



Big Fat Indian Weddings

Disclaimer

1. I am Indian (like obviously)
2. These are stereotypical depictions of the Indian society
 - a. But.. **Stereotypes are often founded in empirical wisdom**
3. I am far detached from this and acknowledge my privilege
4. Not here to make light of the societal “challenges”



Background

- Segregation of the sexes
- Parental oversight (overreach ?)
- Large joint families
 - Often under one roof
- “Honour”



Stage I: Dropping Hints



How aunties jump to conclusions after hearing a gossip about you



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Privacy? What privacy?

I grew up in a desi family, we all are in everyone's business all the time

Stage II: Pestering



- Relentless inquiry to find out if you're seeing someone
- Meaningful looks and sighs
- Random aunties asking uncomfortable questions
- Even worse: you dad asks you about your GF/BF 🍷 🍷 🍷
- Younger siblings recruited to spy

Stage III: Despair and Resignation

WHEN YOUR MOM FORCEFULLY TAKES YOU TO A WEDDING



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AND THEN SEES ELIGIBLE BACHELORS EVERYWHERE

YOU WILL GET MARRIED BEFORE 30



OR ELSE

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**ROSES ARE RED,
VIOLETS ARE BLUE**



**YOU HAVE AN ARRANGED
MARRIAGE WAITING FOR YOU**



Stage IV: Formation of a Search Committee

1. Association of Bored Aunties and Uncles
2. [Create accounts on matrimonial websites](#)
3. [Calculate Dowry](#)
4. Arrange headshots



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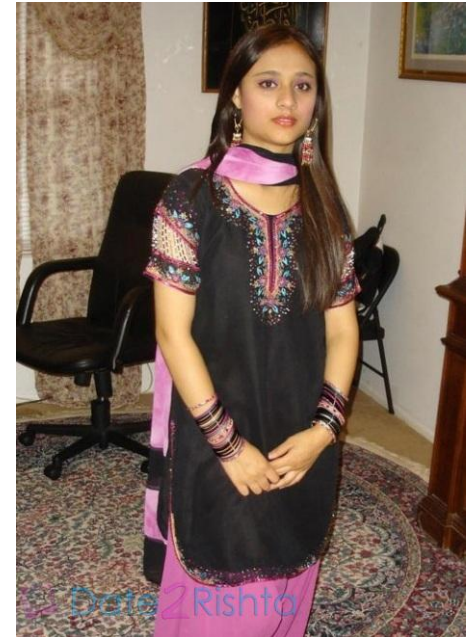
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Stage V: Screening Process

1. Define (reasonable) search parameters
 - a. Income
 - b. Family income
 - c. Caste etc.
 - d. Colour of skin
 - e. Citizenship
 - f. Education
 - g. School attended
 - i. IIT > BITS > NIT >>> rest
 - ii. IIM above everything else
 - iii. IIT + IIM = ☐☐ 🍷
 - h. Number of siblings



Stage VI: In-Person Interviews*



* Chaperoned. By extended families from both sides. Obviously. Like Duh!

Stage VII: “Dates” a.k.a getting to know him/her better *



* Not in the biblical sense

Stage VIII: Finalizing the Contract (Engagement or *roka* ceremony)



Wedding Week

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Mehendi (Henna) ceremony



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Wedding Day : T-16 hours



- **Haldi (Turmeric Ceremony)**
- To Keep Buri Nazar (Evil Eye) Away
- Auspiciousness of this ingredient and its colour ushers in a life of prosperity for the couple
- For Beautification
 - Makeshift Fair & Lovely

Also has lots of song and dance

Wedding Day : T-12 hours

- Pagri (Turban) tying & Tilak



Wedding Day: T-10 hrs (Baraat)



Wedding Day: T-10 hrs (Baraat)



Wedding Day: T- 8 hrs (Varmaala)



