

'Tis the season

“Something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue, a sixpence in your shoe!”-middle-English dictum that so many still hold dear can possibly be an essential component of a successful nuptial bond. But maybe, just maybe, there is there more to a successful, memorable wedding and a blissful marriage.

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Planning one is not easy and that is why we witness the mushrooming growth of certified planners who vow to take care of your every need. But where does that lead us? Are we now left with ceremonies after countless ceremonies, where we don our best, arrive two hours late at the venue, savour kachchi and stand still on the dais like mannequins for snapshots - soon to be uploaded on social media? Don't we all love our five minutes of Instagram glory!

Times change and traditions evolve as days roll by. The coming wedding season has much to offer and so do we. Destination weddings, borrowed directly from '90s romcoms, are making it big in Bangladesh. It is not an eyebrow-raiser for an engagement programme to be held at hillside resorts for an exorbitant amount of

money. Cultural influences from our neighbouring countries can by no means be ignored.

Yet we do have a long tradition of ceremonies to look back upon and revive. We are advocates of the saying that 'blessed are the weddings that are least extravagant'. Having said that, we do not suggest shying away from planning your wedding the way you have envisioned it.

This season, let tradition lead to innovation; starting from the extensive bridal trousseau to the bling factor that we simply cannot put aside, to ensuring delectable meals on the tables, not only for the all-important wedding and walima, but the queue of rituals that precede the big day.

We focus on the beauty regimens that the girl and her entourage can opt for that will give her the confidence that she is indeed the shining star of the day. It is her big day and let nothing take that away from her (and of course him!).

Here's to a big-fat-deshi-wedding, and a celebration of life that will last a lifetime. Amen.

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