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"This past year saw more Bollywood stars twinkle on this small screen than they did on the large one…"

A New Year, a new beginning… So much to look forward to but before we do just here's a small glimpse into the so much that happened in the year that's just passed… from PM Narendra Modi and the Congress decimation in the General Elections to the super successful Mars Orbiter Mission to the devastating floods in Kashmir to the conviction, arrest & imprisonment of Ms Jayalalitha to the mysterious death of Sunanda Pushkar to the honored Nobel Prize winner Kailash Satyarthi to the creation of an Indian Kabaddi & Soccer Leagues to Visas on Arrival and so much more…

Regards the "small" screen (which it seems has slowly inched its way up to and in some case even gone ahead of the "silver" screen, both in terms of size and celebrity preference); this past year saw more Bollywood stars twinkle on this small screen than they did on the large one… From all-time favourite Amitabh Bachchan to current favourites such as Salman Khan & Aamir Khan to yesteryear favourites such as Anil Kapoor, Anupam Kher, Poonam Dhillon, Raveena Tandon, Bhagyashree, Padmini Kolhapure, Sonali Bendre, Raj Babbar and many others who shone bright in front of & behind the scenes in Telly-land this year.

As far as content on Indian Television goes, many chartbusters were born & many others were resurrected in 2014… From 24, Yudh & Everest to Dil Se Naachein Indiawaale, DID, India's Best Cinestars Ki Khoj & Box Cricket League to India's Got Talent-Season 5, Fear Factor: Khatron Ke Khiladi, Jhalak Dikhhla Jaa- Season 7, Bigg Boss Season 8' & Khatron Ke Khiladi – Darr Ka Blockbuster Returns to Got Talent World Stage Live (an extension of the 'Got Talent' series) hosted by none other than Shah Rukh Khan.

Nice, fresh story lines made a comeback this past year with the likes of Jamai Raja, Neeli Chatri Waale, Bandhan … Saari Umar Humein Sang Rehna Hai, Satrangi Sasural, Ajeeb Dastaan Hai Yeh, Pukaar - Call For The Hero, Tu Mera Hero, Hum Hain Na, Humsafars, Itti Si Khushi, Tum Aise Hi Rehna, Itna Karo Na Mujhe Pyaar, Meri Aashiqui Tum Se Hi, Udaan and Shastri Sisters.

Phew! That sure was a long list of wonderful things that happened in 2014. And if that wasn't enough, we got bombarded with a seriously high dose of jest on the comedy front too… After Comedy Nights with Kapil came Gangs of Hasseepur, Har Mushkil Ka Hal-Akbar Birbal and now Comedy Classes.

So on that happy note, here's looking forward to another great year with many more wonderful beginnings. Watch this space as the excitement unfolds! Until then, happy reading!

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Thanks for Recognizing new budding talent!

I want to thank The ITA for taking a note of suggestions of we Vrushan (Vrushika-Shantanu) Fans. Thanks for nominating and recognizing new budding talent like Vrushika Mehta and Shantanu Maheshwari and also giving them a chance to host and making them a part of such a prestigious award event. We feel so good that The ITA Awards team noticed their talent and popularity. Thanks you again.

A happy Vrushan fan, Sanya Shah

I love Sanaya Irani!



This message is specially for Sanaya Irani. Sanaya, I am your diehard fan from Myanmar since the time you played Khushi. From that time till today I have always loved, respected, supported you. And I am crazy about you. *love you hamesha...*

Myo Thiri Naing

Want to see Drashti Dhami on cover!



Can we fans get Drashti Dhami's photoshoot for GR8! TV Magazine's cover page. See, we never got any lengthy interview of Drashti in GR8! TV Magazine. She is one of the Top actresses of Television and we still didn't get to see her on the cover page of GR8! If newcomers get the chance to be on the cover page *toh Drashti ka aana toh banta hai naa.* Please, please do her cover shoot and as of now Drashti is free so she can give her full time to your magazine.