Wedding Day: T- 6 hrs

Awkward dances

Awkward meet and greet

Awkward photo sessions

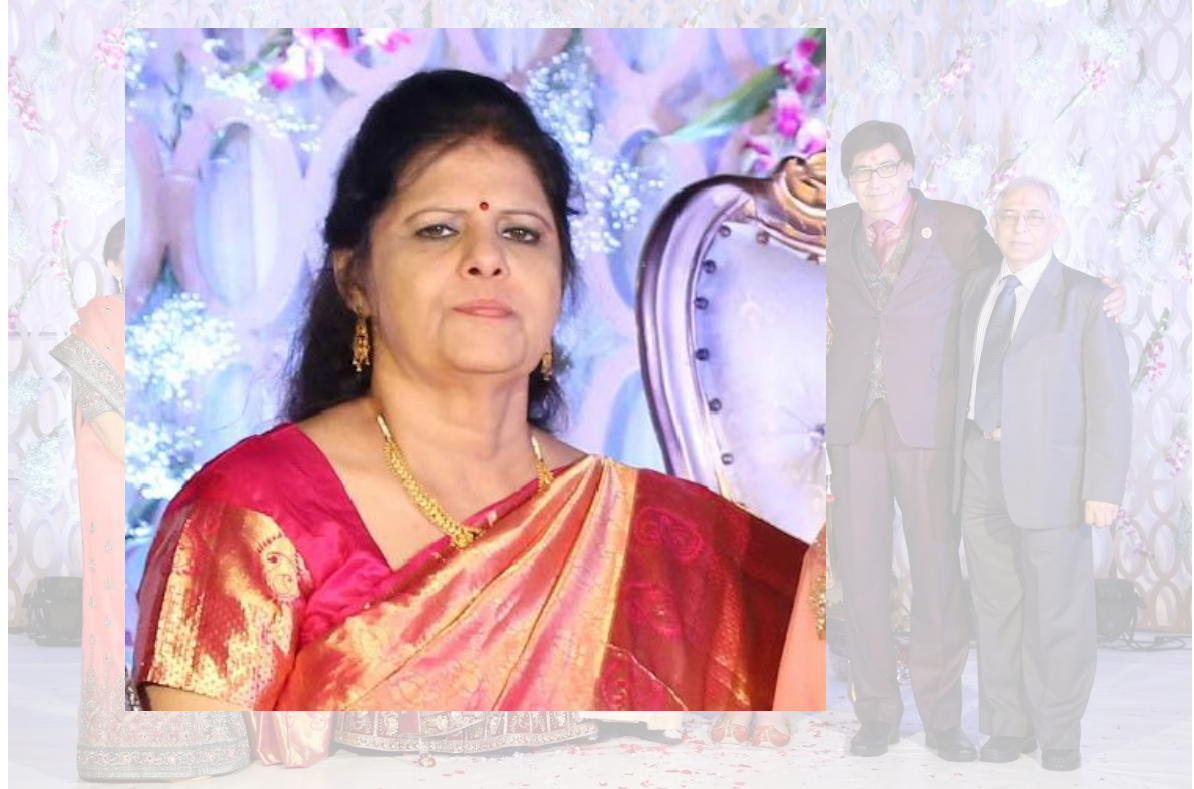


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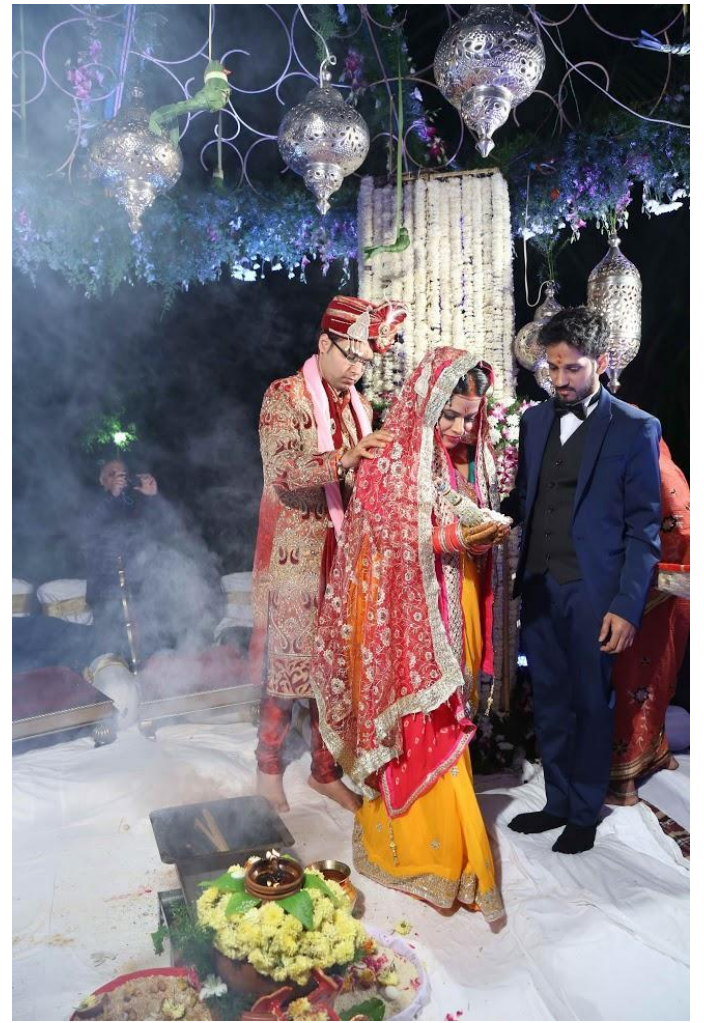
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Actual Wedding Rituals

