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**A**d guru of India and theatre personality, Alyque Padamsee recently spoke to The Duchess Club on the topic - *The new Indian woman wants to be a wife, not a bahu*. Padamsee kick-started the session with this witty remark, "My parents didn't talk to each other for some 40-odd years due to their mutual misunderstandings. The reason they didn't get divorced was because they wanted to save their marriage. What kind of marriage is this where the couple doesn't speak a word to each other for four decades?" However, he has faith that today's women have the power and courage to break out of stifling marriages and live for themselves. "Today's women are educated and most of them have successful careers. This makes them less reliant on men emotionally and financially." Padamsee firmly believes in love marriages and says that live-in relationships are not a sin anymore. "If sex with a stranger is wrong, then what is an arranged marriage?" He advises women to take as much time as needed before having kids. "Don't have children because it is the next thing to do. Unless you are ready for motherhood, nothing will turn out right." He concluded his speech with his take on commitment: "Till death do us part has now become till divorce do us part! So give your children the choice to marry or not to marry."

## GURU SPEAK

LAKSHMY VENKITESWARAN

**Alyque Padamsee, Brand father of Indian advertising, had some interesting insights on the modern women of today**

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# Marriage Musings