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# Virtual Cypher

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# From the Editor's Desk

Hello! We are so excited to publish our first-ever editor's special periodical. This edition includes articles written by the curators exclusively. We did this to give our participants a break and show our gratitude for all the support you all have given us over the months. Thank you for sending in your beautiful articles! We appreciate it a lot.

# The World Of Virtual Reality



-Chandana Roy

What's the first thing that pops into your mind when I say the word 'VR'? It's probably those gaming arcades we used to go to in the malls to play various games like hunting zombies or just swimming around in the vast and clear ocean. Now don't get me wrong, I'm not here to go into the technicalities and give you a whole definition of what it is. I'm merely going to dive into possible collaborations we could have with this system and various apps.

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Now take Snapchat, for example. On an average, we barely use it much except for stuff like streaks or maybe filters and of course, there are games and things like a spotlight which is basically like reels. Think about it carefully though, how productive is it as an app? My vision is a bit like this: Snapchat but with a world of bitmojis and games using the VR system. Just imagine, your bitmoji gets to interact with your friend's bitmojis by playing games, going to the Bitmoji store, and trying out various outfits and looks. You could even get piercings and tattoos without a care in the world ;)

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As for games, playing 'Slide the Shake' would be a lot more fun using VR and your friends could even cheer you on. Another cool collaboration could be with a music app. Pick anyone that you use from your daily lives and imagine using VR to go to any location that you wish in your Bitmoji avatar with your friends to get away from this monotonous life. Personally, I would love to go on a canoe in the middle of a lake and listen to 'Adventure of a Lifetime' or 'Fireflies'. There are endless possibilities of what we can do with VR and these were just a few of my visions.

In times like these we're only texting or calling but VR could bridge that gap of socializing that we all are currently facing.

# Elements of Humour in Memes

-Isha Bhagwat

Memes have become a way to create humorous situations of something serious going on in the world, without making light of said events. They're also a way to help people connect, to give support in subtle ways. Memes have evolved from just funny instances on the internet to... well something better, and I'd like to share that with you. Internet memes are an example of a type of humorous image that is relatively hard for newcomers to understand.

# Elements of Humour in Memes

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To fully understand Internet memes, one must comprehend the associated shared knowledge and topics. Take this image of a seal for example,





When you say bye to someone and both of you leave in the same direction

# Elements of Humour in Memes

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Referring to an uncomfortably awkward situation, just the few words have turned this meme template into something humorous and relatable. Going into the technicalities for a bit, a form of meme humour is using keywords and sentence structures, for example "that's what she said" jokes. Another form is punchlines or implicit information hidden behind the joke.

# Elements of Humour in Memes

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Why dont you try making your own meme with these templates right here:

