



# POWER COUPLES



It's the month of February and Valentines Day sprinkles stardust around, love is in the air and cupid is ready to strike her darts at love-laced hearts.



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t's the power of love that has kept this world together and it is the glue that will keep it going strong forever. You must have also seen many love birds around, but let us have a close view of Bollywood's couples who are madly in love with each other. Here we dissect their charisma and their on-screen chemistry that packs a punch.

Bollywood brings us many good looking on-screen couples, however some pairs are very unique. Their amazing chemistry, perfect emotion, high comfort level and not to forget the secret "X" factor makes them the on-screen power couple that lend excitement to the film and at times they become the reason for the hits, or misses of the year.

Together these couples not only attract the paparazzi, but also arouse the interest of large corporate houses that pay them astronomical sums for product endorsements that today they make more in brand endorsements than in films!

Let us look at Tinsel town's top five power couples.

## TOP FIVE POWER COUPLES OF THIS ERA

### 1 SAIF ALI KHAN AND KAREENA KAPOOR

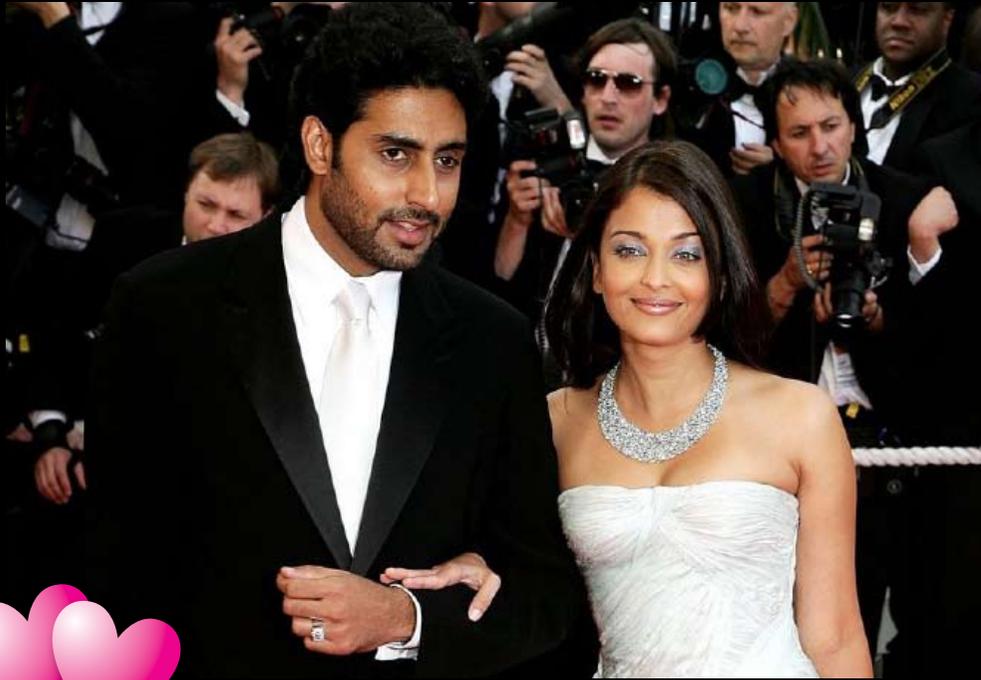
Both Kareena and Saif are famous for their baggage of past failed relationship. Saif has proved that love has no time frame, as in just three months of their being together he realized that he was so madly in love with Kareena that he got her name tattooed on his forearm! They party as a jodi and can't live without each other. As the 'bade nawaab' and Bebo

look sizzling hot, they definitely make it as one of Bollywood's power couple  
**LOVE HISTORY:** Saif had married actress Amrita Singh in October 1991 and after thirteen years of marriage and two children – daughter Sara and son Ibrahim – the couple divorced in 2004. His children live with their mother.

Kareena had been in a serious relationship with Shahid Kapoor for almost three year before finding her ultimate soul mate in

Saif. In 2004 she began dating actor Shahid Kapoor whom she eventually parted ways with during the filming of "Jab We Met" in early 2007. In September of the same year speculation arose that she was dating Saif Ali Khan. On 18 October 2007, during Manish Malhotra's grand finale show at the Lakme Fashion Week, Saif confirmed their relationship to the media.  
**STRENGTHS:** Their attractiveness, talent and impressive family lineage.