Heesra

Fan Club!



Il am a regular follower of **GR8!** TV Magazine and I really love reading it as it gives an insight on the TV actors which no newspaper, magazine or channel gives. I really like **Gautam Rode** who is currently seen in Mahakumbh on Life OK and I request you to cover him in your Fan Club column. I would really like to know more about Gautam.

Sunita Shah

Celebrity Corner



Firstly, the magazine recently completed 11 successful years so a big congratulations and hope it achieves more and more success. My association with GR8! TV Magazine started in 2010 with my first ever cover shoot and I am gr8ful to them for letting me contribute to the esteemed magazine. A big thank you for giving us really good interviews and events which really inspire us.

Yashashri Masurkar

Aap Ki Adalat celebrates 21 Years!

It was certainly an evening of never seen before spree where in the personalities from various genres came together to celebrate the 21 Years of India TV's iconic show 'Aap Ki Adalat'. From the power corridors of Delhi to the glamorous Mumbai, there was a most definite flutter over the news of a mega event that was hosted by India TV to celebrate the 21 glorious years of India's longest running Television show Aap Ki Adalat with Rajat Sharma. To commemorate the legendary milestone for the show, a cult in its own, India TV organized a never before and dazzling event on 2nd of December at Pragati Maidan. President Pranab Mukherjee, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Cabinet Ministers, Three Khans of Bollywood -Shahrukh, Salman and Aamir. The list doesn't end here. Many other biggies such as actors Anil Kapoor, Hema Malini, Kirron and Anupam Kher, Sonakshi and dad Shatrughan Sinha, Rani Mukherjee; cricketers Gautam Gambhir, and eminent personalities such as Anna Hazare, Baba Ramdev, Ram Jethmalani and Maulana Madani also attended the celebration. The highlight of the evening was when singers Udit Narayan, Sonu Nigam and Daler Mehndi performed at the grand event. There were many other dignitaries who illuminated the occasion with their presence and came in to wish luck and success to India TV's Aap Ki Adalat.


Rajat Sharma with Pranab Mukherjee and Prime Minister Narendra Modi


Amit Shah


Smriti Irani


Vasundhara Raje with Prakash Javadekar


Raj Kundra & Shilpa Shetty


Anil Kapoor


Baba Ramdev


Ajay Devgn, Shatrughan & Sonakshi Sinha


Kiss Of Khans: Salman Khan and Shahrukh Khan kiss Rajat Sharma


Ram Vilas Paswan with Chirag Paswan


Rani Mukherjee


Anupam & Kirron Kher


Gautam Gambhir with wife


Hema Malini

RAJAT SHARMA WITH 3 KHANS OF BOLLYWOOD







Banega Swachh India Cleanathon!

Dettol India and NDTV launched the nationwide campaign in September 2014 to spread awareness and empower citizens with better hygiene and sanitation facilities across the country. Over Rs 281 crores was raised by the 'Dettol NDTV Banega Swachh India' campaign, as Campaign Ambassador Amitabh Bachchan and NDTV's Prannoy Roy and Vikram Chandra were joined by a number of people, ranging from rag pickers to Chief Ministers, on a marathon 12 hour Cleanathon in support of this campaign.

Lauding the initiative on social media, Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** tweeted, "I appreciate @ndtv and @SrBachchan for the 'Banega Swachh India' campaign, to address aspects related to hygiene and sanitation @ swachhindia."