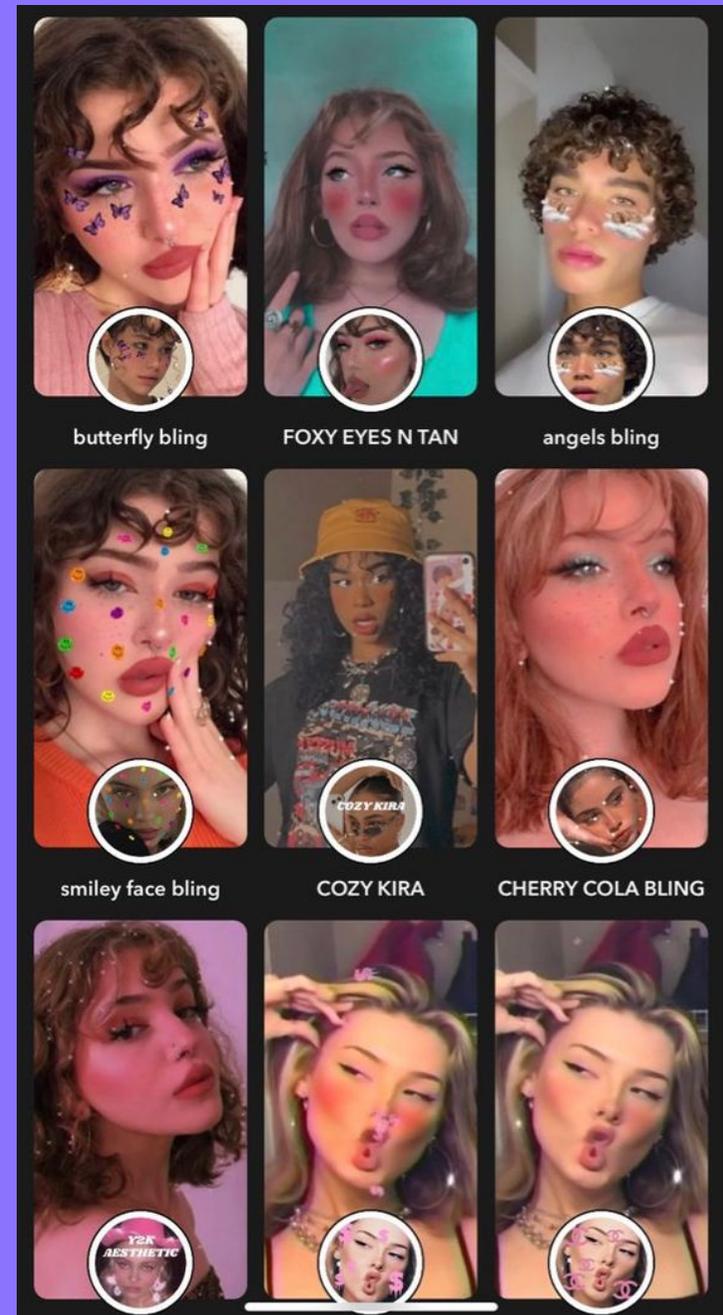# Filters are the new #no filter

## - Vasudha Ramani

This is the part where I can come up with some sassy lines and create the pre-existing hype of filters and the way people (including me) already do. However, the harsh reality of these filters that apps like Instagram and Snapchat have come up with has started questioning the definition of real beauty. Before these apps, other apps like Picsart, Snapseed existed that people hyped about (and still do).

