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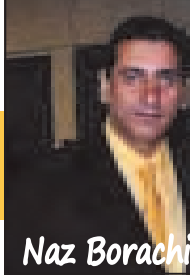
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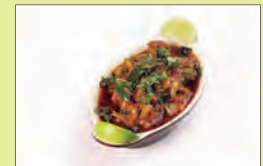
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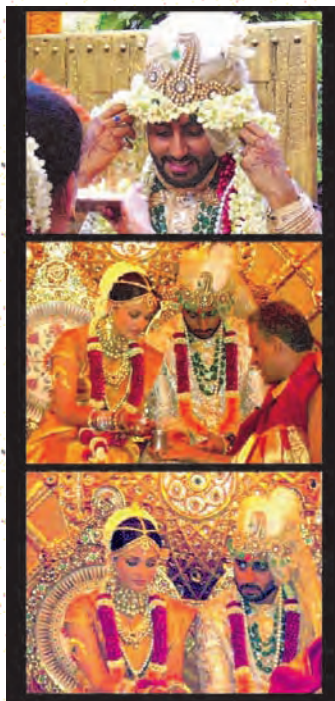
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Courtesy of films like *Hum Aapke Hain Kaun*, *Monsoon Wedding* and *Kuch Kuch Hota Hain*, audiences have come to believe that weddings need to be as ostentatious in real life as they are onscreen. In fact, so much do Desis love the idea of weddings, that most hit films that come out of Bollywood are centered on the subject of marriage and the excitement that surrounds them. When it comes to falling in love, romancing and eventually tying the knot, Bollywood does it with style, pomp and élan.

Often imitated but never fully copied, many have attempted to mock the various functions, dances and of course the fancy designer wear; some successfully and others not quite so. Interestingly, when most celebs finally take the plunge in real life, they have contrastingly different ideas—some like it elaborate, while others prefer the ceremony to be personal and small. Whichever they choose, celebrities find themselves at the center of massive media frenzy with every minor detail being thoroughly scrutinized. Take a look as we dissect and give you the glitterati on some of the Big Fat Bollywood Weddings.

## Abhishek Bachchan weds Aishwarya Rai

The Bachchan-Rai wedding was not only the talk of the town back in 2007, but was deemed as the “Wedding of the Century.” The festivities were spread over three days and included a traditional *Sangeet*, where the couple performed their own songs, followed by a *Mehendi*



(Henna) ceremony the next day and finally a super bonanza wedding ceremony at the groom’s massive house—which started a trend of weddings at home. *Mehendi* for the bride’s hands was specially ordered from Rajasthan as it is said to be the “best” in the country, providing a distinctive shade of maroon. Both the houses were decorated with bundles of orange and yellow marigold flowers, which were exclusively imported from Kerala, forming the theme for the wedding. Additionally, the sweets came from the small city of Kanpur and *Ash’s* jewelry was purchased solely from Kolkata. Just in case that wasn’t enough, the grand outfits were completely made by some of India’s favorite designers. *Aishwarya* was dressed by her favorite stylist, *Neeta Lulla*, *Ash* wore a gold sari embellished with sequins and jewels. A master weaver was hired to hand weave the embroi-

dery on her sari using a silk base. *Abhishek* chose to stick with his favorite duo *Abu-Jani* and wore a *Sherwani* equipped with a turban much like that of a king. To top it off, helicopters were hired and petals were showered over the couple after the wedding ceremony. All done in true Bollywood style; the cost of the wedding was estimated to set the *Bachchans* back a whopping **ten million U.S. Dollars**.

## Karisma Kapoor weds Sanjay Kapur

Four years before *Bachchan* tied the knot, ex-fiancé *Karisma Kapoor* tied the knot with Delhi-based industrialist *Sanjay Kapur*. The wedding took place in true *Raj Kapoor* style at the *R. K. Cottage* filled with celebrity guests and a wide array of food. The bride, who chose best friend and ace designer *Manish Malhotra* to take charge of her trousseau, went against all odds and opted to wear pink on D-Day

along with diamonds for jewelry and embellished sandals. The groom took on *Rohit Bal* to design his closet for the wedding and wore an off-white *sherwani* with a matching turban. The cottage, which is known to be the site for most *Kapoor* weddings, was decorated in mirrors and jasmine flowers. Since the *Kapoors* are known for being complete foodies, an array of Thai, Italian, North Indian and Mughlai, was presented; appealing to all the various palettes of their family and friends. Insiders also claimed that during the wedding ceremony, only vegetarian starters were served but once it was over, a full bar opened up for the guests. And lastly, the wedding card came in the form of a personalized letter which was fitted with *rudraksha* beads.



## Fardeen Khan weds Natasha Madhvani

When *Fardeen Khan*, son of the late extravagant *Feroz Khan*, decided to marry *Natasha Madhvani*, daughter of yesteryear’s beauty *Mumtaz*, India knew this wedding was going to be a grand and lavish affair; and it definitely was. *Grand Hyatt, Mumbai* was the venue chosen for the wedding and was filled with scrumptious food for local and foreign guests. The cuisine was all decided keeping the Hindu-Muslim wedding in mind and included variations of seafood, chicken, a live Italian station, a *tandoori* grill and a large selection of continental desserts. Incidentally for most of the western dishes, the ingredients were imported from all over the world for the approximately 2,000 guests that attended. The Khans also opened up a huge