A number of Chief Ministers supported the cause including Madan Fadnavis, Maharashtra;



Prasoon Joshi

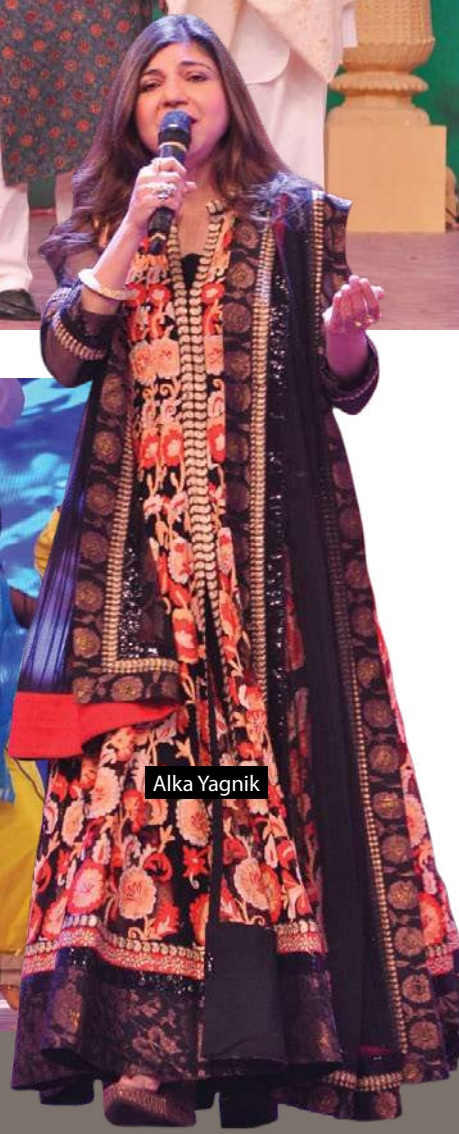
Anandiben Patel, Gujarat; N Chandrababu Naidu, Andhra Pradesh; Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Madhya Pradesh; Laxmikant Parsekar, Goa and Hemant Soren, Jharkhand. Union Ministers Arun Jaitley, Suresh Prabhu, Choudhary Birender Singh, Ravi Shankar Prasad, Uma Bharti and Rajiv Pratap Rudy supported it along with Goa Governor Mridula Sinha and corporates Vineet Mittal, Vice Chairman Welspun Renewables; Dr Prathap Reddy, Chairman Apollo Hospitals Group; Sanjeev Bijli of PVR; Prasoon Joshi, Chairman, Asia Pacific



Javed Akhtar in conversation with Amitabh Bachchan



Govinda



Alka Yagnik


Dia Mirza


Amitabh Bachchan greets Waheeda Rehman


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Vikram Chandra


Boman Irani



Mouni Roy


Arjun Kapoor & Sonakshi Sinha

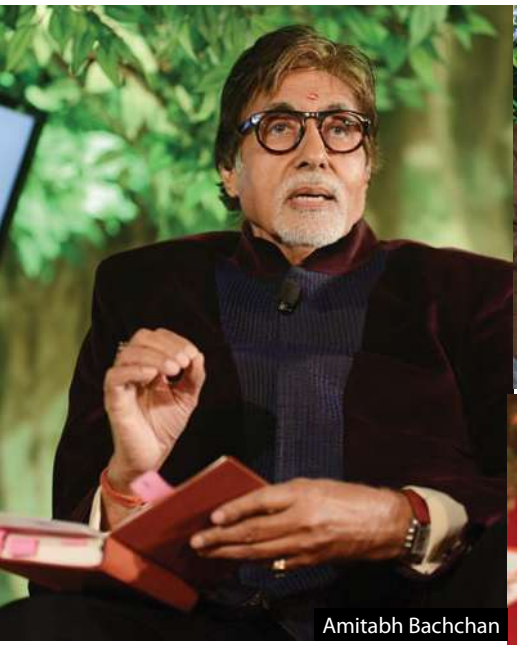
& CEO, McCann Worldgroup India; Arundhati Bhattacharya, Chairperson, SBI; Anil Aggarwal, Chairman, Vedanta Group; Arup Roy Choudary, MD, NTPC; Anand Mahindra, Chairman & MD, Mahindra Group; Chanda Kochhar, MD & CEO, ICICI Bank; Subhada Rao Chief Economist & Namita Vikas, YES Bank; Entrepreneur Binesh Desai and Ronnie Screwvala. MPs Shashi Tharoor, Rajeev Chandrasekhar, Javed Akhtar and party spokespersons Arvind Gupta and Priyanka Chaturvedi also lent their support to the cause. A host of prominent personalities from the sports and entertainment world not only lent their support to appeal to millions of viewers to generate maximum funds for the cause, but few of them also performed.

