think anyone should use this show as a platform or as a career move because I don't think that out of this show, anyone has been given a career," Pooja told PTI in an interview.

She added, "Look at Rahul Roy or Shweta Tiwari...she was as successful as she is today. There is no dramatic surge or jump in your career. Apart from few people, who have benefited like Rakhi Sawant...who have come out and made a career but that is because of her own initiative that took her to certain level."

In the past, the actress has appeared in reality shows like Jhalak Dikhla Jaa, Nach Baliye, Khatron Ke Khiladi and was last seen in Maa Exchange.

In fact, the actress, who is known for her quick repartees, had a showdown of sorts in Maa Exchange with fellow contestant and comedian Rajeev Nigam's wife.

Pooja says she is not scared of being on camera 24x7, the only concern are her two kids -- Aaleya and Omar. "The only thing that I am going to miss during my stay in Big Boss would be my two children." (PTI)

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RECIPE

Dahi Shorba: Yogurt: 1 cup, Gram flour (besan): 2tsp, Green chillies, chopped: 1-2, Ginger: 1 inch piece, Sugar: 1/4tsp, Salt to taste, Pure ghee: 2tsp, Cumin seeds: 1tsp, Carrot, chopped: 1 medium, French beans, chopped: 4-6, Green capsicum, chopped: 1 medium, Cauliflower, chopped: 5-6 florets, Green peas, shelled: 2tbsp.

Method: Grind green chillies and ginger to a fine paste; whisk yogurt with 3 cups water; add besan, green chilli-ginger paste, sugar and salt and blend well.

Heat desi ghee in a thick-bottomed vessel, add cumin seeds and stir-fry until it changes colour. Add chopped carrot, French beans, capsicum, cauliflower and green peas. Sauté vegetables for 2-3 minutes; stir in the yogurt mixture, bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer for 8-10 minutes. Adjust seasoning and serve hot.

LAUGH OUT LOUD

Barbara was with her psychiatrist, Dr Steinberg. Suddenly, she asked him "Will you kiss me?" Shocked, Dr Steinberg replied abruptly "Certainly not! We must preserve a distance in this sort of relationship."

"Well." Barbara said, "Will you hold my hand?" "Not even that," Dr Steinberg said.

"It's important that we keep this on a non-emotional basis." Barbara ponders for a moment then asks, "Will you at least tell me that you love me?" "Try to understand." Dr Steinberg told Barbara, "I can't kiss you, I can't hold your hand, I can't even tell you that I love you. We shouldn't even be in bed together!"