

Bollywood is not easy: web series star

Actor Yaaneea Bharadwaj says the recent web series, Made in Heaven, changed her life

Actress Yaaneea Bharadwaj rose to fame with the multi-director web series 'Made in Heaven'. Yaaneea plays the role of Sukhmani, a small town Punjabi girl hoping to live in the USA, marries a green card holder who is impotent.

She is lauded for her effortless portrayal of a character who is heavily influenced by Bollywood, not well educated and wears loud makeup.

Yaaneea stepped into the world of acting as a theatre artiste with actor Salim Arif. She also attended Neeraj Kabi's workshops, which she says transformed her into the actor she is today.

In a conversation with Surupasree Sarmmah, Yaaneea throws light on her exposure to Bollywood and how 'Made in Heaven' changed her life.

How did you get into acting?

When I was a kid, world cinema was not a big thing in the north. So, naturally, I grew up watching Bollywood movies. Like every child, I had the desire to become like the heroines I watched on the big screen. However, it was after a few years that I realised that acting is much more than just being a heroine. Eventually, I started my acting career with theatre.

How has life changed after 'Made in Heaven'?

People have appreciated my work. After the web series,

I got to know that I can do bubbly roles too. With what people have said and what I have discovered about myself during my journey with 'Made in Heaven', I know that I have become a confident actor.

How was it working with the two most sought-after directors Zoya and Reema?

It was an experience. I got a chance to work with them for my very first project; it is a dream come true. In fact, the entire team was so down to earth and grounded. It felt good as I don't have a movie background.

Do you think you have got a good start to your career with a web series, considering its popularity among the youth?

I am a huge fan of web series, and I also want to work in films. Having said that, my genre is very different. I like watching sci-fi and action thrillers. If given a choice, I would love to work on such web series.

I have to give a 100 per cent hard work to get one

Yaaneea Bharadwaj



per cent result; I am not someone who gets lucky out of nowhere. I struggled for two years and then got 'Made in Heaven', so I don't know how much more I have to struggle to get a film. It is not easy in Bollywood.

Your character in 'Made in Heaven' has been compared to that of Kareena Kapoor's in 'Jab We Met'. Any reaction?

'Jab We Met' released when I was in high school; I remember dancing to one of the songs from the film for the annual day. I have been a Kareena fan for as long as I can remember. I have not tried to act like her, but if people feel my character was anywhere similar to that of her's, it feels good.

You also did a television commercial opposite Hrithik Roshan...

Yes, I got that role because of my nunchaku skills. The director was looking for someone who can do something different.

The tradition of weapon is not very common in India as people here are more into martial art forms and not weapons. Doing that commercial made me the first Indian actress to do nunchaku on-screen.

What kind of roles do you want to do in future?

I am looking forward to doing dark roles. I love edgy stuff and characters that are challenging. I also want to be a part of a one-take film like the German crime thriller, 'Victoria'.



Earthy tones from Parx

The Spring-Summer 2019 collection from 'Parx' is all about sunny and effortless styles. The 'Cyber Surf' range includes staples like polo neck T-shirts, graphic T-shirts, joggers, track pants, knits and denim.

One can also find eco shirts, wrinkle-free chinos, anti-stain T-shirts and four-way super stretch T-shirts.

The collection will live-up your wardrobe with pastel tones and earthy shades.

Price: Rs 799 onwards
Available: Across exclusive Parx stores



Back to basics with Reebok

The Spring-Summer '19 collection of 'Reebok' is a must-have for men and women who love a sporty and casual look without neglecting comfort. And there is nothing as comforting as the basics, so, the brand is doing exactly the same - introducing the basic workout range with fashionista and fitness influencer, actress Malaika Arora. Rock your workout look with a sports bra and an easy-to-slide-on track pants.

Price: Rs 2,499

Available: Across Reebok outlets



Gym jeans by Spykar

Denim brand 'Spykar' launched its new range of athleisure denim, 'GYMJNS' for both men and women. The range offers a 'four-way dynamic stretch' and 'ergonomic construction', making it the first-of-its-kind denim that can be worn during workouts. To match the fast-paced life of a millennial, the brand has designed this denim for gym, college, office and parties.

Price: Rs 3,299

Available: www.spykar.com

(Compiled by Surupasree Sarmmah)



Disha praises Salman Khan

Though Disha Patani is just two films old, she has certainly made a place for herself in the industry now. The actress is breaking the internet with her latest appearance in the song 'Slow Motion' from Salman Khan's 'Bharat'; she plays the role of a trapeze artist in the film. Reportedly, the 'MS Dhoni' actor got injured and broke her knee while rehearsing for the peppy number. The incident took place a week prior to the shoot, compelling her to go on bed rest for a week.