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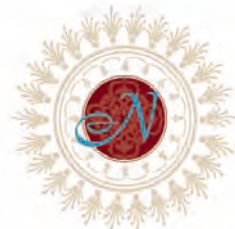
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bar and additionally hired a bartender to stir-up mocktails to cater to the teetotalers. Designer *Shaahid Amir* was in charge of Fardeen's clothes for the celebrations and he put together a deep blue *sherwani* for the wedding which was filled with Swarovski crystals, made from popular Lucknowi *dhaaga* (thread) work. The bride's trousseau was handled by the groom's mother, *Sundari*, who used many trimmings and peach tones to form the central theme for the trousseau. The couple was dressed in totally ethnic yet chic clothing that was adored by all guests. Keeping it all in the family, the wedding card was sketched by the groom's sister, *Laila Khan*, who is an established artist. It is said that *Laila* combined *Om* and *Allah*, which added the final finesse with a sophisticated touch to the Khan wedding.

## Zayed Khan weds Malaika Parekh



Fardeen's cousin Zayed hopped on the marriage bandwagon with much style - living up to his reputation. The actor married his childhood love in a wedding ceremony that was filled with laughter as close actor friends put on a skit for the *Sangeet* filled with gags and dances. *Parekh* was dressed to fit a queen - quite

literally - as she chose designer *Adarsh Gill* whose designs have been worn by the Queen of England. She chose a bright vivid green *lengha* and her jewelry was designed by her designer sister-in-law *Farah Khan*. The groom chose a *sherwani* suit embossed with diamonds which was a creation of *Shahab Durazi*. The food selection for the mega-event at *Grand Maratha Sheraton, Mumbai* was overloaded with more than 58 dishes, including an assortment of *biryani*s followed by a five-tier wedding cake. The actor wanted to keep his wedding youthful and thus, took much interest in the preparations leading up to the nuptials. The couple also hosted a small family reception at a renowned spa in Bangalore.

## Ayesha Takia weds Farhan Azmi



*Ayesha Takia* chose to keep it simple when she married restaurateur *Farhan Azmi*. Instead of choosing any famous designers to take care of her and her groom's clothes, they chose to go with an unknown one and kept it traditional. The bride wore a gold *sharara* and the groom chose dark blue *sherwani*. A quiet traditional *Nikaah* at the groom's restaurant was followed by a majestic reception hosted by the groom's parents at a local stadium in Mum-

bai. The couple decided to restrict the wedding to just one day and kept it comparatively low-key.

## Amrita Arora weds Shakeel Ladhak

Most of *Amrita Arora's* wedding was arranged by her sister *Malaika Arora-Khan*. The couple indulged in a *Nikaah* and church ceremony; a *Mehendi*, and

*Sangeet* was followed by a reception. Over three days, the couple managed to cram in all of the above functions

which were attended by the crème de la crème of Bollywood. The bride chose the prominent *A. K. Motiwala* as the official jewelers for wedding which was brimming with gold, rubies, diamonds, and emeralds all to match her expansive trousseau by *Ashley*



*Rebello* and *Manish Malhotra*. The groom chose *Shantanu-Nikhil* to design his suit and *sherwani* for the different occasions. The venues used for the soirée also catered the food which ranged from Italian to Chinese and local Mumbai favorites. Her *Sangeet* was said to be one of the best till date. Best friend *Kareena Kapoor* took center stage and danced away to some of her popular numbers with *Malaika*, who also played the Maid of Honor at the church ritual, and danced to some of her sister's favorite numbers. This one was all in the family.

In the past, some of Bollywood's luminaries have individually chosen different routes when it comes to celebrating their weddings. *Kajol* and *Ajay Devgan* chose to keep it rather intimate and simple with a small ceremony at *Devgan's* home. Pin-up boy *Hrithik Roshan* chose a small private affair in the form of a registered marriage and then a small reception for close friends and family in Bangalore. *Raveena Tandon* chose Rajasthan as her wedding destination and married film distributor *Anil Thadani* in a family-filled palace wedding.

Clearly, Bollywood celebrities have contrasting opinions when it comes to celebrating their big day. And whichever they go, they do provide prospective couples with great ideas to implement into their own weddings ... taking notes, potential brides?

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# Is it Just Wedding Jitters?

By: Tracey Porpora

**You're in love. You've decided to get married.** It has been fun planning each stage of your pending nuptials, and the big day is just around the corner—one month away. You should be happy, right? You've met the person you want to spend the rest of your life with—or have you?

"It's crucial to determine whether these second thoughts are indications that you should back out [of the wedding], or simply that you're making a huge life change, and that always brings stress," says Dr. Judith Sherven, co-author of *The Smart Couple's Guide to the Wedding of Your Dreams, Planning Together For Less Stress and More Joy*. (New World Library, 2005) "If you're certain that you want to marry, and are simply having jitters, that's normal."

If you are starting to have doubts, take our quiz and find out if you're having second thoughts about marriage, or simply pre-wedding jitters?

## 1. Your soon-to-be-spouse begins to ask you a few questions about your vows to each other over dinner one night, so you:

- A. Think about how if a tornado occurred just a few minutes before your wedding and swept your catering facility away, it wouldn't be your fault the wedding didn't actually happen.
- B. Think about how to deal with your nerves that day when you profess your love for each other in front of all your friends and family.

## 2. When friends and family ask you, "How are the wedding plans coming along?" you:

- A. Feel a pit swelling in your stomach, and try to blow off the question by changing the subject.
- B. Say you are starting to get nervous, and are hoping all the events unfold as planned!

