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Sithi and Amit



Imran and Jerin



Salman and Disha

WEDDING BELLS IN 2023

Stars who tied the knot

In 2023, quite a few celebrities in the entertainment industry tied the knot. Some got married suddenly, while others had publicly announced it. The headlines in the showbiz world have been dominated by these marriage stories.

ZAHID AKBAR

TASNIA FARIN

Farin is one of the most popular actresses of contemporary times. She tied the knot on August 11 with Shaikh Rezwan and announced the wedding news on August 14. After eight years of love and friendship, this actress finally opened up about her relationship with her beau.

IMRAN

On May 24, musician Imran got married to Meher Ayat Jerin with the blessings of their families. This year, he was also in the headlines for his songs—*Surma Surma* and *Megher Nouka*.

ZIAUL ROSHAN

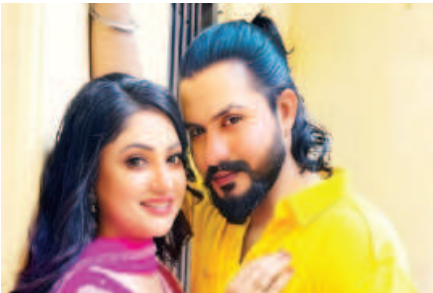
Although Roshan's wedding bells rang three years ago (June 11, 2020), the news of his marriage was made public on May 10 this year. His wife's name is Tahsin Esha. They have been in love for five years.

FATIMA TUZ ZAHRA OYSHEE

Singer Oyshee tied the knot with model and actor Arefin Zilani on June 2 after



Chashi and Tultul



Achol and Omy

resides in London and works at a private company there.

SALMAN MUQTADIR

YouTuber Salman Muqtadir got married on April 30. His wife's name is Disha Islam.

CHASHI ALAM

Renowned actor Chashi Alam, known for *Bachelor Point*, tied the knot with Tultul on August 25.

NAVED PARVEZ

Music composer and director Naved Parvez has earned a name with his creations of the tracks like *Cholo Niralay* and *Surma Surma*. He got married to Farhana Hossain Binti on March 10. Binti completed her Master's in Economics from Dhaka University and is currently working at a private organisation in the field of finance.

ACHOL

Dhallywood actress Achol tied the knot with musician Syed Omy. Their wedding bell rang on February 15. Although they had married three years ago, they announced their marriage in November this year.

PHOTOS HAVE BEEN TAKEN FROM THE STARS' SOCIAL HANDLES



Oyshee and Arefin



Naved and Binti

ABANTI SITHI

On December 15, the whistle sensation famed singer Sithi announced her wedding to Amit De. The marriage ceremony took place at a convention centre in Dhaka, where close members of both families were present. Amit De

being in a relationship for about two years. The musician is also a medical professional. On the other hand, Arefin, apart from being an actor, has joined a pharmaceutical company.



Roshan and Esha

ARBAAZ KHAN starts over

Arbaaz Khan has finally found love again with his girlfriend Sshura Khan. The couple tied the knot amidst the presence of their close ones at Arpita Khan's house.



Actor Arbaaz Khan and Make-up Artist Sshura's wedding was a lowkey event. The *nikaah* ceremony concluded with the presence of the entire family, including brothers Salman Khan and Sohail Khan, parents Salim Khan and Salma Khan, and son Arhaan Khan.

Close friend Raveena Tandon, who shares a strong bond with the bride Sshura Khan, attended the ceremony alongside her daughter, Rasha Tandon. Farah Khan and Riteish Deshmukh were also present.

Arbaaz Khan and Sshura Khan crossed paths on the set of his recent film *Patna Shukla*.

‘Dunki’ takes a heartfelt but bumpy road with illegal migrants

A poster of William Shakespeare looms large in a small classroom in a fictional town in Punjab, where a pretentious English language coach is helping a group of hopefuls to be comfortable in the Queen’s lingo. Despite the teacher’s efforts, the students face difficulties with grammar and tenses, creating confusion in their use of vocabulary.

