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Gitanjali's Wedding Carnival designs line, looked like the perfect bride in a Pam Mehta peach and green lehenga, which she teamed up with a kundan necklace, earrings, maangtika and a statement ring.

Lara Dutta walked the ramp for Birdhichand Ghanshyam Das Jewelers in a flowing gown with a huge royal diamond necklace from the collection known as Amer Reincarnated, inspired by the Amer fort of Rajasthan.

Dressed in a maroon red Bhairavi Jaikishan lehenga set, Juhi Chawla graced the runway for Kay Jewels in a collection called Alaukik, which was inspired by nature and featured flowing ornate beads and peacock feathers designs.

Gems show hailed as a success

Meanwhile, legendary star Zeenat Aman made her presence felt on the runway as she walked for RK Jewellers in a red sharara-styled jumpsuit paired with a black embroidered velvet jacket, which she teamed up with a Raani Haar with encrusted dual pendants, shoulder dusters, bangles and a statement ring.

Other actresses rubbing shoulders with super models at the blinged-out shows included Shriya Saran, Chitrangada Singh and Jacqueline Fernandez.

Hailed as a massive success, the two-day event showed that India is one of the world leaders when it comes to jewellery and demonstrated that despite the credit crunch, diamonds really are a girl's best friend.

Chitrangada
Singh



Jacqueline
Fernandez

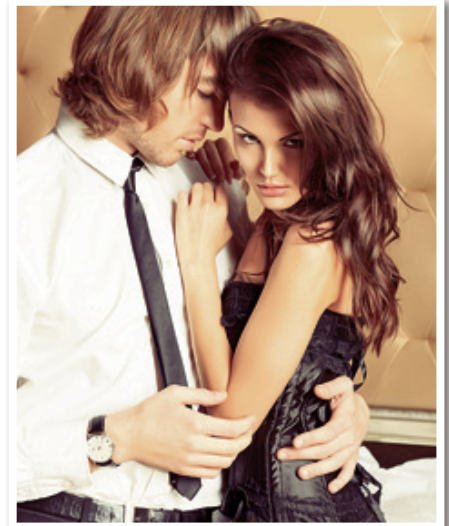


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'I'll be there for you'

SEX. There, I said it. It happens everywhere. Men love it. Women love it. The dog and its mate love it. It is how we were made. So then why is there such a big hoo-ha in talking about it openly? As soon as Bollywood films show sex scenes, they are censored because they are considered too vulgar. Censors don't think of it as an expression of love and intimacy, they seem to think a rape is going to happen because of these sex scenes and kids are going to get corrupted.

Recently I asked a male friend how he learned about the birds and the bees and he told me it was at school. It got me thinking – yes, I had learned about it in the same way, as well as by watching rom-coms where girls are swept off their feet and made wild passionate love to, but how often does it happen in real life?

In the Asian community, conservatism is a norm but not among my white friends. They all had conversations with their parents at a young age. I am very open with one particular female friend about boys and she is the same with me. We confided in each other because we felt we would be judged if we talked about it to other people.

Parents make such a big deal about sex and, of course, they have a right to do so; they don't want us to get pregnant or catch an STD. They want us to (ideally) wait to be married and have sex to just make babies. Let me tell you parents reading this – it ain't happening! (A lot of) young people (from the age of 16 upwards, I hope) are enjoying an active sex life. Parents need to start being more open about these intimate moments their children are sharing with partners and not finding out by discovering condoms or a morning after pill hidden in drawers.

I'm not telling you whether you should or shouldn't have sex, because ultimately it's your choice, but what I will say is please practise safe sex and only do it when you are 200 per cent ready. This might be at 16 or 30 or even older. The emotional scars you will get finding out you are pregnant or have an STD are not worth it. Use condoms, go on the pill do whatever it takes to be safe. Girls, if a guy is pressuring you and you don't feel ready; DO NOT give in. If you need to talk about sex and you feel you have no one, then talk to your GP. Some of you may have a family doctor who you are scared will tell your parents; they are not allowed to, so don't worry. Or you can always see a different doctor.

Sex should be something special between two people. I'm not saying jump into bed with someone the day you meet them, but if you feel a connection and are emotionally ready (and you think you love them) then let two bodies become one.