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Bipasha Basu

I chased script of 'Jodi Breakers': Bips

It is rare for established actors to chase scripts, but Bipasha Basu did just that for her forthcoming film 'Jodi Breakers', in which she is in a unique pairing with R Madhavan. "Jodi Breakers' is a very interesting film and there is a story to it. Two years back I had read a very interesting script and then I got busy. This was the script that I had read! Two years later I woke up one afternoon and I called my manager to ask that where is that script? So, we traced the script. This is the first time that I ever got to chase a script," Bipasha said here at an event. After featuring in over 40 films in her showbiz career of over a decade, what made the dusky beauty run after the script?

"My character Sonali is such a refreshing character. I have not done a role like this in 10 years and thankfully I chased it and I got it. I knew Maddy was playing the male's role and we had so much fun," said the actress, who was last seen flaunting her perfect figure in 'Players'. 'Jodi Breakers', directed by Ashwini Chaudhary, is slated to release Feb 24.

I'm glowing because of my kids: Kajol



Kajol

Actress Kajol, last seen in 'Toonpur Ka Superhero', says she is extremely happy with the way her life has shaped up and the dotting mother of two can't stop gushing about her kids.

"I am having a blast, I am having a great time, a fabulous time with my life right now. I have two wonderful kids, I am enjoying myself thoroughly. I am glowing because I am spending so much time with my kids," the 37-year-old said here while launching a bag store, Malaga Bespoke. The actress

admits she is not considering any new projects for the time being, but hopes to be part of a good project in the near future. "I hope so (to do a film)... but only when the right time comes, when the right offer comes, not before that," said Kajol, who won the Filmfare award for best actress for her film 'My Name Is Khan' in 2010.

Kajol recently lent her voice for Karan Johar's 'Koochie Koochie Hota Hai', an animated version of her 1998 film 'Kuch Kuch Hota Hai'. She will also be seen in a guest

'Shivaji' changed my life completely: Shriya

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Shriya Saran tried her luck in Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada and Malayalam movies, but it was the unprecedented box-office success of Tamil film "Shivaji: The Boss" that she feels gave her acting career a new lease of life.

"Shivaji changed my life completely. It did give me a lot of respect. It did open a lot of doors for me. Deepa Mehta saw me in 'Shivaji' and took me for 'Cooking With Stella' and again in 'Midnight's Children'.

A lot of Hindi movie directors approached me after 'Shivaji'," Shriya Saran, 29, said.

The 2007 movie that had matinee idol Rajinikanth in the title role was one of the top earners of the year.

Though she has made it

big in southern cinema, Shriya is still struggling for name and fame in Bollywood and her last Hindi release was 2009 movie "Ek: The Power of One".

After a three-year break, she will be seen in a Hindi movie titled "Gali Gali Shor Hai" which she said "is a political satire. It's not that we are slapping the system. It's just that we are trying to bring a change."

Shriya has teamed up with Mugdha Godse and Akshaye Khanna in "Gali Gali Shor Hai", which is hitting screens Feb 3.

"Don't know whether it's a comeback or a long gap, but when I am doing a Telugu film people often ask me, 'Why aren't you doing Tamil films? When I am doing a Tamil film, they ask me why aren't you

doing Hindi films. It was never a conscious effort. I would like to do Hindi films as I am comfortable talking in Hindi," she said.

Not only Hindi, she speaks other languages effortlessly. "Hindi comes naturally to me because it's my mother tongue. Of course, even English! Telugu I have learnt and it is my third language. I have also learnt Tamil but Malayalam is difficult."

She may be working with people from different culture, background and languages, but the actress feels there is no cultural difference when it comes to work.

"Language changes with people, language changes with the sense of humour. The way stories are told changes. The story said in

Telugu will be different, Malayalam will be different and Hindi will be different. But the work culture doesn't really depend on the industry; it depends on the director you work with. It depends on the people working on the film," Shriya stated.