**WEAKNESS:** Low on-screen chemistry.  
**FUTURE PROSPECTS:** They will continue to remain in the spotlight as long as they are together, and a hit film should further enhance their appeal.  
**MOVIES THEY WORKED TOGETHER IN:** "Tashan", "Kurban", and "Omkaara".  
**ENDORSEMENTS DONE AS A PAIR:** Airtel.

## 2 ABHISHEK BACHCHAN AND AISHWARYA RAI BACHCHAN

Though the public interest in them is not as intense as it was before their marriage,

Abhishek Bachchan and Aishwarya Rai are still one of Bollywood's top couples both on, and off screen. The fact that he belongs to the Bachchan family and is one of Bollywood's leading stars and she is one of the Indian film industry's highest paid actress means that financially they are a powerhouse. Add to that their excellent on screen chemistry and their success in "Guru" saw producers find the duo a very attractive couple. This jodi seems to have come up straight from Bollywood having lots of drama, humor, suspense, and finally romance makes them one of Bollywood's power couple.



**LOVE HISTORY:** Abhishek was earlier engaged to Karisma Kapoor. The duo had announced their engagement at Amitabh Bachchan's 60th birthday celebration in 2002. They later called off the engagement in January 2003.

In 1999 Aishwarya began dating Bollywood actor Salman Khan; their relationship was often reported in the media until the couple separated in 2001. Ash cited "abuse (verbal, physical and emotional), infidelity and indignity" on the part of Salman as a reason for ending their relation – though Khan has denied this. She was later linked to actor Vivek Oberoi, but she never confirmed the relationship.

Abhishek and Aishwarya announced their engagement on 14 January 2007, and on 20 April 2007 they got married.

**STRENGTHS:** Their phenomenal success in

Bollywood movies.

**WEAKNESS:** Aishwarya shares a much better on screen chemistry with Hrithik Roshan as compared to her husband.

**FUTURE PROSPECTS:** If they manage to maintain their chemistry in the films and real life they will soon gain the tag of India's best couple.

**MOVIES THEY WORKED**

**TOGETHER IN:** "Guru", "Dhoom – 2", "Dhaai Akshar Prem Ki", "Kuch Naa Kaho", "Sarkar Raj", "Umrao Jaan".

**ENDORSEMENTS DONE AS A PAIR:** Lux

## 3 SHAH RUKH KHAN AND GAURI CHIBBER

They performed their marriage rituals thrice, the first was a legal marriage, the second was performed according to Hindu





**MOVIE THEY WORKED TOGETHER IN:** None  
**ENDORSEMENTS:** None

#### 4 **HRITHIK ROSHAN AND SUZANNE KHAN**

Hrithik Roshan and Suzanne Khan knew each other since they were kids as they lived in the same locality. Suzanne is an interior designer. His amazing dancing skills along with a huge fan following – ever since the release of his first film, which turned a blockbuster – and the fact that his wife comes from an illustrious lineage them gives them a right to be placed among the top five Bollywood power couples.

**LOVE HISTORY:** Roshan is married to Suzanne Khan, owner of Susanne Roshan's House of Design and is the daughter of actor Sanjay Khan. The couple have two sons, Hrehaan born in 2006 and Hridaan born in 2008.

**STRENGTHS:** They are a celeb jodi that comes from a well-known family lineage.

**WEAKNESS:** They do not come from the same profession, and this could prove a hindrance.

**FUTURE PROSPECTS:** Together they can work as a team for various film projects.

**MOVIE THEY WORKED TOGETHER IN:** None

**ENDORSEMENTS:** None

#### 5 **AJAY DEVGN AND KAJOL MUKHERJEE**

"U Me Aur Hum" might have flopped, but there is no denying the fact that this



husband-wife duo are a powerhouse of talent. Kajol and Ajay Devgn are an adorable two-some. They married after a five year-long relationship that transcends looks and personalities. Ajay is dark and has an angry young man look, while Kajol is lively and bubbly. Even though they are poles apart they have worked in many films together. Both of them have delivered hits consequently qualifying them as a Bollywood power couple.