## 3. When finalizing all plans with wedding vendors who will help orchestrate your wedding day, you:

- A. Find yourself asking if they would give a partial refund if, for some unexplained reason, the wedding didn't happen.
- B. Find anxiety building as you fork over final payments, because that means the big day is almost here.

## 4. During the last month of your engagement, everything your future spouse says pertaining to the pending nuptials:

- A. Annoys you to the point that you suddenly have a "short fuse," and find yourself arguing with him/her constantly.
- B. Makes you little nervous, but you try to relax yourself, and work through the anxiety you may be feeling.

## 5. When trying to balance work and wedding planning, which can be a full time job in itself, you often find yourself:

- A. Delving into your work, and leaving the wedding part of your day to the last minute while blaming your spouse for not doing his/her share of the planning.
- B. A bit stressed and sleep deprived because you are trying to juggle both, and do each well.

## 6. You bump into an Ex boy/girlfriend in a bar or nightclub, so you:

- A. Find yourself confessing that you don't know if you can spend

the rest of your life with one person, and you are not sure you made the right decision by breaking up with him/her in the past.

- B. Explain you're nervous about the whole marriage thing, but think you are making the right decision to wed this person.

## 7. When your best friend, who is single, talks about his/her vacation plans that include laying in the sun all day, and partying all night, you:

- A. Relish every word, and wonder to yourself why you aren't going with him/her.

- B. Find yourself wishing you could go, but then thinking about how your honeymoon will be great, especially because the actual wedding day will be over.

**Give yourself five points for every "A," and three points for each "B."**

### Results:

**If your score is 25 or above, you're having serious second thoughts about getting married.** If you're truly having second thoughts, it's important to share your feelings with your future spouse. "Not only should these feelings be explored as a test of whether the relationship can handle deep truths or not, but also to determine whether the wedding

should go forward," says Dr. Jim Sniechowski, co-author of *The Smart Couple's Guide to the Wedding of Your Dreams, Planning Together For Less Stress and More Joy*. (New World Library, 2005). "Postponing or canceling a wedding is always better than a divorce later on. Solid, loving marriages can handle all feelings and experiences that arise in daily living, and feelings about getting married are terrific tests."

**If you've scored 24 or below you are more likely having normal pre-wedding jitters, which can be remedied with a few stress-busting techniques.** "Pre-wedding jitters are feelings of generalized anxiety due to the stress of the wedding—a life altering decision," explains Debbie Mandel, author of *Addicted to Stress* (Wiley, 2008). "You need to sort out: Is it you, or is it the stress of the wedding ceremony and celebration? Perfectionism and the endless to-do list will sap your vitality, and cause stressors to overwhelm you. The dream wedding can be an impossibility to aim for as things inevitably go wrong with flowers, music, caterer, etc. What kind of "stuff" can you eliminate from the wedding plans to simplify and ease up on yourself?" To relax, try: breathing, exercise, yoga, meditation, or hot baths!



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# Meet the Brides

## Arti Patel

**CM:** How much in advance did you start planning your wedding?

**AP:** I am one of those girls who thought about their wedding since they were 4-5 years old. I knew what kind of a wedding I wanted even before I met Ricky. Of course, things change during the planning process. Since I am the only daughter, my dad wanted the biggest and the best wedding for me. I was still in school so most of the planning was done by my mom, dad and brother.

I had attended a wedding and was blown away by the decoration there. Later I found out that Pinky of *Nikun Events* was the person behind the magic. Pinky is a very close family friend too. I didn't know about the hall, the caterer or Pinky, but I knew exactly what I wanted for my wedding.

**CM:** Tell us why you chose the vendors you used.

**AP:** For catering, we chose *Rajbhog* from NJ. They have to be the

most professional caterer in the industry. Sachin Modi and Suzy were amazing and innovative. Mine was a five day wedding and they never repeated any dish. They took care of breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks. The food was out of this world. The best was the surprise where instead of

the 4-5 desserts Sachin had offered, we found two huge tables full of a variety of desserts! The guests liked the food and they were happy.

Arvind Patel and Ashok Pancholi took care of the photography part.

Pinky was the amazing wedding planner and decorator. Rita (Fusion Bridal) had also come down from Atlanta to help. They helped facilitate everything. A bride doesn't need to get a wedding coordinator; she can get a family member to fill that role. I was so worked up during the wedding process! I must have driven up to Orlando at least 4-5 times just to choose the linen.

My wedding was absolutely how I wanted it to be. There were a few instances when I was upset. Also, the biggest concern throughout the wedding process was I like this but will



everyone like it? I finally accepted that you can't please everyone.

I saw other people, looked through their books, mandaps, linens, etc and then I decided on Pinky. I wanted a mandap that was all floral and Pinky custom made that for me. We kept going back and forth and she showed me some pictures and it was all flowers and crystals.

I saw a bit at a bridal show in Orlando. I still have people telling me it was gorgeous.

They all worked very hard. The wedding planner goes to all vendors. Pinky referred a lot of people to us and she coordinated everyone and their efforts.

My parents definitely wanted to pick things on their own. You work and plan, plan, plan – and then you let the wedding coordinator take over.

*InterContinental hotel* was not quite the first choice as wedding venue. My dad wanted to have a wedding in our backyard which is

about 5 acres and he was going to get it bulldozed. Instead we opted for the nearest biggest hotel that met our needs and it turned out to be wonderful. Monica is the sales manager and we were on the phone

with her almost everyday about lighting, mehendi, party by the pool, wedding in the ballroom, different ceremonies and more. They were willing to let us do what we needed, like letting 10 people take over the kitchen! Also they made sure we had the privacy and security that was needed and met our



every need.