The funds raised will be utilised in partnership with Bharti Foundation, Swades Foundation, Charities Aid Foundation, Sulabh International and Water Aid to build toilets across the country. Funds will also be used to educate people on proper hygiene practices and assist in maintaining these facilities with proper training and equipments. The Banega Swachh India campaign aims to work towards a five year plan in accordance with Prime Minister Modi's vision of making India a cleaner and healthier country by 2019.


Priyanka Chopra, Ronnie Screvwala, Dr. Pranay Roy & Vikram Chandra

- Dharmishtha Dagia

Agenda Aaj Tak!


Amitabh Bachchan


Gautam Gambhir, Shoaib Akhtar, Virender Sehwag, Mohammad Azharuddin, Wasim Akram


Raju Srivastav


Sukhvinder Singh


Asit Modi, Dilip Joshi, Disha Vakhani Munmun Dutta


Nitish Kumar


Maulana Mahmood Madani, Mani Shankar Aiyer & Swami Chinmayananda Saraswati


Lalu Prasad Yadav, Sharad Yadav& Sitaram Yechury

The 'Hindi Jagat Ka Maha Manch' is getting bigger every year, as Aaj Tak presented the 3rd Edition of the award winning annual event 'Agenda Aaj Tak – Kitna Badal Gaya Hindustan', with a theme that is reflective of the changing times in the National landscape. The 2 day conclave dated 12th & 13th December, 2014 was held at Hotel Taj Mansingh with the Stalwarts of Indian politics, Top faces of the Government, Entertainment and Sports, all present under one roof. The conclave had an impressive line-up of the most distinguished stalwarts coming together. The greatest minds and leaders across various fields had set the mood for the sessions. The Game Changer and modern day Chanakya - Amit Shah, the Master strategist - Arun Jaitley and the Defence Minister - Manohar Parikkar, the Railway Minister – Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu, these most powerful personalities from the new political order shared their vision and plan. While the living legend of Bollywood, Amitabh Bachchan paid tribute to his father Harivansh Rai Bachchan.

- Dharmishtha Dagia


Devendra Fadnavis & Harish Rawat


Manoj Tiwari


Neelesh Misra, Kumar Vishwas & Annu Kapoor


Vishal Dadlani & Shekhar Ravjiani


Manohar Parrikar



Rahul & Navneet Gaur


Sonakshi Sinha & Arjun Kapoor


Rajeev Shukla, Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi & K.C Tyagi,


Vinay Tewari, Rajdeep Sardesai & Javed Mustafa Ansari


Amit Shah


Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu


Anil Sinha


Syed Shahnawaz Hussain & Salman Khurshid


Manish Sisodia, Satish Upadhyay & Haroon Yusuf


Aroon Purie and Kalli Purie with Arun Jaitley

Blenders Pride Fashion Tour 2014!

Celebrating 'Substance in Style' carves the path for the 10th edition of Blenders Pride Fashion Tour. Wasim Akram set the stage by decoding his style at the 10th edition of the tour. Handcrafted to perfection is almost synonymous to the Blenders Pride Reserve Designers for the evening, Neeta Lulla and Suneet Varma who showcased their creations on the first day of the tour in Mumbai. Groovy notes of music, by Gaurav Raina and Tapan Raj, blended with the essence of designs on the ramp, epitomising true craftsmanship. The second day marked the Indian fashion industry with glitz and grandeur with models strutting down the runway donning the cutting edge collections of Little Shilpa and Shivan & Narresh. Ashvin Mani Sharma and Ash Roy rocked the crowd with the groovy electronic beats, ending the tour in Mumbai on a high note.



