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Reality bites

CHAI PANI ETC

**Starring: Konkana Sen Sharma,
Zafar Karachiwala and Gaurav
Kapur**

Showing at: PVR Cinemas

Censor Board wanted that scene out of the movie. Incidentally, Rewal himself had faced problems with the Censor Board because of which the movie released almost a year late.

Konkana Sen Sharma does a double role in this movie. Radha is a fun loving, ambitious fashion designer who goes off to London to study designing and Shanti is an elegant, thoughtful person who works for an NGO.



Konkana Sen Sharma as Radha and Shanti in *Chai Pani etc*

FOR those who want to see beautiful ladies running around trees or well-built heroes bashing up the baddies, this movie is just not the right choice. See it only when you have the guts to face the reality hidden behind Indian bureaucracy. *Chai Pani etc* does not disappoint you even for a second.

In this flick, Manu Rewal (director) brings forth the struggles of the common man to sort out trivial matters. The story revolves around Satya Kumar (Zafar Karachiwala), a young filmmaker who struggles to get a green signal from the Censor Board for his documentary film. His film which had won an award for outstanding direction was based on the enchanting forts and the beauty of the Jaipur.

Satya had also inserted in it, doses of the other side of the city. He had focussed on the ragpickers and the

VJ Gaurav Kapur, plays the role of Harish who is a friend of Satya. He lives life king size and adds some amount of humour in the movie.

All the four characters in *Chai Pani etc* have positive as well as negative shades. This is quite unlike the other leading pairs, who are usually painted as spotless. Satya, is a law abiding citizen initially, but he too starts believing that you can break all laws if nobody notices you. In just over 90 minutes, the film wraps up leaving the viewer thinking about the harsh realities of everyday life.

The urban population will surely embrace this one. Don't just go and watch this one, feel it and understand it. *Chai Pani etc* is definitely an inspiration for those film makers who just want to present a rosy picture in front of the audience.

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