**CM:** What would tell future brides to help them with planning their wedding?

**AP:** Every bride needs to go with somebody who knows how to represent you, your style and who you are, and fits your needs.



\* It is extremely important to get references. We relied on references when it came to photographers, caterers, etc and asked everyone what they liked or did not like about them.

\* Attend bridal shows. I also went to some bridal expos and fairs. I found them to be amazingly helpful. The amount of vendors you will meet and the information you will collect will be very helpful.

\* Right before the wedding, just relax and let go, this is your wedding, enjoy it!

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# Meet the Brides

## Deepika Aneja

**CM:** How did you start planning your wedding?

**DA:** For me, the wedding planning was different because I had just started interning! I was very much against the traditional wedding, it requires too much planning and work and I am not one of those girls who always dreamt of how her wedding will be. To me, it seemed like the wedding is more for the town and expensive. My dad, however, did not think that way. He wanted me to have a nice big wedding since I am the first born daughter and it was very important to him.

**CM:** Tell us why you chose the vendors you used.

**DA:** We had about 400-450 people at the wedding. The venue turned out to be the Hilton in Daytona Beach since that was probably the only place in our area that could accommodate the

wedding.

I had heard of Seema of *Zamana Photo* and I got to know her. I liked her work, we set a price and she was the first person I booked for the wedding. The toughest part was deciding on the decorator. First of all, I did not have time to go back and forth and I found the prices to be outrageous. I met with Remmal of *Occassions by Shangri-La*, he turned out to be one of the easiest vendors to work with.

Finding a DJ was a problem because they are usually booked a whole year in advance! Finally, I brought *DJ Jatin* from Washington, DC, as it is he was my first choice in DJs.

Philip, from *Memories of India*, was in charge of catering. I did not get to eat because I did not have time to, but the feedback was that the food was amazing. We also had fresh *dosa* catered by *Woodlands* on Friday.

I went all over Florida looking for someone to do my hair and makeup. I finally found the perfect person in *Aisha Sattar*, I took all my chunris during the trial. She did a great job. My mom, sister and bridesmaids also got her to do their hair and makeup. I am definitely going to

continue going to her in future.

For clothes, I was going to get *Priya and Chintan's*, but somehow that did not work out and I ended up ordering an outfit from Season's website. ([www.seasonsindia.com](http://www.seasonsindia.com)) and my *mehendi* outfit from



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*Khazana's* in New Jersey, I love their clothes!

**CM:** Please share your wedding experience.

**DA:** Punjabi weddings are all about good food, music and alcohol! We managed to get all of that together quite well.

For someone who did not even want a traditional wedding, we actually set up a 14 page schedule. If it was to be an event, it had to be really nice. My cousin Sumeet was my enforcer. He is great at event planning. I am sure Sumeet stopped sleeping 72 hours before the wedding!!

The mehndi, sangeet, wedding, reception, everything went per plan. At the reception we did something untraditional, we had a live multi media presentation for about 30 minutes and the guests were kept entertained. The dance floor stayed open until 2.30 am!

**CM:** What would you like to share with future brides?

**DA:** Most important—Book ahead!

- \* Always set a price. Set a budget. Have your contracts and quotes in writing, and take a family member or friend with you and have them double check. Keep your guard up. Ask if they will throw in something because sometimes they will. Control costs on alcohol by getting a tally every hour.

- \* One important thing that future brides should keep in mind is that there are often surcharges at hotels. We ended up paying 22% gratuity and service fee for what we spent there. I don't know if this is the case at all hotels, but it helpful to ask about it so that you can budget better.

- \* Keep an extra outfit handy! My *lehenga* was 35-40 pounds, not the easiest thing to dance in! Also, having a pair of comfortable shoes is an absolute must.

- \* Get rid of your cell phone the day. Have fun, enjoy your day because this day will go by fast.

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### Nima Patel

**CM:** How much in advance did you start planning your wedding?

**NP:** My wedding was going to take place in Jacksonville while I was living in New York! To top it all, my parents had a HUGE wedding in mind for me since I am the first daughter and first everything in my family! My parents paid for the entire wedding but they let me plan everything the way I wanted it. Ever since I was a little girl I knew exactly what I wanted for my wedding, like coming in on a doli and how I wanted it to look. My mom and dad, maasa and masi, mama and mami took care of everything.

**CM:** How did you chose the different vendors?

**NP:** The first place we started looking was halls, our guest list was 750 people, not many places can accommodate so many guests and my selection was narrowed down automatically since very few hotels let you have Indian food catered from outside. Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront was able to accommodate our request and the guest list.

My parents were concerned about breakfast and *chai-naashta*. We got an extra room for people to change and we were able to negotiate prices for the wedding guests to stay at the hotel. We got all the rooms and halls we wanted and we also made sure there wouldn't be a convention or another party at the same time.



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We chose *Occasions by Shangri-La* as the decorator. A friend of mine had recommended them and they have a warehouse where they show different set ups. I had also seen pictures of the weddings he has done. It was easy working with Remmal, especially since he had already done a wedding at the Hyatt. I started booking vendors one year in advance. I also had time to go to India to pick out my outfits for the wedding. We got a band to play at my wedding, *Hemang*

*Thakker* from Texas. My mom had seen him at another wedding and they are an amazing band, expensive but well worth it! I also had DJ Prem from Clearwater for American songs during the cutting of the cake, Prem brought out another DJ who was with him.