**LOVE HISTORY:** Kajol married Ajay Devgn on 24 February 1999. On 20 April 2003 she gave birth to a daughter named Nysa. The good girl that she was, Kajol was not linked with any other Bollywood star.

Ajay, however, has been occasionally linked to a few Bollywood actresses, but

nothing has been officially confirmed.

**STRENGTHS:** Their acting talent is their strongest point.

**WEAKNESS:** Kajol does not have the same on-screen chemistry with her husband as she does with SRK.

**FUTURE PROSPECTS:** Right now they are not doing any more films together but their future is unpredictable, and if the right project comes up they might hit it to the top spot, however this time they better get it right.

**MOVIES THEY WORKED**

**TOGETHER IN:** "U Me Aur Hum", "Raju Chacha", "Pyar To Hona Hi Tha", "Dil Kya Kare", "Ishq", "Gunda Raj", "Hulchul".

**ENDORSEMENTS DONE AS A PAIR:** Whirlpool and Tata Indicom.

marriage rites and third was the Muslim 'Nikah'. They have a daughter Suhana and son named Aryan.

His acting skills and larger than life image definitely give them a place in the exclusive league of Bollywood power couples.

**LOVE HISTORY:** Shah Rukh Khan spotted Gauri when she was only 14 years of age freaking out in a disco in 1984 and he was attracted to her at first sight. They decided to become husband and wife in 1991.

**STRENGTHS:** King Khan has stuck by his wife through good times and bad and was never romantically linked with any star.

**WEAKNESS:** Both of them are from the different field of work though connected which could be a drawback at times.

**FUTURE PROSPECTS:** They could make good cover page stories for magazines, or even talk shows.



## TOP FIVE GOLDEN COUPLES



### 2 AMITABH AND JAYA BACHCHAN

Amitabh Bachchan and Jaya Bhaduri have two children Shweta Nanda and Abhishek Bachchan. Amitabh and Jaya are one of the most famous Bollywood real life couples as both of them made a career in films and became well known actors who worked together in several films. They finally tied the knot on 3rd July 1973 and today they have two grand children named Navya



### 3 MANSOOR ALI KHAN PATAUDI AND SHARMILA TAGORE

On 27 December 1969, Bollywood film actress Sharmila Tagore married Mansoor Ali Khan Pataudi, nicknamed Tiger, former captain of the Indian cricket team. He was the 9th and last Nawab of Pataudi until 1971, when India abolished royal entitlements through the 26th Amendment to the Constitution of India. Their love story is definitely worth writing home about. They have three lovely children, son Saif Ali Khan is a well known film star, daughter Saba Ali Khan is a designer and their second daughter Soha Ali Khan is also a film star.

each other.

Javed has a son Farhan and a daughter Zoya from his first marriage to Honey Irani which ended in 1980, following which he married Shabana Azmi on 9 December 1984. Shabana is the daughter of the famous Urdu poet, Kaifi Azmi.



### 5 DILIP KUMAR AND SAIRA BANU

Dilip Kumar married actress and beauty queen Saira Banu in 1966 when he was 44 years old and



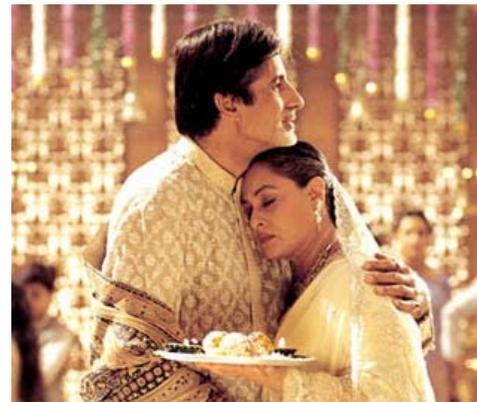
she was just 22! At that time gossip columnists predicted doom for the high-profile couple, but their union has been one of the longest lasting marriages in Bollywood.

Movies they worked together in: "Gopi" (1970), "Sagina" (1974) and "Bairaag" (1976). However none of them worked well at the box office. Saira later quit movies.