Suneet Varma, Neeta Lulla, Aditi Rao Hydari & Wasim Akram


Sushmita Sen


Designers Little Shilpa, Shivan& Narresh with Sushmita Sen

Salman Khan at #grassroots football movement launch!






Salman Khan & Nita Ambani

Nita Ambani, founder and chairperson of Football Sports Development Limited (FSDL), launched the ISL #grassroots football movement at the Dhirubhai Ambani International School, Mumbai. The programme will create a platform for the development of #grassroots football activity and talent-scouting across the country. This long-term initiative will be a joint effort of ISL, the eight ISL Clubs, Reliance Foundation and three NGOs - Magic Bus in Mumbai, Delhi, Raigad and Bangalore; Slum Soccer in Nagpur, Thane and Navi Mumbai; and Yuwa in Jharkhand. The #grassroots programmes aims to reach out to 500,000 children and ISL will distribute 100,000 footballs in towns and villages across the country.

"Sports is vital to the holistic development of young people, fostering their physical, social and emotional health. Now that we are approaching the business-end of the league and we are launching the soul of ISL – the grassroots program," said Nita Ambani. Salman Khan added, "Football #grassroots programme is an important step for the development of the beautiful game. I am happy to be part of the #grassroots programme and Mrs. Ambani's vision to develop India as a footballing nation. This programme will shape the next generation of Indian footballers."

Star studded launch of Kipos!

The who's who of Mumbai celebs made their way to Bandra for the launch of Kipos, Mumbai's hottest new Greek themed eatery and bar, amidst much celebration, fanfare and free flowing food and spirits! The menu included popular Mediterranean cuisine and exotic bar food, amidst molecular cocktails and music that electrified the dance floor! Designed just like a beautiful garden in Greece, Kipos' owner Naveen Prem played the perfect host to Bollywood stars, TV stars and Cricket stars alike! The star studded launch included popular faces such as cricketer Yuvraj Singh, Angad Bedi, Isha Koppikar with hotelier husband Timmy Narang, Shilpa Saklani and Apurva Agnihotri, Gaurav Chopraa, Debina and Gurmeet, Alexx O' Nell, Barkha Bisht Sengupta and Indraneil Sengupta, Mouli Ganguly and Mazher Sayed amongst many others.



Kipos Owner Navin Prem with Ananyaa, Raju Gowda, Timmy Narang and Yuvraj Singh



Pooja Kanwal



Tarun Khanna with wife



Tarun Khanna, Vishal Karwal, Rohit Khurana, Imam Siddique & Rajiv Kumar



Mazher Sayed with Ankur Nayyar & wife



Timmy Narang & Isha Koppikar



Rohit Khurana & Vishal Karwal


Rohit Verma


Gaurav Chopraa


Anuj Sachdeva


Imam Siddique


Shilpa Saklani


Gurmeet & Debina with Munisha Khatwani


Rushad Rana


Saillesh Gulabani & Ashita Dhawan


Anupam Bhattacharya


Indraneil Sengupta & Barkha Bisht Sengupta


Angad Bedi


Sachin Shroff & Juhi Parmar


Alexx O'Nell


Manasi Varma


Deepti Dhyani & Sooraj Thapar


Vinod Singh


Mouli Ganguly


Mahesh Thakur


Deepshikha Nagpal



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Debina is Jet lagged!

Debina had accompanied Gurmeet Choudhary to South Africa who was shooting there for his upcoming film, Mukesh Bhatt's Khamoshiyan. She is having quite a difficult time since she has been back. The time difference has been killing her and as she usually has meetings in the morning she has to make it a point to wake up anyhow. The task of waking her up has been given to her maid and once done with the meeting she goes back to sleep. And then again she is awake all night. Debina shares, "It's been quite difficult to wake up in the morning as I sleep pretty late since the time I have been back. This jet lag period is really troublesome but I am sure I would get over this soon."

TV's Leonardo DiCaprio!