We are Surti Patels, and my parents wanted a Surti cook. My dad was adamant about having Sudha Patel, who can be pricey, cater and there was no negotiating with my dad. She came for about 6 days and brought her crew and a kitchen caravan. The dinner for the reception was catered by *Memories of India*.

I saw an ad for Zamana Photos and checked out Seema's website, we couldn't meet up but she sent me some albums and I really liked her contemporary style. We needed her for 3 days and she did all the photography and videography. They are probably twice as pricey as other traditional photographers and I had a hard time convincing my dad, my mom liked the pictures and our package was good and

they also did a slide show of previous events and had a projection screen for people in the back to be able to watch the wedding. It all worked out great!

*Prerna* and her sister did the hair and makeup for the wedding party. *Sushila* aunty from Jacksonville, and her daughter in law did an amazing job for *mehendi*.

**CM:** Please share your wedding experience.

**NP:** The ceremonies lasted 4 and a ½ days. I got my *Mehendi* done a little bit earlier so that I could enjoy the actual *Mehendi* ceremony. The ceremonies began the first day with *Ganesh Pooja &*

*Peethi* in the morning, *Mehendi* and *Sangeet* in the evening, The next day we had *Grah Shaanti* in the morning and *Garba* in the evening. On the third was it was the Wedding in the morning and Reception in the evening and concluded with a farewell lunch the following day.

**CM:** What would tell future brides to do or not do?

**NP:** I feel that everybody goes through the issue of how many people are invited – parents always seem to want more! That is where you need to make a compromise. You can't book any vendor until you know how many people will be there.

Book ahead of time, I have friends who went through a difficult time trying to find the right vendors because it was too late.

RSVP – with Indian people, it is the most difficult thing to accomplish. They don't respond and still show up, or better still, people who are not invited may show up! You have to follow up.

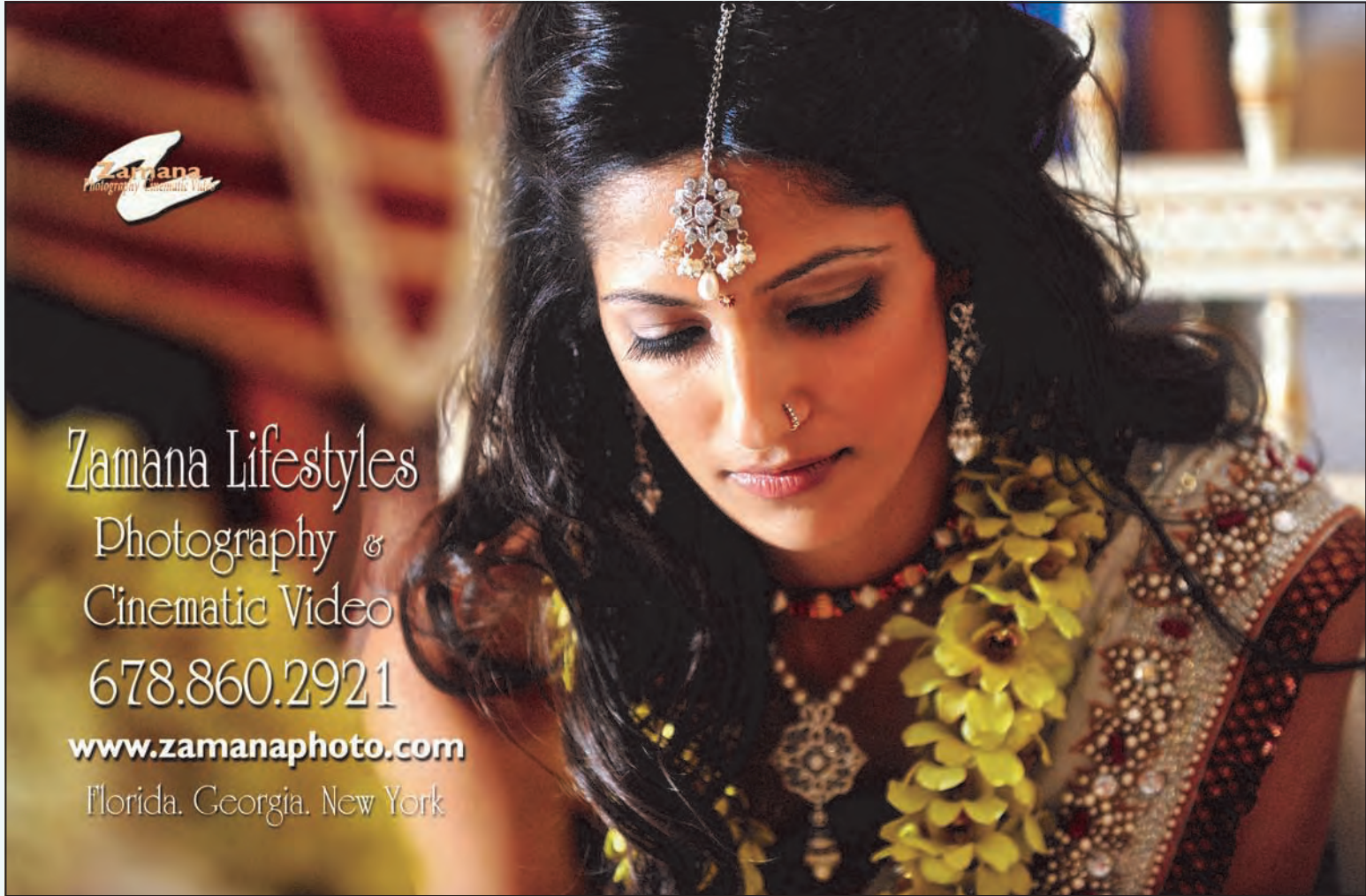
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# THE PARENTS' CHAT ROOM

By: Dr. Maulik Trivedi



**Q:** *Dear Dr. Trivedi,*

1) Our 12 year old daughter was caught shop lifting in the mall. We have done everything we can to instill the best of Indian values and culture. We think she is influ-

enced by her friends and want her to stop being friends with them. We do not want her to grow up a crack addict thief. Should we move back to India? Or send her to India?