She would love to do more and more films, but remakes do not excite her so much. "I don't enjoy remakes so much.

I mean I am not sure whether I would be interested in remaking my own film. Sometimes when story is changed and done well, then it's fantastic like 'Ghajini' and 'Bodyguard'. 'Dabangg' and '3 Idiots' have been remade in Tamil. Story line should be changed in remakes," she said.

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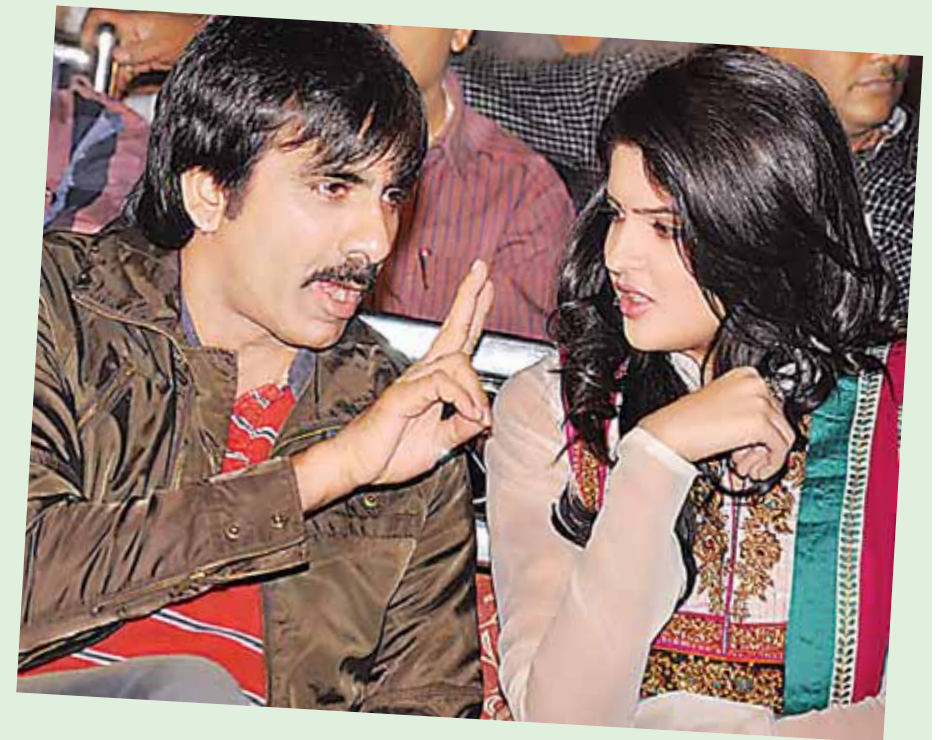


Shriya Saran

EVENT ROUNDUP



(Left) Ace director Dasari Narayan Rao launches the audio of 'Nippu'; Ravi Teja with his lady Deeksha Seth. The movie with Ravi Teja, Deeksha Seth in the lead roles, is directed by Guna Sekhar and produced by Y V S Chowdary. S S Thaman has scored the music.



TOLLYWOOD TALK



Amy Jackson

Who's who in 'Yevadu'

Ram Charan Teja's upcoming movie 'Yevadu' to be directed by Vamsi Paidipalli, produced by Dil Raju is back in the news for the lead cast opposite Charan. The buzz is that the crew has roped British model turned actress Amy Jackson in to the movie. The actress debuted into movies with Madrasapattinam which was dubbed into Telugu as '1947 a Love Story'. The actress also plays the lead in Hindi version of 'Ye Maya Chesave', 'Ekk Deewana Tha' opposite Prateik Babbar which is under filming directed by Gautham Menon.

