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Is he a bank manager, or a bank cler already married or even gay? Let's hi private **detective**

By Amrit Dhillon in New Delhi

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Business is booming for **Sanjay Singh**, the chief executive of the **Indian** The Delhi company, which previously focused on corporate fraud and trad infringements, has a new and highly lucrative specialism - matchmaking.

"My clients want me to check if a man is a bad character or look into a girl morals," said Mr **Singh**, sitting in a rundown office that is the perfect caric **detective agency**. "It used to be just the rich who came to me, but now class."


Ever-vigilant **Indian** parents are increasingly resorting to gumshoes, askir not only the income and professional details of a potential son or daughter establish whether they indulge in drugs, alcohol or cigarettes, are conceali even homosexual.


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country's one-billion-plus p rules of the game have chi India's powerhouse econor millions migrating to differ The social dislocation has l the days when battalions c and inquisitive uncles coul verify a potential spouse's background.

Now, with parents living fa children's potential spouse increasingly on matrimonia newspapers or on website: and the checking of creder professionals.

For brides, it is more often chastity that is being checked, whereas for bridegrooms, it is their income

If a potential daughter-in-law is discovered to be involved with a man, the called off. In India's still conservative society, the private eye does not ha pictures of her in flagrante delicto: brides-to-be have been spurned on the photographs showing them sitting close to a male friend in a restaurant, o photograph while riding pillion on a scooter.