- *Rajish Shah, Fort Lauderdale*

2) I am recently divorced and have two boys, 10 and 11 years old. They are both very good boys and they are well behaved on normal days. However, when they have friends over they become very rowdy. They refuse to eat Indian food, they only want to talk to me in English when their friends are around and it is almost as if they don't want to accept their own Indian identity. I don't know if I am making a mountain out of a molehill, but I have seen a lot of Indian kids that do not want to identify themselves as Indians and I would really like to prevent my children from going through that.

- *Sunita Verma, Jacksonville*

**A:** Both questions in this month's column present very similar dilemma for the parents; how to raise children who make decisions based on solid family values.

While it has always been true that most preteens and teens are under significant peer pressure, the job of a parent has become ever more important in recent years. With advancement of technology and diluting of traditional family life, kids in today's generation have a much broader exposure to information as well as opportunities for independent choice. On one hand, parents struggle to instill family values that they identify as basis of their Indian heritage. On the other hand, the children often feel isolated and have difficulty identifying with their inherited culture. As a consequence, situations such as the ones described in the questions above arise. Let's look at some of the roots and implications of this family dynamic. As we do that, we will also explore possible solutions to bridge the gap for those families facing these complex issues.

No matter what age, children are influenced by their environment. What is even truer is that as children grow up, they are less and less influenced by the at-home environment and more and more likely to be influenced by the environment outside of their home. Nonetheless, early influences do carry more weight in shaping the child's value system and their character. Therefore, in the bigger picture, rather than pointing the finger at one specific incidence as the result of poor outside influence, all parents can benefit from taking a broader look at their child's problematic behavior. Build your children's character through repeated guidance and positive influence at home.

First, it is of tantamount importance to recognize that making mistakes is a way for children to learn. Rather than seeing poor behavior choices (i.e. shoplifting) as a precursor to punishment, it must be viewed as an opportunity to educate and refine the child's decision-making capacity. It is always better to mold than it is to scold. More simply said, it is easier to praise good

behavior choices and reinforce them than it is to address problem behaviors through punishments. Catch your children doing the right thing, and praise them for making good choices. Correct their poor choices as soon as you come to know about them, but do not dwell on them. Give your child repeated opportunities to prove to you that they know how to make better choices.

Also, be careful not to take one event and see it in the most 'catastrophic' light. It is easy to conjure up future negative images when you discover your child acting outside of the 'value' system you thought you had instilled in them. But, in reality, a child's upbringing is not shaped by a single choice. It is the total sum of all experiences, good and bad, which they have undergone. A child's ability to make good choices is determined by the variety and richness of their experiences growing up. Therefore, allow your children to learn from all of their experiences. Do not harbor negativity based on a handful of poor choices in behavior. Accentuate their positives.

For most parents, having direct access and involvement in their children's growth will prove most empowering in the long run. While sending the child to India may appear to be a quick fix to a situation, please acknowledge that you are surrendering all of the control over shaping your child's future by sending them away. Not to mention, you are creating a great distance in your relationship with your child. It would be much easier to refocus your time and energies towards positive parenting than to surrender your ability to influence them by sending them away. You must weigh the risks against the benefits of sending your children to India. You must do so without having false expectations or fantasies about children being raised in India, especially when they are away from their parents.

Finally, please note that what children see and experience as joyful and uniting is what they will carry on. Thus, if their sense of belonging is greater outside of their home than it is inside, you can be certain that they will grow up with a value system that is closer to the culture outside of their home. The best antidote is to create and maintain a circle of friends and family that can provide a culturally balanced atmosphere for the growing child. A healthy mix of Indian activities with American activities can reinforce Indian pride while allowing the child to mingle successfully with the American culture that surrounds them entirely once they leave their home.

Ultimately, if as parents, you have helped your child merge their Indian identity with their American life demands, then you will have successfully completed your job as a parent. If you get caught up in labeling Indian versus American, you will find yourself lost in a maze and discover your relationship with your child to be very distant and aloof. Although this may be difficult at first, over time, you too can develop this balanced approach to parenting.

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# Legal Corner - To B or Not to B

By: Neelofer Syed, Esq.

In the recent past I have noticed an increased number of calls and emails from CityMasala readers and others inquiring about obtaining the temporary visit (B-2) visa for their relatives, friends and others wishing to come to visit the United States temporarily. Most of these people have already suffered denials of the B-1/B-2 visa from the U.S. Consulates.

While each query is specific in its nature, the general principles of the B-1/B-2 visa application remain the same. Similarly most of the time the reasons of denial are also very similar. In this article I will discuss the topic of B-1/B-2 visa in order to address the concerns of a large number of people.

