

Don't hate us 'coz we love 'I hate love storys'



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As exchange students from the US, we really wanted to see a Bollywood movie, so we opted for this one. Although it was in Hindi, we could figure out what was going on and totally understand why people were raving about it. The obsession kids have with this Bollywood film is not only due to its catchy theme song, but the love story that goes along with it. The movie 'I Hate Luv Storys' is actually a love story that makes fun of typical love stories. But, as it mocks Bollywood, it ironically follows the exactly same plot-

line of most classic love stories. There is a guy and a girl who are destined for each other, but have many obstacles to endure before finally being able to live together happily in the end. It follows the formula of a guy and girl starting off on the wrong foot, becoming friends,



falling for each other, getting into a fight, then realizing they've fallen in love and POOF! The famous and dramatic happy ending! The male protagonist, Jay, completely hates love stories and avoids serious relationships (hence the title 'I Hate Luv Storys'). On the

other hand, the female protagonist, Simran, is obsessed with romantic movies and is engaged to the perfect man of her dreams. Jay and Simran are supposed to represent real people and not the heavenly Romeo and Juliet couple. Jay is an average guy, not a courageous hero, and Simran is a regular woman, not some dainty princess, yet they experience the same symptoms of love as in cheesy love movies. Although 'I Hate Luv Storys' does fall into the love story category when classifying Bollywood films, the moral of the story is that true love exists outside of romantic comedies. Anyone who sees this movie knows that it sticks with you even after you leave the theatre. ●

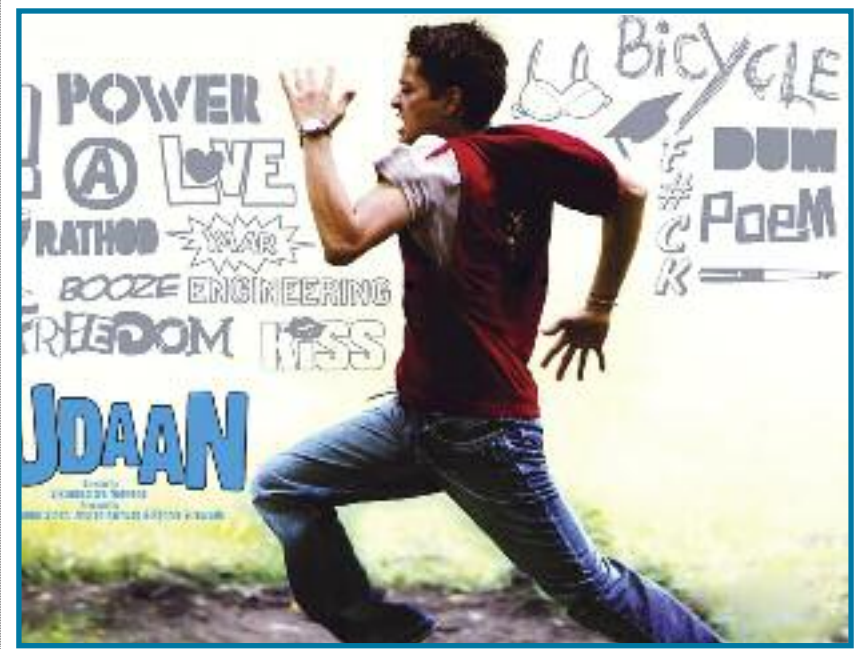
Udaan

A soulful journey

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Debutant director Vikramaditya Motwane's Udaan, is a passionate tale of adolescence- of the woes of the youth, brought out beautifully through Rohan's story- a young boy of 16 who faces expulsion from school for breaking bounds, to watch an adult film with three of his best friends. The movie picturises his heart wrenching tale of survival in his house with his father, who is a tyrant and beats up both him and his stepbrother, to impose his supreme authority in the house. Far from a happy existence, he feels a captive physically and mentally to the whims and fancies of his father, who forces him to take up engineering and thereafter work in his factory. This conflicts with what Rohan aspires and has

ever wanted to be- a poet and an author. Continuous pressure and suppression pushes Rohan into a situation of war and rebellion and ultimately he finds no way out but to break free from the shackles binding him. Doesn't this seem familiar? Isn't this something every teen goes through when choosing a direction in life? Is it true that parental pressure often misguides children and leads them into incorrect decisions? A fresh but melancholic tale- Udaan touches your heart and gets you emotionally involved. The audience too lives Rohan's frustration with him and feels ecstasy at his bursts of freedom and hope. A sensitive direction, Udaan though far from a box office success, is a winner in its own right. The only official entry at Cannes Film Festival this year, the movie supported by soulful music and moving performances scores a perfect 5 on 5 from my side. ●



Vishy v/s Shramik

Score 1:1

N IIT organized a workshop at Sadhu Vaswani School, Motibagh on 24th July 2010 for all chess players with current World Chess Champion Mr Viswanathan Anand. Shramik Rawal, International Rating 1450, represented Amity International School, Noida. There were more than 300 students from various schools of Delhi and NCR participating in the event. Vishy Anand gave students many tips and showed them strong chess moves through a video clipping and in person. He con-

ducted a quiz in which T-shirts and caps were given as prizes. He played with 30 lucky students through a draw of lots. Shramik was lucky enough to win a T-shirt by answering a question and also drew a draw with the World Champion. It was an out of the world experience for all participants and as Shramik says, "I will preserve the handwritten autograph and the score sheet on which I drew a draw with Vishy Anand throughout my life and this event will remain as a cherishable memory with him for life." ●

Our top five Indian experiences



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Having spent five weeks in India, we have surely had some wonderful experiences. Before coming, we had images of what we thought India would be like. While some of these have proved true, we have also encountered things we never thought we would. Though the list of experiences we have had in India are pretty diverse, here we pen down the top five ones.

1 We knew that there would be a lot of cow spotting on the Indian roads, but

we weren't expecting to see elephants and camels too! On the bus home from school one day, the kids pulled me over to a window so I could see a camel crossing the street. I was so excited to see that for the first time!

2 Though very long and tiring, the journey to the Taj Mahal also makes it to the list of our favorite experiences. Of course, we had seen dozens of pictures of the Tak Mahal before, but seeing it for real was a different experience altogether!

3 A trip to Jaipur with my host family was also another memorable experience. We stayed there two nights and visited several forts, palaces, and museums. We also visited Chokhi Dhani, where we participated in activities specific to Rajastani village culture.

4 I have also made some relationships during my stay in India, which was yet another beautiful experience. I expected to make friends, but I didn't expect to love them so much. I will cherish my bond with my sister Raavi the most. She is truly my best friend now and I know that when I go back home, we will remain sisters forever!

5 It is not just us but our taste buds too which have had their share of experiences in India. From chocolate pan to chuskee, we have tried special treats that we had never heard of before, and they were quite delicious! India has been a yummy experience.

These beautiful and enriching experiences have carved their own special place in our hearts and will stay there forever. ●

