

# All about paw-spective

Grisha Gautam  
AIS Noida, X D

## A Dog's Guide To Indian Households

**N**amaste, hoomans! It's me, your friendly neighbourhood fur-ball, here to give you a sneak peek into the wacky world of living in an Indian household from my paw-spective. So, grab a treat and sit back with a bowl of coffee as I take you on this mesmerising journey, and- oh! A squirr-

### Subah ki shuruat

At the crack of dawn, the whole neighbourhood is woken up by the *aarti* already blaring from the stereo. Mind you, I'm not a morning doggy. I stretch my paws and trot over to my family to get drowned in snuggles and morning pecks. Good morning, indeed!

### Breakfast tamasha

In an Indian household, *chai* plays the role of a charismatic elixir, inducing a symphony of flavours and tantalising the taste buds. It is what marks the beginning of an average day, along with mouth-



Imaging: Ravinder Gusain, GT Network

watering parathas. I wonder what it would taste like but my drooly anticipations are shattered by my pet-parents. But hey, a dog can dream, right?

### Dopahar ka dhamaka

My midday snooze is interrupted by the classic neighbourhood aunties boasting about their sons and daughters doing well abroad, comparing every child in sight. The never-ending 'Sharmaji ka

beta' and 'Gupta aunty ki beti' gossip is cut off as I grandly enter the scene, turning heads with my adorable aura and attracting aunties to brush my coat.

### Shaam ka safar

Evening strolls are the highlight of my day. The cool breeze, the rustle of leaves, and of course, the squirrel chase - it's pure bliss. I

trot along, sniffing every nook and cranny, with my tail wagging in excitement. These are mostly peaceful, until I sense a silly competitiveness in the air - another dog! The barking war commences as both families struggle to keep us away in the opposite directions.

### Raat ka khaana

Dinner time is bizarre as a series

of dishes are prepared with all the family members coming together for that meal after a long tiring day. The aroma of infused Indian spices with delicious dishes fills the air. "Will it be roti or rice tonight?" I wonder, but a bowl of kibble is offered to me, a rare occurring in Indian households, where furry-soft toys are treated as a part of the family.

### Neend ki dawaa

The daily attempt to snuggle in my hooman's cosy bed fails repeatedly as I end up in my small dog bed every night. With hopes of dreaming those sweet little dreams of finally catching up to a squirrel or chasing neighbourhood gossip aunties, I doze off.

There, you have it! A dog's-eye view of an Indian household, where life as a pet dog is an adventure like no other. From morning bhajans to evening walks, it's a life filled with love, belly rubs, occasional scolding for chewing furniture, and a little lack of chocolate. So, keep wagging those tails and- wait! Is that a squirr-

## Movie Review

### The misfits' circus

**Movie:** The Greatest Showman

**Directed by:** Michael Gracey

**Released on:** Dec 29, 2017

**Starring:** Hugh Jackman, Zac Efron, Zendaya

**Genre:** Musical/ Drama

**Synopsis:** The Greatest Showman, set in the mid-800s, is based on the life of P.T. Barnum, a famous entertainer and founder of New York's Barnum & Bailey Circus. The film starts with a young Barnum working for the affluent Hallett family in Connecticut, where he falls for Hallett's daughter Charity. But separated by class, they are not allowed to be together, so they elope and start living in New York City. Living in penury, Barnum is devoted to his family and wishes to give them a comfort-

able life. His wish comes true when he is struck with the brilliant idea of opening his own circus. To raise the bar of uniqueness, he casts seven 'freak' performers, including a 'bearded woman', 'a dog boy', and a dwarf soldier. Barnum's circus quickly becomes one of the most successful shows in the city but meets the disapproval of the critic James Gordon Bennett, who claims that city outcasts don't deserve popularity in any way. The film reflects the despairing lives of the circus performers, their fears, humiliation, and how they eventually learn to love and accept themselves.

**Why is it watch-worthy:** This musical teaches its audience to appreciate talent irrespective of their appearances and that respect and popularity should never be



associated with beauty or richness. This movie reminds us that love sustains any situation, however difficult it may be.

**Iconic dialogue:** "I am brave, I am bruised, I am who I'm meant to be. This is me." - Lettie Lutz, the bearded woman

**Rating:** 4.5/5

**Review by:** Akshita Shrote, AIS Vasundhara 1, XII B

## GT Travels to Odisha



**Advitaa, AIS Navi Mumbai, III B, poses with her copy of The Global Times in Bhanja Kala Mandap Bhubaneswar, Odisha. An auditorium for cultural events and performances, the mandap is a perfect place for theatre lovers and has been named after the medieval Kabi Samrat Upendra Bhanja.**

**Got some clicks with GT while on the go? Get them featured! Send them to us at [gtravels@theglobaltimes.in](mailto:gtravels@theglobaltimes.in)**