### 1 NEETU AND RISHI KAPOOR

Rishi Kapoor and Neetu Singh are one of the most famous celebrity couples in the Bollywood film industry. Audiences simply loved Rishi and Neetu as a pair on the silver screen and they soon became a teenage romantic sensation of the seventies. They were equally successful in their careers and their story is a real fairy tale love story in Bollywood. Neetu was 21 at the time she fell in love with Rishi and tied the knot in 1979 after a much-publicised engagement that was the talk of the town. She acted with the top stars of her day, especially Rishi Kapoor with whom she appeared in half a dozen films. They have two children, Ridhima, a fashion designer and Ranbir Kapoor who is a star in his own right with the success of his recent movies.

**Movies they worked together in:** "Khel Khel Mein", "Kabhi Kabhie", "Rafoo Chakkar", and "Amar Akbar Anthony".



Navel and Agastya Nanda. This Bollywood celebrity couple has stood by each other in good times and bad. They have managed to have a steady and happy marital life despite several rumours of Amitabh's relationship with Rekha, his serious accident on the sets of "Coolie" among other problems.

**Movies they worked together in:** "Zanjeer", "Abhimaan", "Chupke Chupke", and "Sholay".



## THE TOP FIVE ON-SCREEN POWER COUPLES

### 1 ABHISHEK BACHHAN AND RANI MUKHERJEE

At one point in time with hits like “Kabhi Alvida Na Kehna” and “Bunty Aur Babli”, this jodi doubtlessly could have been called as one of the hottest pairs in Bollywood. This pair first worked together in “Bas Itna Sa Khwab Hai” following which they delivered one hit after another. This marvelous jodi will definitely be remembered for their unbelievable chemistry and comfort level on-screen.

### 2 SHAH RUKH KHAN AND KAJOL

This stunning pair has shared the same screen space together on multiple occasions and every time they seem to recreate their magic on screen. With movies like “Kuch Kuch Hota Hai” and “Kabhi Khushi Kabhi Gham”, who wouldn’t be crazily in love with them?

### 3 HRITHIK ROSHAN AND AISHWARYA RAI

Their controversial kiss in “Dhoom 2” may have made Abhishek uncomfortable, but unquestionably made the audience simply love them. The awesomely beautiful Aishwarya Rai Bachchan and Bollywood’s handsome young man, Hrithik Roshan, have managed a huge fan following in a very short span of time. Their incredible screen chemistry in both “Jodha Akbar”