SHABABA IQBAL

“What difference does a language make? Communication of feelings is important,” reasons a student as he struggles to string together a sentence in English. “Words are necessary to communicate, and language is about words,” explains the teacher. Shakespeare would have approved.

It is a small touch but a deep take on the role of words, language, and conversation in our lives. This theme takes on added importance as it intricately guides the characters of Rajkumar Hirani’s *Dunki* toward their destinies, notably exemplified by their pursuit of a visa to England.

The film has small moments that make big statements, aligning with Hirani’s style of giving life lessons through simple gestures and throwaway dialogues. But alas, in *Dunki*, those are few and far between. The story, about a group of desperate migrants, is uneven and simplistic, failing to take off in a way it could have.

*Dunki* is about the shocking ways in which people try to illegally migrate to the UK or any other developed Western country. Called the ‘donkey route’, it involves unscrupulous agents, tough border controls, corrupt officials, and lots of money. But rather than delving deeply into the mindset of ‘dunkers’ and the circumstances forcing them to undertake such risky trips, examining the legal, ethical, and moral stances of nations in



accepting or rejecting migrants, the film opts for a straightforward, albeit heartfelt, depiction of a serious issue.

Shah Rukh Khan’s Hardy Dhillon takes it upon himself to help his four friends, portrayed by Taapsee Pannu, Vicky Kaushal, Anil Grover, and Vikram Kochhar, reach London. Despite individual motivations to leave Punjab, the characters face a shared challenge of visa rejections, primarily attributed to language barriers.

The film is only interested in illegal immigration and the refugee crisis to the

extent that it allows Hirani and Khan to grandstand. Scenes like Hardy’s refusal to denounce his country for asylum exploit human suffering for a cheap moment of self-congratulation, ultimately undermining the film’s purported social commentary. The hesitation to dig deeper into the root causes of migration robs the story of its honesty.

That being said, there are several factors that work in the film. “Dunki” is dunked with love and longing. Hardy is a vulnerable, emotional man full of passion who’s in no hurry to prove his masculinity by exerting power over the woman. Khan warms your heart with his performance despite the awkward Punjabi accent and

Ranbir and Alia’s daughter Raha makes first public appearance

Alia Bhatt and Ranbir Kapoor finally presented their daughter, Raha Kapoor, to the world by adorably posing for the awaiting photographers ahead of the Kapoor family’s Christmas lunch on Monday.

The popular couple-maintained privacy about their daughter’s appearance, and this is the first time the couple stepped out with their toddler publicly. The Bollywood sweethearts were seen posing with their daughter for the awaiting paparazzi ahead of the Kapoor family’s Christmas lunch donning stunning festive outfits.

As per Indian media reports, the one-year-old bears a striking resemblance to her late grandfather, Rishi Kapoor. Like her cousins Taimur, Jeh and Inaya, Raha also has adorable coloured eyes - hers, however, are blue.



Charlie Puth to arrive in Bangladesh

American singer Charlie Puth is gearing up to set the stage on fire next year, as the *Attention* famed singer is scheduled to perform in Bangladesh in February for what promises to be the biggest concert ever.

The news was officially announced on the Facebook page of event management company Silverline Events.

“Get ready to be swept off your feet. Excitement is building as we proudly announce the biggest concert of the year- Charlie Puth, who will be live in Dhaka in February 2024. Mark your calendars, and brace yourselves for an unforgettable night filled with music, magic, and memories,” read the post.

Preparations for the concert are slated to wrap up by January 2024. The exact date of the February concert is pending confirmation, contingent on the schedules of local artistes set to perform. Charlie Puth and his team are scheduled to arrive in Dhaka a day prior to the event, with the International Convention City Bashundhara (ICC) being a primary venue under consideration.

de-ageing. It is unexpectedly charming to see Pannu mould herself into the role of a woman who is so in love and yet maintains her individuality. Vicky Kaushal shines in an important cameo.

While “Dunki” is a worthwhile watch.

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the level of talent involved suggests it had the potential to be outstanding. In a world grappling with strife, the film conveys a crucial message of kindness and empathy. However, regrettably, the execution doesn’t quite live up to the intention.



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