Sandeep Anand, who is currently seen as Billu in FIR, has a striking similarity with Hollywood actor Leonardo DiCaprio. The actor who has a strong background of theatre often comes across people who tell him about this similarity. He says, "I am a big fan of actor Leonardo DiCaprio and have watched most of his films and my favourites are Titanic and Catch Me If You Can. So I cherish the compliment when someone says we look so similar. Couple of years back my portfolio pictures had gone to a person who used to work with an eminent photographer. While shuffling when he saw my pictures he got astonished as he thought that the picture was Leonardo DiCaprio. And when he came to know that the picture was mine he told me this similarity is striking. People who know me well and saw me from close also find common features. My eyeballs colours are also mixed so right from my early age I used to get compliments for that."

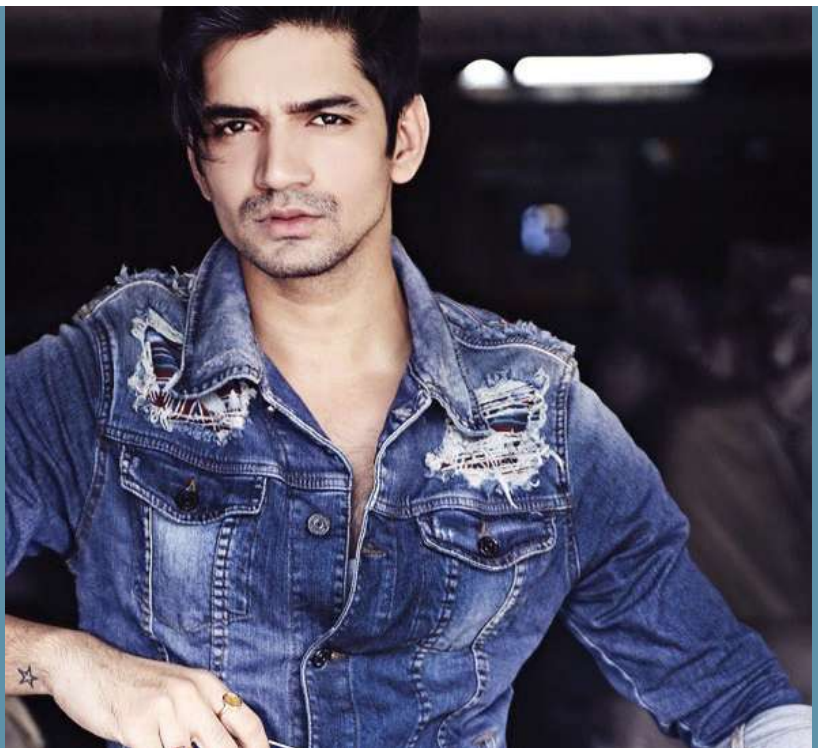
Ekta Kapoor is everything for me!

Everyone doesn't know how Vishal Singh aka Jigar from Saath Nibhana Saathiya became an actor. but he is a grateful person and thinks that his career happened due to the Queen of Indian television Ekta Kapoor. Talking about it Vishal shares, "Ektaji is everything for me. She has been there for me since the day I started my career. To be very honest I have my career because of her. Whenever I needed her she was always there for me. It's been 8 years since we know each other now and I cherish our friendship. Even if I am not working with her and I need an advice I can call her up anytime and I know she will guide me. Indeed she plays a very important part in my life." Vishal's mother also played an important role in his career. He says, "My mom told me do whatever you want, but finish your graduation. So I completed my graduation and then came to Delhi. I remember an incident when a girl came up to me and told me that they are doing auditions for a new show and she really liked my face. I went for the audition next day the camera man told me that there is something different in me. They called me three to four times for auditions and then they finalized me for the show. This is how I got my first show and that time I had no idea about acting."

Arhaan Behl's Numerology Tale!