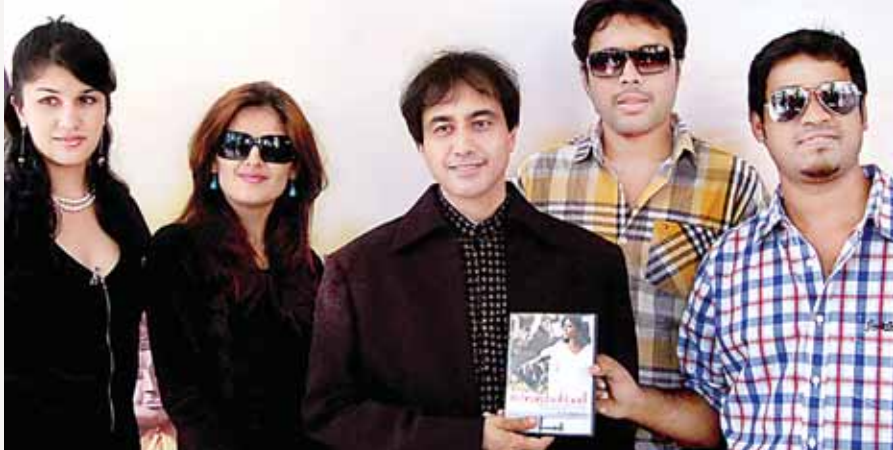
The actress is going to make her debut in Tollywood with 'Yevadu'. The other lead role will be played by Samantha Prabhu in the movie which was already confirmed. The movie will go on to the floors from February

23. Devi Sri Prasad will score the music for the movie. Meanwhile Charan is busy with his upcoming movie 'Rachcha'.

'In search of God' audio out

'In Search of God' - a movie by director and music composer Rupam Sarmah was awarded as the best documentary Movie in Indian Film Festival in Houston USA. The film is now on a success tour as the movie has gone for the Oscar Race for Original Music Score Category. It is Rupam Sarmah's debut film as a director. Rupam has composed music for feature films and has written songs in various languages for over two decades. On the occasion of the audio launch and screening of his movie, Rupam said "I have always wanted to make a film that touches people's heart and mind. This film is a reflection of my inner thoughts. Through the eyes of Kavita, the protagonist, I want to say that religion should bring community and the country together, not devastation around the world. In this incredible journey, Kavita wants to transcend her materialistic life to find some rejuvenation and deeper truth. Majuli Island is a mystical place where Brahmaputra river flows down from the Himalayas, making it one of the largest river islands in the world.

Shankardeva, a great saint, created monasteries and a harmonious culture here 500 years ago. He made worshipping God simpler,



Director Rupam Sarmah along with the crew at the audio launch of 'In search of God'



The crew at the logo launch of 'Chemistry'

more fun and entertaining. I was amazed at how joyful everyone seemed in the midst of poverty and simple lives. I wondered what makes them so happy. I found that how much you give is not a function of how much you have, but how big and open your heart is."

'Chemistry' logo launched

The logo of 'Chemistry,' starring debutants Sriram and Amrita Rao, was launched amidst Tollywood fanfare. Directed by Vachaspati and produced by Uday Kumar on Vividh Journey productions banner has launched the logo of the movie. Actor Aravind Krishna and producer Anil Sunkara of 'Dookudu' fame attended the event. The cast and crew were also present.

Ghantasala Viswanath will compose the music for the movie and Vissa Pragada will pen lyrics. The movie will go on the floors from February 1 and shoot in two schedules in Hyderabad. Speaking at the event, actor Aravind said: "The title has a new flavour which will catch the attention of the youth." Producer Anil Sunkara said: "If you film the movie within the time and budget according to planning certainly you will taste the success." He advised the crew to put in their heart into the movie and make it a big success. The event witnessed good attendance from Tollywood celebrities.

CHALO SHOOTING



The shooting of 'Tea Samosa Biscuit,' starring Sri Hari and Hamsa Nandini in the lead roles is progressing at a brisk pace in Saradhi Studios, Hyderabad. It is produced and directed by K V Baabji. Pics: Ravi Giragani