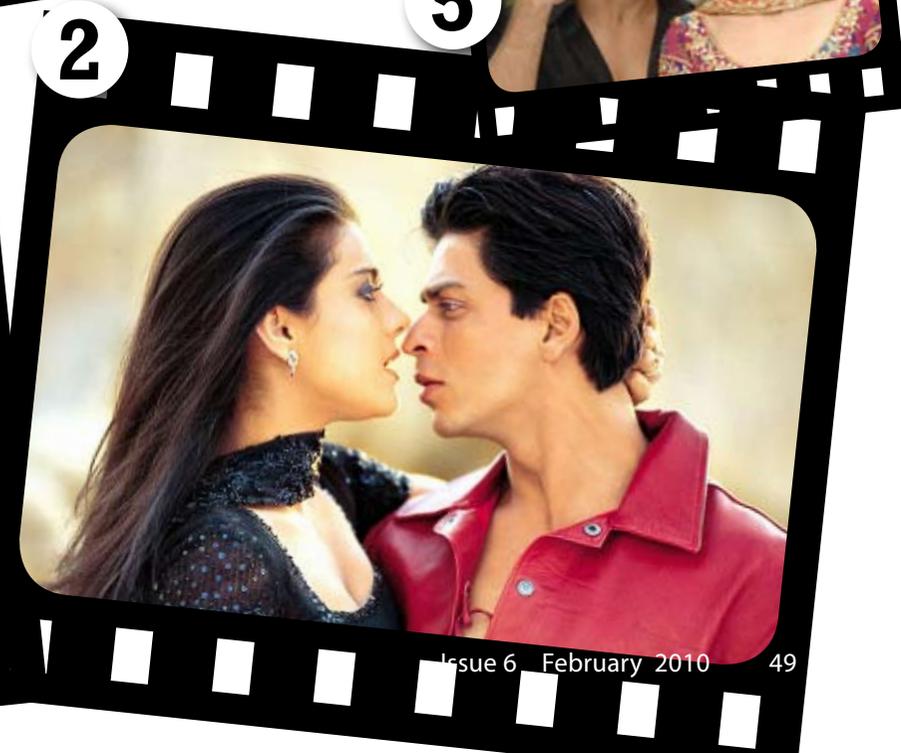
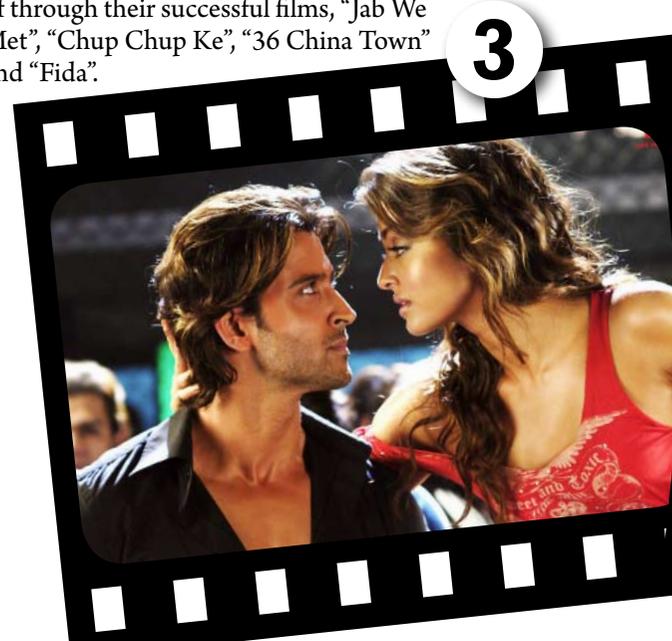
and “Dhoom – 2” only added to their mass appeal countrywide.

### 4 AKSHAY KUMAR AND KATRINA KAIF

“Singh Is King”, “Welcome”, “Namastey London”, “Humko Deewana Kar Gaye” and “De Dhana Dhan” are ventures of the very successful pair Katrina Kaif and Akshay Kumar making them currently the hottest Bollywood jodi. Their amazing acting skills and outstanding screen chemistry makes this pair a winning combination.

### 5 KAREENA AND SHAHID KAPOOR

Talking in terms of movies, Shahid Kapoor and Kareena Kapoor have had their ups and downs in Tinsel-Town, yet they have showed audiences what they are capable of through their successful films, “Jab We Met”, “Chup Chup Ke”, “36 China Town” and “Fida”.





## THE TOP FIVE EVERGREEN ON-SCREEN COUPLES

### 1 RAJ KAPOOR AND NARGIS

Raj Kapoor and Nargis were the most romantic screen pair in Hindi films. Off-screen, in real life, Raj Kapoor married Krishna (actor Premnath's sister), but he was in love with his on-screen heroine Nargis.



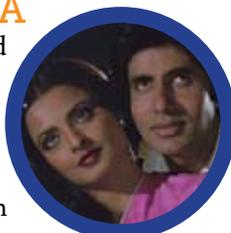
In an interview Raj was asked whether this created a marital rift. On the spur of the moment he replied that Nargis was his heroine on the film sets and not his wife, and at home Krishna was his wife and not his heroine.

Krishna never had any problems with Raj Kapoor acting in films despite the fact that he was openly in love with Nargis and this showed up in most of their songs in the movies where they acted together. Since audiences were aware of their romantic involvement off the sets they could very clearly see the chemistry between them reflected in their songs. Raj Kapoor and Nargis worked together in 16 films, including six of his own productions.

**Movies they worked together in:** "Aag", "Andaz", "Barsaat", "Pyaar", "Jan Pahchan", "Awaara", "Amber", "Anhonee", "Ashiana", "Bewafa", "Aah", "Paapi", "Dhoon", "Shree 420", "Chori Chori", "Jagte Raho".