In India we have different religions, many ways to spirituality, different believes etc, and one of the unique belief is numerology. There are many actors who follow and believe in it. and Arhaan Behl is no different and he believes that numerology can change the entire game. His lucky numbers 9 and 6 are on the number plate of all his cars. His faith in Numerology is to the extent that he waits for the 6th or 9th month of the year to buy property, etc. Not only this he makes sure if he is checking into a hotel room he makes sure his room no has his lucky numbers. Right from his flight seat number to hotel room number, he makes sure that his lucky numbers are included. Arhaan shares, "Numerology is something that I always believed in. And to be honest it has done wonders. It has worked till date for me, I hope it works in the near future too."



Mohit Malik goes back on Public Demand!



Mohit Malik has always been loved for his performance but what got him to tears is that recently he had been to Durban for a show, apparently the audiences loved him so much that on public demand the actor has been called back to the city to perform in less than two months. Never has this happened before and even though Mohit could not take time off and was earlier not committing to it, constant fan mails and the organisers' requests persuaded him to take a few days off to go and perform for his fans there. Mohit returned to Mumbai and directly headed to his shoot as he couldn't afford to take a long break. Mohit shares, "It felt great to go back to Durban on public demand. Fans have always formed a crux of who we are and their love is something I can't say no to."



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Ankita & Kiran Bhargava's shopping spree!



Ankita Bhargava and her mom Kiran went for shopping with internationally renowned Kathak dancer Pandit Birju Maharaj. Padam Vibhushan awardee Birju Maharaj shares a close and a beautiful bond with Bhargava family, he considers Kiran as his daughter and also did her Kanyadan when she got married to Abhay Bhargava. Ankita shares, "My mom was doing her Masters in Kathak under the guidance of Pt. Birju Maharaj when she met my dad during a Stage musical play. They got married with his blessings. I came into this world and was lucky to have grown up on his lap. For me he is like my grandfather, teacher, philosopher and much more." Whenever Birju Maharaj comes to Mumbai, he lives with Bhargava's family. Ankita said, "He loves my mom's cooking and doesn't like to eat anywhere else. Also, I feel he is a workaholic and so this time when he came to Mumbai, I decided to take him out. He had one evening off from work, so we pushed him and took him to a mall. This was his first visit to any mall in India and he was delighted to look around shops. A lot of people were thrilled to see him, after all he is a legend."



Difference between Film and TV Direction!

Ravindra Gautam who has directed shows like Kasauti Zindagi Ki, Pavitra Rishta, Bade Achhe Lagte Hai, Uttaran on TV recently ventured into film direction with Ekees Topon Ki . Ravindra says, "When I came to Mumbai I did a lot of editing job. After that when I started working with Ekta Kapoor I did a show called Kasuti Zindagi Ki and she really liked my work and that was indeed a highlight of my career. And then my next turning point was Uttaran I got lot of popularity and recognition while directing the show." When asked about the difference between films

Sneha Wagh's super duper holiday!