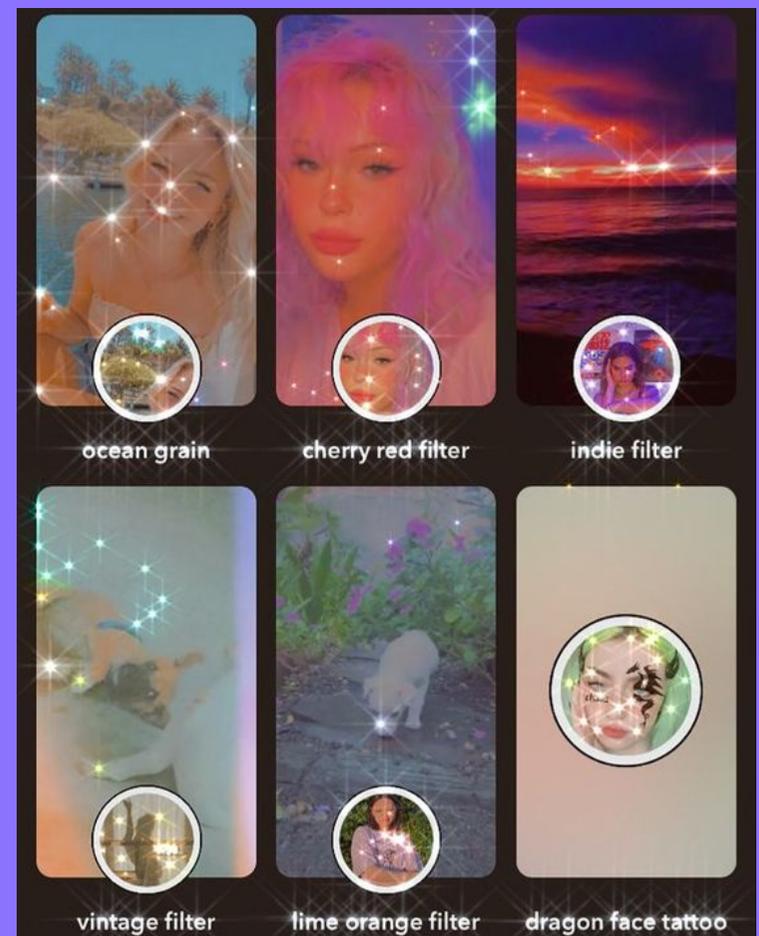# Filters are the new #no filter
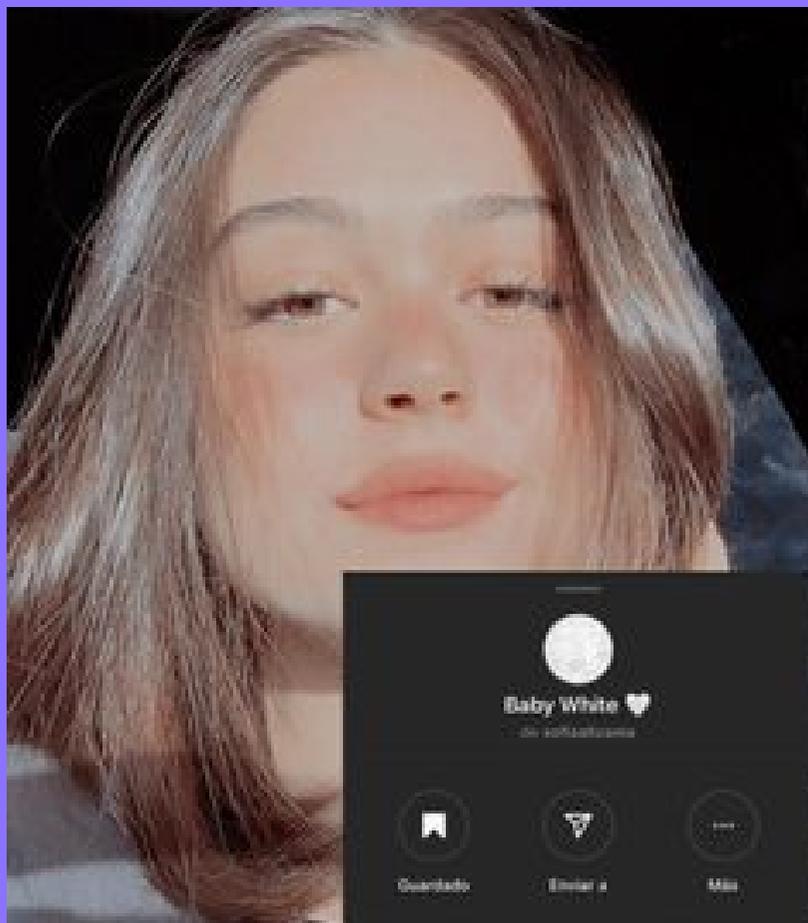
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It's not just the social media or the internet that has created a boom among the Youth but also the obsession for filters.- especially young women. The whole concept of filters started to help people "beautify" their appearance.

# Filters are the new #no filter

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However, today the scenario of the situation has changed and people have blurred the lines between using filters and becoming one through them.





ocean grain    cherry red filter    indie filter

vintage filter    lime orange filter    dragon face tattoo

# Filters are the new #no filter

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This is taking a toll not only on their mental health but making them lose contact with the inner beauty present. The moment we use filters, we are trying to "fix" the existing features within us. Yes, using filters is not the problem at all. However, merging ourselves with the non-existing reality can be dangerous to us as individuals. These filters are forcing us to define the new "beauty standards" of society.

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On the other hand, looking on the brighter side, features like "puppy filters", "vintage filters" and so on have broadened the source of enjoyment and have fun around. To some of us, it gave us the experience to be exposed to new technology in today's generation.