### 2 AMITABH BACHCHAN AND REKHA

Amitabh Bachchan and Rekha list among the most romantic and passionate pairs of Bollywood. The 'angry young man' paired with the sensually beautiful



actress translated into an awe-inspiring on-screen sensational couple, so much so that rumour mills worked overtime reporting an alleged link up between the two. The Bachchan's rich baritone voice combined with the then classical sensual appeal of the timeless Rekha set B-Town aflame so much so that one Bombay photographer Jayesh Sheth decades ago reportedly shot 64,000 frames of this classic female beauty. This is it, need we say more.

**The Movies they worked together in:** "Ganga Ki Saugand", "Do Anjanees" and "Mr. Natwarlal".

### 3 SHAMMI KAPOOR AND ASHA PAREKH

Initially seen as the most atypical movie couple, Shammi Kapoor and Asha Parekh's chemistry was very fascinating to watch. Asha the pretty rich nymphet ready to fall in love and Shammi Kapoor the guy with



flamboyance, energy and boyish charm made this pair fresh, feisty, and fiery!

**The movies they worked together in:** "Teesri Manzil", "Dil Deke Dekho" (1959), "Pagla Kahin Ka" (1970), and "Jawan Mohabbat" (1971).

### 4 DILIP KUMAR AND MADHUBALA

Dilip Kumar and Madhubala defined a genre of romance typical of their era and this pair delivered more than just a few stupendous performances.

When they sang 'Jab pyaar kiya to dar na kya' for "Mughal-E-Azam", audiences were mesmerized by this pair and could physically feel the pining of love as they sang along.

Dilip Kumar worked with passion along with the timeless beauty of that era, Madhubala. It was 'Mughal-e-Azam' which launched the couple into the limelight.

This famous on-screen couple fell in love in real life, but a trifling tiff that Dilip Kumar had with her father led him to oppose their marriage and he did not even permit her to be a part of the outdoor shoot for "Naya Daur" which led to a court case. In the courtroom, a dejected Dilip Kumar declared dramati-



cally, "I shall love her until the day she dies." The relationship ended on a bitter note and it is said that during the ten years it took to shoot "Mughal-E-Azam", both the stars never spoke to each other, except when they were forced to face the camera.

**The movies they worked together in:** "Tarana", "Sangdil", "Amar", and "Mughal-e-Azam".

### 5 DHARMENDRA AND HEMA MALINI

The he-man and the dream girl of Bollywood of yesteryear. Dharmendra and Hema Malini wove magic together with their good looks and spectacular bonding on-screen.

They complimented each others love and matched comic timing with such spontaneity that they became a couple whose talent generations would be entertained by. The celebrity on-screen chemistry shot the jodi to instant fame.

Though as a lead pair they acted together in numerous movies, it was during the filming of "Sholay" when cupid struck its tiny arrows at their fluttering hearts that they got married (in 1980.)

**The movies they worked together in:** "Sholay", "Charas", "Pratigya", "Jugnu", "Dream Girl", "Azad", "Aas Paas" and "Seeta Aur Geeta".





## TOP FIVE STARS WHO ARE SINGLE THIS VALENTINE

For some reason or the other these stars have decided not to hook up, at least not as yet, even though they're hot! And it is this factor alone that makes them 'most eligible'.

### 1 HANSIKA MOTWANI

Just two films old, this upcoming actress is not dating anyone, as of date, and therefore proposals are always welcome.

### 2 MALLIKA SHERAWAT

Her married status has always been a question mark! However this hot and sizzling sultry star is now up for grabs.

### 3 PREITY ZINTA

The word is finally out, from Preity Zinta's mouth, that she is no longer dating Ness Wadia and is very much single and ready to mingle.

### 4 GENELIA D'SOUZA

This bubbly babe is the heart-throb of the Gen Next as she delivers endearing performance in all her films. Genelia says that she is single and does not have a boyfriend; however she was romantically linked with actor Riteish Deshmukh, son of the former Chief Minister of Maharashtra, but that seems to be history as she claims that she is

not seeing anyone.

### 5 HARMAN BAWEJA

He is single this Valentine because he recently broke up with Priyanka Chopra during the shooting of "What's Your Rashee", but we cannot say who his next Valentine will be.