The process of obtaining B-1/B-2 visa involves direct submission of the application at the U.S. consulate. A holder of B-1 or B-2 visa, once in the U.S may apply for the extension of stay upon showing a good cause, and may also apply to change his/her status in a different category. Similarly a foreign national in the U.S. in another visa status may also apply to change his status into B-1 or B-2 category.

I will first touch upon the B-2 visa and will leave the details of B-1 visa for the second part of this article. The B-2 visa is generally intended to temporarily admit visitors in the U.S for pleasure or to engage in recreational activities. Such visitors are not permitted to accept employment during the period of their stay in the U.S.

B-2 visa can be issued for the following activities:

- ✓ Tourism;
- ✓ Make social visits to relatives or friends;
- ✓ Medical reasons i.e. coming to the U.S. for diagnosis or treatment;
- ✓ Participation in social events like, conferences, conventions, convocations of fraternal, social or service organizations; and
- ✓ Accompanying one's partner "significant other", the term "significant other" also includes same sex partner.

In addition to the above there are also some other aliens that are classifiable as B-2 under special circumstances.

The B-2 visa can be one of the most difficult and complex visas to deal with because the issues and factors involved in the decision of the U.S. Consulate to issue the visa are almost entirely subjective. Not to mention that the decision of the Consular Officer is also not subject to any "review" or formal appeal, however, if the reasons of denial are known it will help the applicant to present better evidence in subsequent visa application.

B-2 is a non-immigrant visa which requires the applicant to have a pure non-immigrant intent. There are some key factors that must be present in a case for the Consular Officer to make a positive determination regarding the eligibility of the visa applicant. The Consular Officer must be satisfied that:

1. The applicant intends to leave the U.S. at the end of his/her temporary stay. A round trip ticket can be submitted by the applicant to establish this.
2. The applicant is legally and otherwise permitted to come back to his/her home country or another country at the end of his/her stay. What this means is that the applicant is not being sent on exile or will not be restricted legally or otherwise to come back to the country of his permanent residence. The Consulate will conduct the appropriate security checks.
3. Adequate financial arrangements have been made out to facilitate the applicant in his/her travel and activities while in the U.S. It is important to take bank statements and any other documents establishing financial ability to satisfy this requirement.
4. The applicant has a residence in his/her home country and other country of permanent residence which s/he has not and will not abandon. Documents pertaining to the ownership of home or lease/

rent deed can be submitted in this connection.

5. The applicant must have adequate funds to avoid unlawful employment to complete the purpose of his/her travel. Again bank statements as well as any financial statements from the host in U.S (if the applicant has any) can be submitted. Sometimes the submission of Form I-134 by the U.S host is also advised.
6. The applicant must have realistic and specific plans for the entire period of proposed visit. It is important to present a definite itinerary. If the applicant intends to travel within U.S the proposed dates as well as evidence of any air or hotel bookings (if applicable) can be included. In addition if the trip is for single purpose then a statement in that regard can be helpful.
7. The applicant has strong ties in his/her home country or other country of permanent residence like permanent employment; business or financial control; property ownership; family ties remaining at home etc. In this connection a current employment verification letter, pay stubs, evidence of having family (spouse/children/parents etc), and other documents concerning professional and cultural associations should be taken to the Consulate at the time of the interview.
8. For persons seeking medical treatment in U.S., a letter/diagnosis from the local doctor explaining the ailment and the need to get treatment in U.S. and a statement from a U.S. doctor or institution concerning the proposed medical treatment/appointment.

The Consular Office issuing the B-2 visa has unfettered discretion to determine the eligibility of the applicant. What make the process more difficult is the casual nature of the interview of the B-2 applicants by the Consular Officer. As a result of casual questioning the applicant may not get proper opportunity to satisfy the Consular Officer concerns regarding the purpose and temporary nature of the proposed visit hence resulting in the denial of the visa.

It is therefore advised that the applicants be proactive and not hesitate throwing in additional useful information (voluntarily) at the time of the interview. In addition the applicant must make sure that the information they are providing should facilitate the Officer arriving at a positive determination of the applicant's eligibility and not the other way round. As such, it is very important to exercise proper care in putting together the supporting documents/relevant evidence to be submitted to the Consular Officer at the time of the interview.

In the next part we will discuss the B-1 visa. In the end I am including an answer to one general question that I received from a reader. Please note the question and answers are printed ONLY if they DO NOT include unique circumstances. In addition we conceal the identity if any personal information is included.

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# Horoscope

By: Astrologer Rajesh Modi

**Leo: Jul 23<sup>rd</sup> - Aug 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Ruled by the Sun; Gemstone: Ruby; Lucky Day: Sunday**



*Bold, confident, loud, dramatic, generous, leader are some of the easiest characteristics that set you apart. Your presence commands respect and admiration as you love to be the center of attention and enjoy the occasional drama. You possess a generous and giving nature and love to indulge in the finer things in life. This period is also a great time to take charge in the bedroom and explore the red hot pleasures that exist there. Possessed by a strong dramatic nature, you will put your emotions and love on, be careful about how you approach others and try to understand their point of view.*

*Break the mold with a new look—get the new wardrobe you always wanted and change your hair, it will make your confidence soar to new heights. This new found zest can attract new people and opportunities into your life that enhance your social life and career prospects.*



**Aries: Mar 20<sup>th</sup> - Apr 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Ruled by Venus**

**Gemstone: Red Coral**

**Lucky Day: Tuesday**

Your love life can prove to be challenging where you may be faced with emotional turmoil and may find yourself feeling rather blue over the one you are with. If things are getting too much for you, take time out to reevaluate what you really want. If you are not happy, then it's best to cut your losses. Else make the necessary changes to keep your relationship alive.

