

# 'Royal' Ambani Wedding Dazzles Mumbai

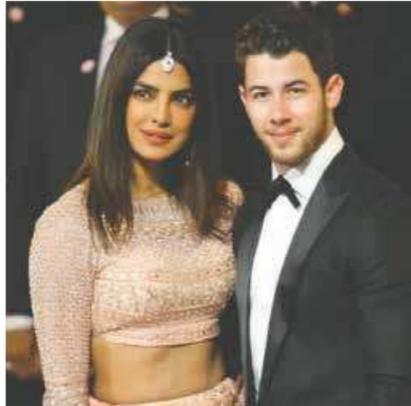
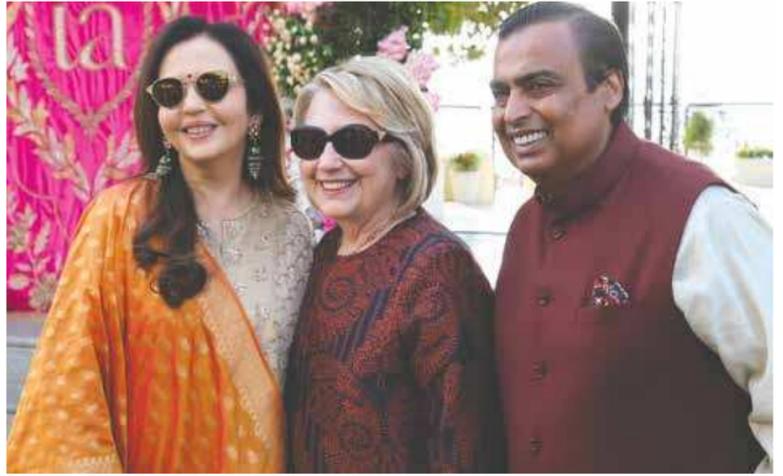
MUMBAI: Top Indian and international personalities, film and sports icons, business tycoons, political heavyweights, celebrities and a host of others attended what was described as "a royal wedding" for the scions of two top business conglomerates - Isha Ambani and Anand Piramal - here on Wednesday.

The celebrations started in the afternoon with the traditionally attired groom, Anand, arriving in a vintage Rolls Royce at the head of a wedding procession at the Ambani's Antilia residence.

The 27-storied Antilia, said to be one of the most expensive private residences in the world, itself has been decked up like a bride, and the entire stretch from the main road to the building has been decorated since the past few days with multi-hued fresh flowers, colourful lights and festoons to commemorate one of the most anticipated weddings in Mumbai in recent times.

Later in the evening, the grand wedding saw the parents - industrialist Mukesh Ambani and his wife Nita, tycoons Ajay Piramal and his wife Swati - and others welcoming the high-profile celebrity guests.

Former President Pranab Mukherjee was warmly received by business magnate Anil Ambani, the bride's uncle, while other top celebs like former US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and Praful Patel also made their presence felt.



Prominent invitees included Bollywood actors like Rajinikanth, Amitabh and Jaya Bachchan, Abhishek and Aishwarya Bachchan, Aamir Khan and Kiran, Shah Rukh Khan and Gauri, Salman Khan, Katrina Kaif, Priyanka Chopra and her husband

Nick Jonas, Deepika Padukone and Ranveer Singh, Hritik Roshan, Shilpa Shetty and Vidhu Vinod Chopra et al.

Besides, Sachin Tendulkar and other sports personalities, top business honchos included K.V. Kamath, Sanjiv Goenka, Deepak

Parekh, Sashi and Anshuman Ruia, Adi Godej, Rahul Bajaj and Harsh Mariwala.

The grand wedding festivities had started several days earlier in Udaipur, Rajasthan which witnessed a performance by Grammy award winning singer

Beyonce Knowles, a four-day special 'Anna Seva' and an expo on traditional Indian handicrafts, besides other events for the guests that included many of the biggest names from politics, business and Bollywood. The estimated worth of Mukesh Ambani is \$42 billion.

## Amarinder Sees Bigger Pak Design In Kartarpur Corridor

CHANDIGARH: Dubbing the whole affair initiated by Pakistan on the Kartarpur corridor as a "bigger conspiracy" hatched by the Pakistan Army, Punjab Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh said the hostile neighbour is trying to revive militancy in Punjab but it will not be allowed to succeed.

Citing that Pakistan Army chief General Qamar Javed Bajwa had "broken the news of opening the Kartarpur Corridor to Navjot Singh Sidhu even before Imran Khan was sworn in as their Prime Minister", Amarinder said the whole affair smacked of a bigger conspiracy.

"The opening of the Kartarpur corridor is clearly a game plan of the ISI (Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence). A bigger conspiracy seems to have been hatched by Pakistan Army against India. Pakistan is attempting to revive militancy in Punjab and thus everyone should be wary of all of its overtures, no matter how grand they appear to be," Amarinder told a TV news channel.

"The Sidhu affair is being unnecessarily hyped and those raising it have clearly failed to see the ISI game plan, said Amarinder, lashing out at the Akalis for branding the Punjab Minister as stooge of the Pakistan Prime Minister," the Chief Minister's spokesperson said here on Sunday.

Dismissing the issue as "nothing more than a credit war", Amarinder lambasted the Akalis and the Bharatiya Janata Party

(BJP) central leadership "for indulging in unwarranted controversy over his (Chief Minister's) relations with Sidhu in a bid to divert public attention from the core issue of Pakistan's continued and deliberate perpetration of terror activities in Punjab with the ultimate aim of destabilising the border state".

Amarinder said in the interview that the demand for opening of the Kartarpur Sahib corridor was pending since partition as several holy Sikh shrines (Sri Nankana Sahib, Sri Panja Sahib, Dera Sahib and Kartarpur Sahib) had gone to Pakistan.

"Even former Prime Ministers Indira Gandhi and Dr Manmohan Singh had taken up the issue of opening the Kartarpur Corridor with Pakistan. I had myself raised this issue with my Pakistan Punjab counterpart Parvez Elahi and with then President Parvez Musharraf during my previous tenure as Chief Minister," Amarinder pointed out.

The Chief Minister said Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan "is undoubtedly making efforts to bring peace, tranquility and harmony with India", but at the same time he should also prevail upon the top brass of Pakistani Army to ensure that killings of Indian soldiers at borders are stopped immediately. Amarinder said he declined the Kartarpur invitation because he could not think of going there while Indian soldiers and civilians were being killed by the Pakistan Army.

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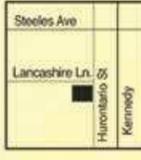
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## Mallya Ordered Extradited

LONDON: Beleaguered industrialist Vijay Mallya must be extradited from the United Kingdom to India to stand trial on charges of committing huge bank frauds, a London court has ruled, saying there was no evidence that the prosecution was politically motivated.

Westminster Magistrates' Court Chief Magistrate Judge Emma Arbuthnot said: "There is insufficient evidence for this court to find that he will not be tried by a competent and fair court," the court said.

The judge also noted that any suggestion that the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) courts in India were too "pliable" when it came to CBI cases "is not borne out by reliable evidence" Arbuthnot said she accepted the Indian contention that because Mallya had such a high profile, his trial would be under great scrutiny.