



28 Things Only Indian Girls Can Understand!

Are you an Indian girl? Do you have an Indian female friend? Then, you know exactly what it means to be an Indian girl!

1. **After age 25, if you are still unmarried**, your mother's insistence and panic on you getting married will exponentially rise each year.
2. **You drink socially**, but some people at a family friend's party will jump to the conclusion you are an "alcoholic" or a "wild" girl.
3. **Aunties and uncles at parties** will constantly ask you the same set of questions over and over. *What is your job? Where do you work? When are you getting married?*
4. **If you are NOT a doctor, engineer, or lawyer**, you find yourself making up titles for your job to keep it vague and make it sound "important." For a while, when someone asked me about my job (I'm a technical recruiter!) at those family friend parties, I replied, "I work at a consulting company."
5. **Just because you date a guy outside of your race or religion**, does NOT mean you are "whitewashed" or "wild" or do not care about your culture.
6. **When you talk about moving out of your family home into your own place sometime in your 20s**, your parents refuse to acknowledge the discussion by simply pretending you never asked the question in the first place.
7. **You use herbal or homemade recipes** your mother tells you to make your face glow. (They work better than any cosmetics!) And when you go out and someone asks you how your skin looks flawless, you simply smile.

8. **Every time you open Facebook**, some friend is getting engaged, married, or having a baby.
9. **After a certain point, you stop telling your mother about your friends getting engaged, married, or having a baby**, because it only fuels your mother's insistence on you getting married.
10. **Speaking of Facebook, you will receive Facebook friend requests** from strange middle-aged men in India with whom you have zero mutual friends.
11. **Even more awkward, you will receive Facebook messages** from these strange middle-aged men in India who will write something along the lines of: *Hi I like you. You are pretty. Want fraaandship? I am engineer, coming from good family.*
12. **Your family or family friends won't understand when you tell them you are not ready to get married.** Or if you have been with your boyfriend for more than one year, they won't understand why you're not married yet. *"Six months have passed, beta, when is he going to propose?"*
13. **Your mother and relatives discourage you** from going outside too much so that your skin does not tan.
14. **Your cousins have strange nicknames** like: *Tinku, Mintu, Chintu, Rinku*
15. **Your parents are pretty open-minded in today's day and age** and say you can bring home a guy belonging to any ethnicity and religion as long as he is a well-educated and nice guy. But try bringing home a Pakistani guy. And see what happens....
16. **At some point in your life**, you had at least one boyfriend that you hid from your family.
17. **When your mother asks you if you are seeing someone and you answer "No,"** she immediately tells you to bring your laptop so she can register you on Shaadi.com or BharatMatrimony.
18. **Even if you are in your 20s and live on your own**, you will still have to inform your parents of exactly where you are going, when you will be back, and who you will be with.
19. **No matter where you were born**, somehow your Indianness comes out when it comes to tipping at restaurants or bargaining at shops.
20. **If you are Hindu**, you have been asked at least eleven million times if you speak Hindu.

21. **If you say you are a North Indian to an outsider**, they always assume you are from Punjab.
22. **When you are at a party and your parents say it's time to leave**, it actually takes them AT LEAST 30 minutes from standing at the door step to starting the car's engine to ACTUALLY leave.
23. **Your parents are traumatized** if you decide to major in English or Literature in college. Your father gasps: *Beta, but how will you make a living?*
24. **No meal is complete** without a bottle of Tabasco sauce when you are dining at a restaurant.
25. **At a wedding or party with relatives**, some kind of argument or the other will break out that has nothing to do with the wedding or party.
26. **When your parents have a fight**, your mother gives your father the silent treatment and you end up being the messenger for any communication. And since your father does not know or is unable to say sorry, he does unusual things he never did before to break the cold war with your mother, like washing the dishes, mowing the lawn, or making dinner.
27. **You were in love with Jay Sean**, that is, until the day he got married to Thara Natalie Prashad and broke your heart.
28. **Your idea of love** comes from Bollywood movies like DDLJ (Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge) or basically ANY Shah Rukh Khan movie.

But no matter what, you would not trade your family and the beautiful chaos of being an Indian girl for anything!

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