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It also enabled us to connect with people with common interests for filters and more. Interdependency is an interesting thing. With the onset of filters, the frequency of mirror selfies and people meeting exclusively to click pictures increased tremendously.
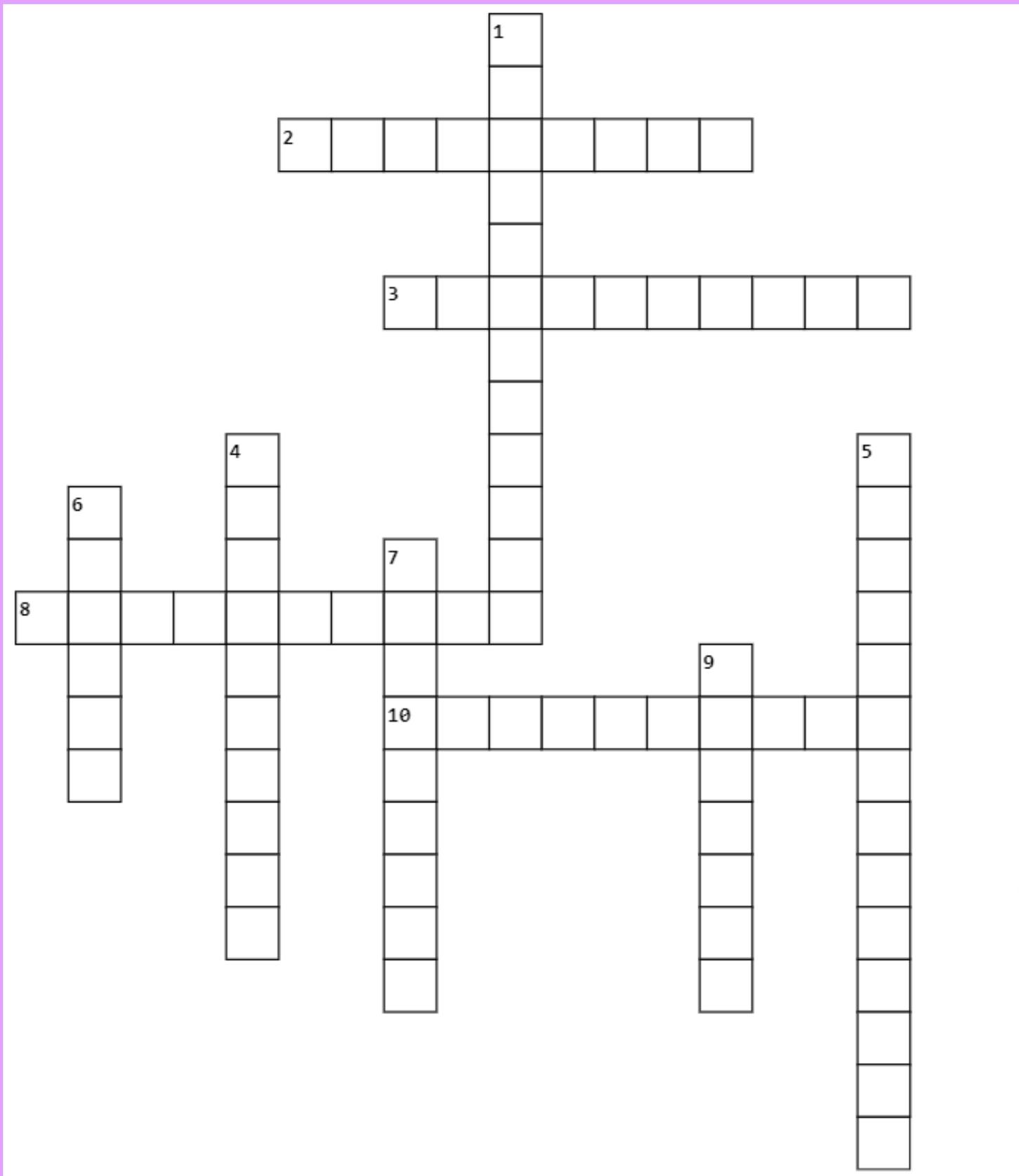
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Everyone wanted to add that "aesthetic" factor in their reels or videos or images through these filters. Today, the question whether this culture of filter images is good or bad is still debatable and will continue to do so for the upcoming few years.

**Down-**

1. WFH

4. IKR

5. OOTD

6. PPL

7. DW

9. OMW

**Across-**

2. NVM     10. TBH

3. IRL

8. LOL

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# Dating Apps

### - Gayathri Nair

I found out about dating apps through movies, tv shows and ads. Imagining it to be real was very weird because love is an intense feeling and how could you fall in love with someone online? Like, seriously? How do you just look at someone and swipe right? And why would anyone super like a photograph? Or just a cool bio? How can you even talk to a complete stranger? Is it safe? What if something goes wrong? What if the other person turns out to be a serial killer????