**Taurus: Apr 20<sup>th</sup> - May 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Ruled by Venus**

**Gemstone: Diamond**

**Lucky Day: Friday**

An active time to speak up and voice your concerns as you find yourself sticking up for a friend or someone in need who's been a bit victimized. Your straight forward and diplomatic approach can prove to be beneficial in sorting out a rift. Just don't get so involved that you are used as a crutch and relied upon too much.

**Gemini: May 21<sup>st</sup> - Jun 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Ruled by Mercury**

**Gemstone: Emerald**

**Lucky Day: Wednesday**

Challenges in the work place can test you where you can be burdened with extra responsibilities or find yourself in conflict with superiors or subordinates. It's best to keep your words in check and accept the working ethos currently in place as you could otherwise find yourself in a very compromising situation. Keep working hard and you will soon reap the rewards.

**Cancer: Jun 21<sup>st</sup> - Jul 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Ruled by Moon**

**Gemstone: Pearl**

**Lucky Day: Monday**

Find yourself by exploring the deeper elements in life such as exploring past lives or opening yourself up to meditation or psychic

development. Now is a key time when you can broaden your horizons in terms with your philosophical outlook in life. Inner reflection is highly favored as many hidden answers can be found.

**Virgo: Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> - Sep 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Ruled by Mercury**

**Gemstone: Emerald**

**Lucky Day: Wednesday**

New people can enter your life out of the blue as you may attract eccentric and unusual people who are different from your usual social circle. You find yourself open to new ideas. New adventures and evenings out are highlighted as you mingle and a special someone can attract your attention. Just make sure that that person is single or there may be trouble.

**Libra: Sep 23<sup>rd</sup> - Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Ruled by Venus**

**Gemstone: Diamond**

**Lucky Day: Friday**

Close family members and relatives can be quite loud and irritating, annoying you till you are at the end of your tether. Tact and diplomacy on your part can avoid a confrontation so just remember to take a deep breath to avoid losing your cool. A very favorable time to solve any rifts and arguments within your social and family circles.

**Scorpio: Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> - Nov 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Ruled by Mars and Pluto**

**Gemstone: Red Coral**

**Lucky Day: Tuesday**

Passionate and energetic, you are buzzing with a thousand ideas to illustrate your various ambitions. You are advised to stop for a moment and pick the ones that are the most practical and realistic to put them into practice. Otherwise you can find yourself lost in the world of thought without actually achieving anything.

**Sagittarius: Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> - Dec 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Ruled by Jupiter**

**Gemstone: Yellow Sapphire**



**Lucky Day: Thursday**

Hot tempered and aggressive, recent events have been taking a toll on you which makes you that extra bit touchy. Rather than biting everyone's head off, it's time to get to the root of the problem otherwise you'll simply go around in circles. A time for inner reflection is needed to get you back to your usual self.

**Capricorn: Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> - Jan 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Ruled by Saturn**

**Gemstone: Blue Sapphire**

**Lucky Day: Saturday**

You can be vulnerable to health conditions due to stress at work and at home. So you are well advised to get plenty of rest and a nutritious diet to keep you in shape. A new fitness regime can be very beneficial in keeping you in shape and allowing you to focus your energies rather than displacing them.

**Aquarius: Jan 20<sup>th</sup> - Feb 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Ruled by Saturn**

**Gemstone: Blue Sapphire**

**Lucky Day: Saturday**

Financial prospects seem to be on the rise for you as you may find that extra bit in your bank account. Just don't spend it all at once as it's wise to save a little for a rainy day. A favorable time to ask for a pay raise, have a flutter on a horse or find an extra source of income that can really boost your bank balance.

**Pisces: Feb 19<sup>th</sup> - Mar 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Ruled by Neptune**

**Gemstone: Yellow Sapphire**

**Lucky Day: Thursday**

You can find yourself in a rather sticky situation where you may be caught up in a compromising position which tests your loyalty to both sides. It is best to remain neutral as you may otherwise lose a friend especially when you've done nothing wrong. Friendships can be testing for you as you discover who is your real friend.





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who are born here. My question is if before filing for our citizenship, like in another 4 years we (me and my husband) are no more together, would I not be able to file my citizenship because I am not with him anymore and I got my green card because of him.

2. I applied for my parents visit visa almost 8 months ago. When they went to Islamabad for their interview they got their approval and were expecting to get their passport in few weeks, but even after 8 months they have not received their visa, and whenever they go to ask, they are told your case is in process. Please help me and let me know what can I do from here or what they need to do in order to get their passports.

Thank you, (Name Concealed for Protection of Privacy)

**Answer:**

Dear Reader:

To answer your questions:

1. Even though you obtained your green card as the derivative beneficiary of your husband, you are entitled to keep it even though you are

separated/divorced. In other words, you should be able to file for your citizenship after 4 years and 9 months from the date of becoming a permanent resident.

2. Regarding your parents. I am assuming that you facilitated their process for their visitors B-2 visa because being a green card holder you can not file for their residency. So assuming that your parents have applied for the visitor's visa, the reason it is taking so long might be the clearance on security check.

U.S. consulate is required to run a security clearance on each applicant before issuing a visa. Since the U.S consulate is relying on third parties to get the security clearance, some cases take longer than others. My suggestion is that your parents keep following up and if possible, write a letter to the Consulate General regarding this delay.

I hope I was able to address your concerns. Feel free to contact me with any other questions that you may have.

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