- Kanya Daan (ughh)
- Vivah Homa : The sacred fire is lit 
- Pani Grahan: groom takes the bride's hand as a sign of their union
- Walking around the fire (saptapadi)



Meanwhile...



Finding the bottom of the cash pile



Isha Ambani

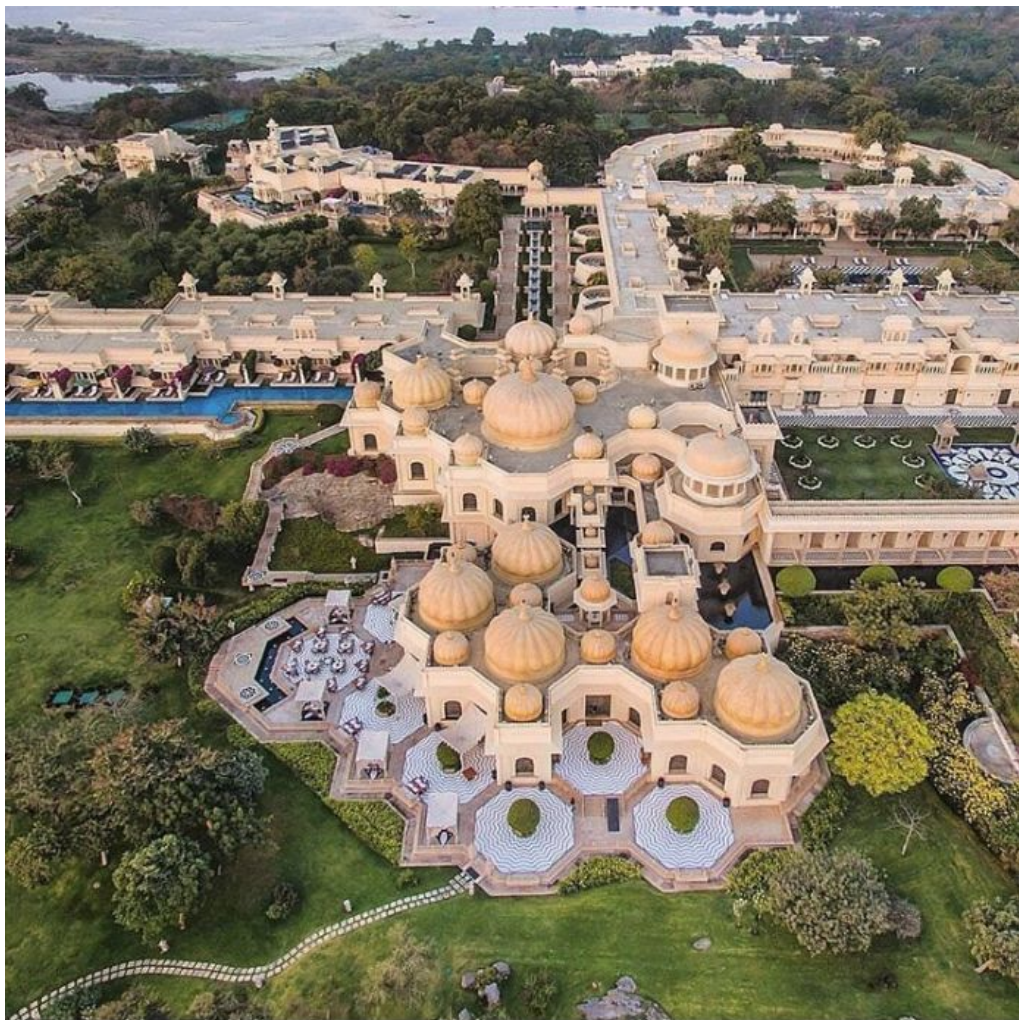


<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NpQ-JQCID5Q>

Total Cost: \$110 Million

Cost of the dress: 1,208,475,000.00
CAD

Guests: Clintons, Indian PM,
BEYONCE



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Go get drunk now

Off with y'all

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