

IIM back, GUYS!



JUST FOR YOU FOLKS! Aamir Khan and Kareena Kapoor in a scene from *3 Idiots*. The entire cast and makers will share the film with their IIMB buddies!

AAMIR KHAN and the team of *3 Idiots* are treating the folks at IIM Bangalore to the film, this Tuesday

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AAMIR Khan sure does know how to thank people. After putting up an autographed hoarding at the Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore campus, once the shoot for the film was over, the team is now treating their hosts to a special screening of *3 Idiots* next week.

"This screening is primarily for Aamir and the team to show their gratitude towards the IIMB students and teachers. In fact, Aamir is so excited about it all that he's coming into the city on Monday, a day before the screening, to ensure everything is in place," says our source from Fame Cinemas, where the screening is to take place.

Even the buzz on the campus is quite evident. When we contacted the student body at IIM, they said, "Yes, the screening is being planned. But the finer details of the same are being worked out." This was apparent as the people on the campus had bonded well with the cast and crew of the movie.

"Aamir, Maddy and Sharman spent a lot of time bonding with the students and faculty. They used to challenge the students to friendly games of shuttle, chess and carrom. They all stayed in the same hostel blocks as the students. This made the campus and the people extremely special for them, which was why they'd said they will organise a special screening of the film once it releases," says our source from the team.

The entire team of *3 Idiots*, including makers Vidhu Vinod Chopra and Rajkumar Hirani and the cast, Aamir Khan, Madhavan, Sharman Joshi and Kareena Kapoor, will be coming to town next week. Sometimes, maybe we need to take lessons from Bollywood on keeping promises, what say?

YES, all is well

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THERE probably wouldn't be one soul walking out of the multiplex without the feeling of nostalgia or a spring in the step. That's what *3 Idiots* could do to you. And if there was something over and above the usual 'three cheers', this film deserves just that.

Rajkumar Hirani has very ably guided the audience into a realm of serious business without sounding preachy and moralistic. Songs, dance, spoofs and comedy enough to take on the system head long. Three hours go by and even when the end credits roll in, you don't even realise that a 40-odd Aamir has just gotten away, miraculously, with playing a 20-something.

Sharing a room in an engineering college hostel, in a way, intertwines the fates of three friends — Rancho, Farhan and Raju — for life. The present day education system, represented by the institute director, whom the students fondly call Virus, is questioned at every second step. Rancho is the quintessential genius, who is not the one to get tied down by assignments, vivas and the rat race but, still tops the class. Farhan and Raju, on the other hand, are victims of their parents' expectations and are busy trying to live up to them.

This and more, comprises the four years

FILM 3 Idiots (Hindi)

DIRECTOR Rajkumar Hirani

CAST Aamir Khan, R Madhavan, Sharman Joshi, Kareena Kapoor, Boman Irani, Mona Singh

SCORE

84%

VERDICT

AAMIR'S AT HIS
ELEMENTAL
BEST



of engineering college for the three friends. But on graduation day, while everyone is busy celebrating, Rancho disappears. Years later, his friends go out in search of their old friend and that's when they chance upon a genius with 400 patents to his credit.

While the film is a take off from Chetan Bhagat's novel, *Five Point Someone*, it is a true Bollywood flick. In a way, the underlying tone is an extension of the 'break away from the mould' motto of *Taare Zameen Par*. It's easy to bring out engineering graduates who take up high-paying jobs but how often do we win a Nobel prize for an invention?

The timing and chemistry between Aamir Khan, Madhavan and Sharman Joshi keeps you on a high through the film and no, not for once do you feel that Aamir has tried to outdo the rest. To top this, Boman Irani as the sour-faced dreaded

MY VIEW

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Who would want to come to a hall and think hard about what's happening on screen? Not me and that's why *3 Idiots* has been the perfect Christmas gift to myself and my wife. Aamir proves himself a versatile once again and there's just so much to take home from this film.

professor is an absolute treat. Kareena Kapoor is more of a support and in the end, the one who comes out a real winner is the director. With intelligently interspersed songs, the dry wit of *3 Idiots* is to die for. Just try not to roll off the seats for once.