

Farhan Akhtar and Vidya Balan in SRCC

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Despite the lack of banners and online promotions, news about *Shaadi Ke Side Effects* stars Farhan Akhtar and *Vidya Balan* attending SRCC's drama festival *Histrionica* spread in North Campus, leading to a packed crowd in the college. Owing to recent incidents of stampedes and poor management in other colleges, organizers here had the Delhi police's support. Barricades kept the crowd away from the stage and officers posted at the entry gates ensured the event remained an SRCC-only affair.

Vidya, overwhelmed by the cheering, said, "I wish I was on the other side of this stage because this energy is so infectious." Farhan got the crowd to scream even louder by saying, "Come on SRCC, you can do better than this!" Their fans requested specific dialogues and songs from the duo. Chants of *Ooh La La* would start whenever Vidya took the mic, while the boys in the audience screamed for the onscreen Milkha Singh. Vidya jokingly said, "I am Silk and he is Milk. Itna bhaag Milkha matt bolo, warna yeh sach mein bhaag jaayega." Vidya showed off her Silk Smitha charm by repeating her famous 'entertainment' dialogue from *The Dirty Picture*, while Farhan narrated one of the poems from *Zindagi Na Milegi Dobara*.

... Towards the end, both the actors got off the stage and went ahead to meet the crowd right at the end of the barricades, which gave the bouncers a scare and the excited students more reasons to cheer.