

# Metrolife on the move

Actor Karthik Jayaram talks about his perfect weekend. P4



## Today's releases

Here is a sneak peek at movies hitting the screens on Friday.

### KANNADA

#### 6ne Maili

Award-winning actor Sanchari Vijay is back with '6ne Maili'. The title means 'sixth mile'. The film is about a group of people who go missing in the dense forest of Dhavalagiri. The mystery of their disappearance revolves around the 6th mile of the trekking zone. The film also stars Krishna Hebbale, Raghu Pandeshwar and Mythri Jaggi. The film is directed by Seeni and produced by Shailesh Kumar.



#### Kannadakkaagi Ondannu Otti

'Kannadakkaagi Ondannu Otti' is a drama directed by Kushal. The film stars Chikkanna, Krishi Thapanda, Rangayana Raghu and Suchendra Prasad. The film tells an out-of-the-box love story. The film's songs are by Arjun Janya, Sonu Nigam, Shreya Goshal and Vijay Prakash. Lyrics have been penned by Yogaraj Bhat.

#### Vajra

The thriller is about a man who faces a lot of hurdles in his fight against injustice. 'Vajra' will talk about his journey and if he will be able to overcome hurdles and bring justice. Surya Kiran, Praveen Ganga and Sushmitha star in the movie. The film is directed by Praveen Ganga and the cinematographer is Arun Suresh.

#### Parasanga

'Parasanga' is a film set against the backdrop of a village. The movie is a tale of trust, betrayal and what follows. The film stars Mithra, Tarun Sudhir, Akshatha Srinivas and Manoj Puttur. Parasanga is directed by K M Raghu and is produced by H Kumar.

#### Asathoma Sadgamaya

Sherlin, a citizen of Finland, visits Karnataka in search of someone. In her pursuit, she gets help from Raghava and Sandhya. How she overcomes the many obstacles forms the story. The star cast includes Radhika Chetan, Kiran Raj, Lasya Nagaraj and Deepak Shetty. The film is directed by Rajesh Venoor and produced by Ashwin Jossy Pereira. The music is by Wahab Saleem and the background score is by Manikanth Kadri.

### HINDI

#### Delhi 47km

The film is directed by Shadab Khan and stars Rajneesh Dubey, Dolly Tomar, Mustakeem Khan and Neetiy Yadav. It is a drama movie about the difficulties faced in a small town which is near to Delhi and the various flaws of system in the Indian society. A man whose desperation while fighting to reclaim his father's property at the court leads him to make certain mistakes causing an innocent woman to pay its price.



### ENGLISH

#### Isle of Dogs

Animation movie written and directed by Wes Anderson, it is set in Japan. One day, in Megasaki City, when all canine pets are sent into exile to a vast garbage dump called Trash Land, a 12-year-old boy named Atari Kobayashi flies alone across the river in search of his bodyguard-dog Spots, with the help of a few canines who have also been exiled. Actors Edward Norton and Greta Gerwig are among those who have rendered the voices.

#### Tag

Based on a true story, five highly competitive friends for one month every year, play a game of tag which they've been playing since the first grade by risking everything, just to take each other down with the battle cry "You're It!" The game has coincided with the wedding of their only undefeated player, making him an easy target. But he knows they're coming and he's ready. Tag shows how far these guys go to win the game. Cast: Jeremy Renner, Ed Helms, Jack Johnson, Annabelle Wallis. Directed by Jeff Tomsic.

## Travel tales

# Nairobi is a wildlife haven

In mid-2016, my family and I decided to experience an African safari at the Porini Mara Camp in Olkenyi Conservancy, Nairobi, Kenya.

We boarded an Emirates flight which took us to the Jomo Kenyatta Airport in Nairobi, from where a local, chartered plane would take us to our destination. Our African journey had begun.

The camp we stayed in was completely isolated, without any network connectivity, which meant work was left behind. We were put in a large tent equipped with almost every comfort that you would expect in a good hotel.

A jeep came to pick us up for our safari the next day. Our driver told us of the animals we can expect to see during the trip, but with a caveat - unlike zoos, this is their own turf, where they determine the outcomes.

Our first close encounter happened to be with the tallest animal in the world, the giraffe. My daughter was especially excited and squealed in pure joy when she, amidst great apprehension from us and constant encouragement from her brother and the driver, touched the giraffe. It was a moment of pure adrenaline, excitement and wonder for her and for all of us as the smell, sight and feel of that majestic creature connected us to our free, primeval self, buried deep under years of acquired knowledge, sophistication and sobriety.



Tourists are allowed to touch the majestic giraffes found on the Nairobi safari trail.

Our journey of unlearning had started.

And then, we witnessed the leopard. The jeep had stopped.

The exquisite feline who was in the midst of killing a small animal. The leopard's focus was intense, and its spotted skin was taut, its large tail resting behind. Its prey was still struggling, its body refusing to give up the hope of life.

The stealth, strength and speed of the leopard, however, made sure the fight was



A leopard with its kill.



A sunset in Nairobi.



Elephants and lions are among the animals you can see.



very brief.

Then something beautiful happened. The leopard dragged its kill 2-3 feet from our jeep and went behind. Looking on, we saw a few leopard cubs eagerly waiting.

Small and furry, they piled onto each other as their mother brought food for them. With her children busying themselves over the



The author

meal, she sat down majestically. A job well done! Looking back on the journey, I think our stars aligned as perfectly as they do over the huge grasslands in Africa.

Rostow Ravanan



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