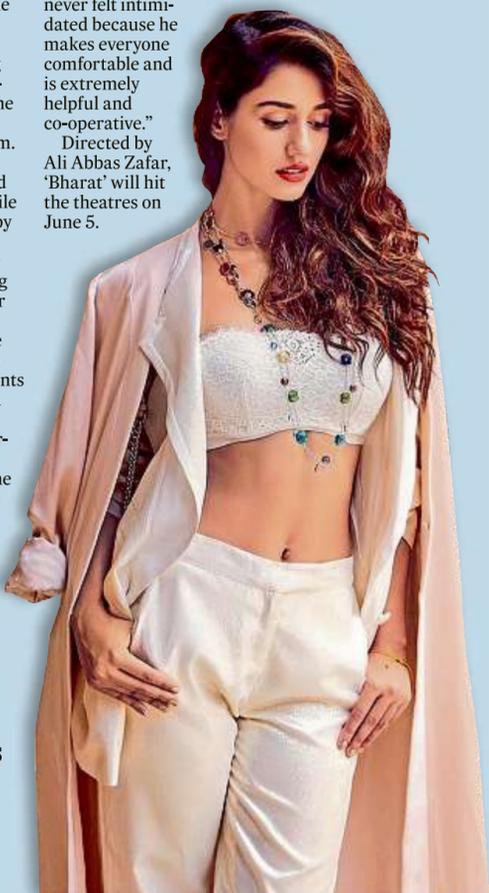
The film will also see Salman playing a daredevil who performs stunts in the wall of death in a circus.

During a recent interaction, Disha revealed, "It was amazing and one of the best experiences for sure. It was very hard because we were

only shooting at night during the schedule."

She was all praise for her co-actor Salman, "I never felt intimidated because he makes everyone comfortable and is extremely helpful and co-operative."

Directed by Ali Abbas Zafar, 'Bharat' will hit the theatres on June 5.



Sonalli Seygall

'Pyaar Ka...' actress to play cop

Sonalli Seygall, who was seen in films 'Pyaar Ka Punchnama', 'Wedding Pullav' and the recent 'High Jack', will play a serious character in 'Setters'. The film revolves around the examination and admissions racket.

In the film, Sonalli will be playing the role of Esha Shastri, a cyber cell police officer.

"Since these education mafias mostly use software and computer technology for their ill practices, my role is very important. These people can only be tracked down by a cyber expert who can easily hack different system codes," she adds.

Talking about her role, she says, "She's an eccentric, straight-faced and strong woman. There's a different excitement when you play an authoritative character like a cop. It was quite challenging and it also requires a certain kind of mental awareness, concentration and most importantly the knowledge about how a cop would work."

Patralekhaa plays surrogate mother in new web series

Known for her role in Hansal Mehta's 'Citylights' alongside beau Rajkumar Rao, B-Town girl Patralekhaa will soon be seen in her second web-series 'Badnaam Gali', in which she will be essaying the role of a surrogate mother.

Busy shooting for the series in Delhi, Patralekhaa says, "It's quite an interesting character and a fascinating journey to live it on screen. I'm sure it will be an eye-opener for many." The actress has earlier been a part of 'Bose: Dead/Alive' which was based on the life journey of Subhash Chandra Bose.

Earlier, the first poster of the series was launched

where she was seen with a small baby bump, while her co-actor Divyendu Sharma is giving a totally shocked expression.

Moreover, Patralekhaa is also learning Kannada for her south debut 'Where is my Kannadaka', where she'll be seen with actor Ganesh. The film is directed by Raj and Damini Shetty.

'Badnaam Gali' will go live on May 10.

Patralekhaa



Jacqueline's debut into digital space

Seen last in action thriller 'Race 3', Jacqueline Fernandez is all set to debut into the digital space with Netflix's thriller 'Mrs Serial Killer'. It will be directed by Shirish Kunder and produced by Farah Khan.

As per reports, the series showcases the tough journey of a doting wife whose husband has been framed and imprisoned for serial murders. Later, to prove her partner innocent, she has to perform a murder exactly like the serial killer.

Jacqueline took to social media to share her first look from the series. The black and white picture shows her dressed in a wrap-around blouse with a scarf on her head and looking seriously into the camera.

"Super stoked to announce my new Netflix original 'Mrs. Serial Killer' is coming soon.



Jacqueline Fernandez

This is going to be fun," Jacqueline tweeted.

Earlier, the rumour was that actor Manoj Bajpayee might be a part of the series, which will go live later this year.

Jacqueline is also

working in Tarun Mansukhani directorial 'Drive' alongside Sushant Singh Rajput followed by Salman Khan starrer 'Kick 2'.

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Kareena Kapoor Khan

Akshay and Kareena in 'Good News' next

Bollywood star Akshay Kumar on Saturday announced that his upcoming film with Kareena Kapoor Khan will hit the theatres on December 27.

The film, produced by Dharna Productions and Cape Of Good Films, was earlier scheduled to release in September.

Akshay announced the new release date on Twitter. "Good News for a good start to the new year! See you on 27th December," he wrote.

Directed by Raj Mehta, the dramedy also features Diljeet Dossanjh and Kiara Advani. Previously, the duo has worked together in 'Ajnabee', 'Kambakht Ishq', 'Tashan' and 'Aitraaz', to name a few. The two were last seen together in 'Rowdy Rathore' which was directed by Prabhu Deva.

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