

REEL TALK

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UGLY AND PAGLI

Director: Sachin Khot **Cast:** Mallika Sherawat, Ranvir Shorey, Tinnu Anand and Zeenat Aman (Special Appearance)

We have all heard of soft romantic comic love stories. Now get set for a love story with a punch, a thud and some serious arm twisting thrown in with zero bedside manners.

Ugly and Pagli is the story of Kabir (Ranvir Shorey), a carefree guy who has been studying engineering for the last ten years and whose life goes for a sixer when he meets the quirky and kinky Kuhu (Mallika Sherawat). Kabir always wanted a girl to love but never in his wildest dreams had he thought that he would encounter a girl who is as crazy as Kuhu and who makes him do even crazier things.

The funny part is they actually fall in love with each other and what we get is one of the quirkiest love stories of the year. Kuhu or Pagli is an obnoxious, strong and witty girl who is totally out of control. She has been going through a personal crisis and feels the only



way she can overcome it is to put someone else through what she has been going through. Roughly translated, scoop out a loser guy, make him fall in love with her, and then turn his life upside down.

When Ugly meets Pagli one cold winter night at V.T. Station, his life gets turned around in unimaginable ways. Poor Ugly tries hard to escape Pagli's clutches, but in the process, ends up falling in love with her. Will Ugly survive Pagli's insane demands and tantrums, or will he run screaming for cover?

Ugly Aur Pagli marks the debut of director Sachin Khot, who has previously made television serials for local channels in Indonesia.

The film's supporting cast includes Tinnu Anand, Sushmita Mukherjee and Manish Anand. The movie also has a cameo by Zeenat Aman. The music has been provided by Anu Malik.

MEHBOOBA

Director: Afzal Khan **Cast:** Ajay Devgan, Sanjay Dutt and Manisha Koirala

New York – a city of affluence and grandeur ... home to the handsome, successful and very rich Shravan Dhariwal (Sanjay Dutt) who has everything one can dream of. What he doesn't have, he buys. He is one of the most eligible bachelors around and can pick any woman he wants. Along comes Varsha (Manisha Koirala) and his life changes.

Varsha is an Indian girl who values self-respect and morality over and above the money and glamour of America. She is the first girl in Shravan's life who says no to his advances. Shravan does everything to win her over including going to meet her father to ask for her hand in marriage. Varsha's father convinces her that Shravan genuinely loves her and after much deliberation, Varsha agrees to get engaged to him. They end up making love



and Varsha's beautiful dream comes to a shocking end when Shravan tells her that his love for her was just a show so he could sleep with her. Heart broken and shattered, Varsha leaves the country to start a new life.

Shravan goes to India as his younger brother Karan (Ajay Devgan) has decided to get married. Karan, settled in Europe, is in complete contrast to his brother. Intrigued as to who his brother is so smitten by, Shravan keeps pestering his brother to tell him more about the love of his life. Karan describes Payal as an angel, a goddess he is madly in love with. A girl with amazing charm and beauty like none other. As the marriage day arrives closer, Payal arrives from Europe. Shravan meet Payal. What happens next? Watch the movie to find out!

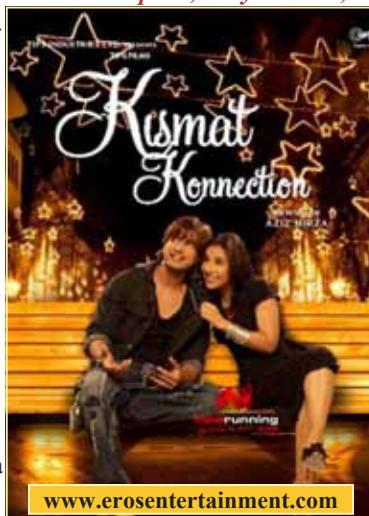
KISMAT KONNECTION

Director: Aziz Mirza **Cast:** Shahid Kapoor, Vidya Balan, Juhi Chawla and Om Puri

In college, Raj Malhotra (Shahid Kapur) was numero uno in academics, sports, dramatics, and touted as a candidate for the cover of Time magazine. Four years after winning the best-student-of-the-year trophy from his architectural college, with designs to set the Canadian landscape on fire, he's wondering why he is still struggling to find that One Big Chance to showcase his mettle.

It's almost as though some negative *kismet* is following him around because whenever something good is about to happen, it seems doomed to fail. Why else would his alarm refuse to ring, his shower stop midway, his car refuse to start, just when he's in a tearing hurry to reach a crucial meeting on time? The end result is the same - the deal is dead or the client is dead!

Desperate to fight this cursed *kismet* that's bent on playing such mean tricks on him, Raj meets a quirky oracle, Hasina Bano Jaan (Juhi Chawla) who tells him that soon his stars



will change and everything will work in his favor; but for all this to happen, Raj has to first find his lucky charm and never let go of it. She tells him no more, leaving Raj mystified, trying to figure out what this charm could be. Priya (Vidya Balan), a tough-talking, tough-decision taking girl with a heart of gold, is an idealist who is intent on making the world a better, more humane place. She is a doer who believes in action. Raj succeeds in persuading pretty Priya that he's the Messiah who can save her beloved Community Center from destruction and also manages to open her eyes to the ways of her philandering fiancé (Amit Verma). All of a sudden, his life seems to be right on track.

Does this mean that Raj has unwittingly discovered his lucky charm? Has lady luck finally decided to smile on him? Where will his new found *kismet* ultimately take him? Only *Kismet Konnection* can tell.