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I know it sounds scary, but dating apps are just like any other social media.
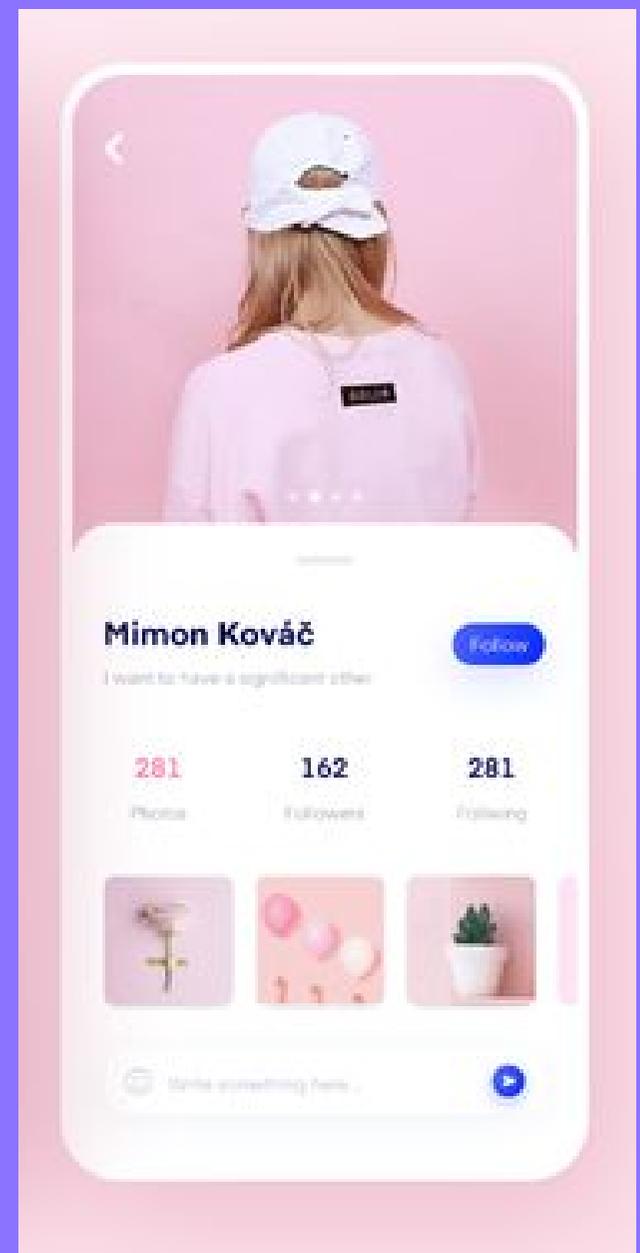
Dating apps basically work by matching people according to your choice. You can set age, gender and even distance of the people you would like to date. These apps also let you showcase your taste in music (that's really important because a Metallica fan and a Baadshah fan won't make a good pair). You can also share your hobbies, workout routine and even the food you like.

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Also, you get to add a bio where you can express yourself a little better as to pictures. The AI uses this collected data to show you cards of the potential matches to which if you like them swipe right, don't like them, swipe left and if you fell in love at the first sight you can swipe up and super like them!

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If both of you like eachother, you can start chatting! If it goes well, good for you but if it doesn't you can also report the other person and their account will be terminated.

You can also report if you find that the match is pretending to be someone else or is underage. Dating apps are great but it's equally bad.

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The fun part is dating apps makes it so much easy to meet new people. No more dandiya night stalking cute people or school farewell or meeting them on a train journey to Europe (Yes it's a DDLJ reference). We take it digitally now. Finding new people, making new friends or even falling in love, it's super easy now. Dating now completely depends on how much people vibe with eachother. 'There is plenty of fishes in the sea' is so much true now because you open a dating app and you will find too many people searching for love.

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The bad part is it affecting your mental well-being. As there are too many people on this platform, we expect all of them to like us or atleast a few to like us back and when that doesn't happen, there is this thought that hits our mind 'Am I not good enough?' 'Am I not pretty?' 'Do I look that ugly?' and that's really bad because it affects the self esteem and cause major troubles.

Tinder, Bumble, Hinge, OkCupid, Hinge and Grindr are a few popular dating apps. Go find your love! Or your heartbreak! Or a bestfriend!

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