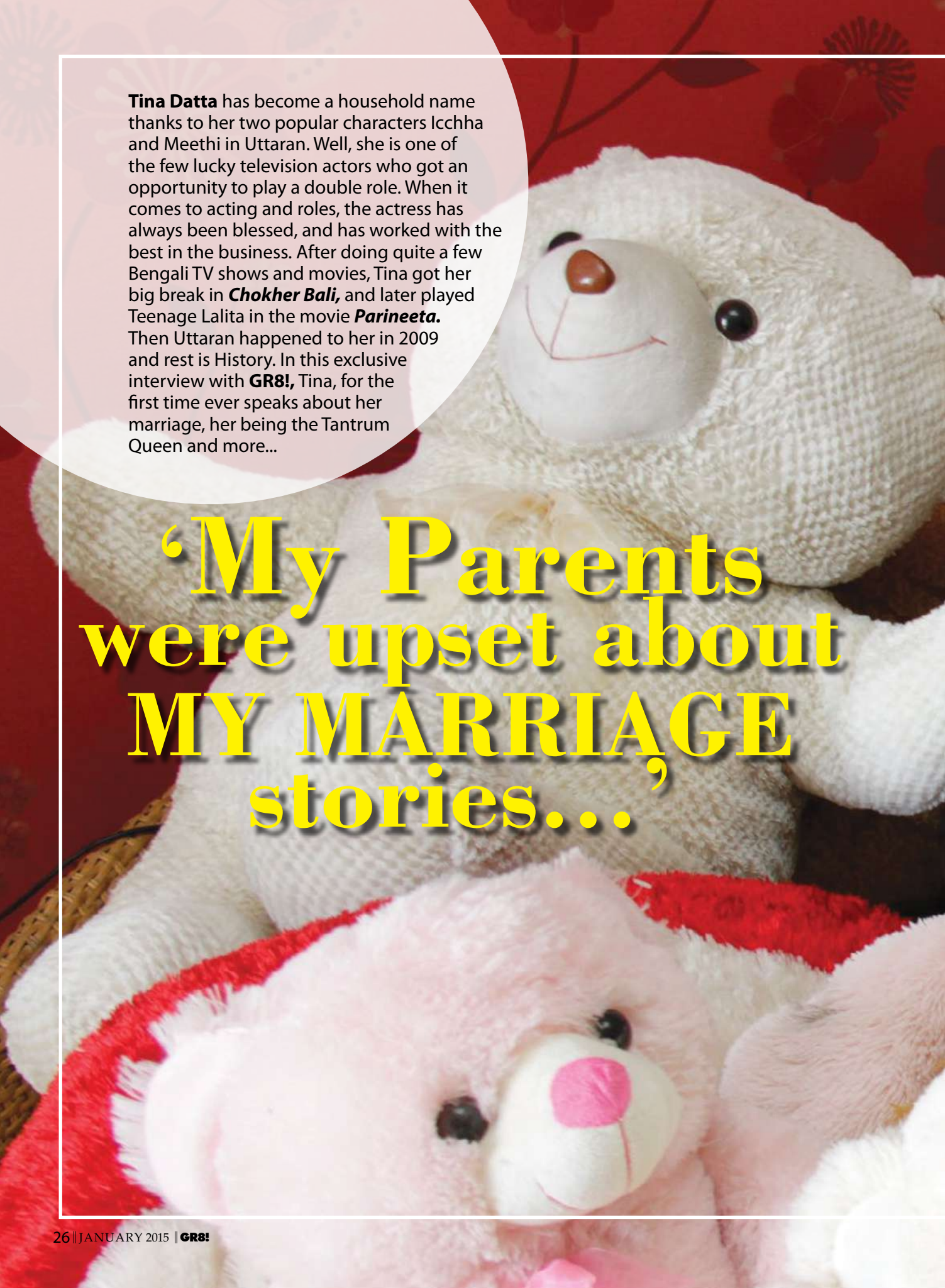
Sneha Wagh who plays Ratan in Ek Veer Ki Ardaas... Veera took a seven days break and went on a holiday to Dubai. She says, "This was my second trip to Dubai and I just love that country. It is so o safe and peaceful, something which we can't experience in Mumbai. This holiday helped me to get away from the busy world and I don't mind going there again. And the best part here is shopping. I shopped till I emptied my pockets. I went to their original souk markets, the gold souk, the spice souk, Dubai mall and Meena Bazaar. Everywhere I went, people recognized me, I had not expected it. The mobile cameras were always ready to click a picture with me. Some fans literally forced me to take gifts but that's not how I am, it was difficult to make them understand that I can't. The love I receive all over the world is incredible and I feel really grateful and blessed. I went at the top of Burj Khalifa and I was mesmerized. Though I am scared of heights but I still went and it was an amazing experience all together to be on the top of the world. I am really missing Dubai."

and TV, Ravindra adds, "There are lot of differences in TV show direction and film direction. TV direction is just to shoot what is decided nothing more or less but film direction includes everything from music and narration to scripting and more. In Film direction, the director is the captain of the ship. For me, TV show's direction is like a newspaper which we read every day morning and forget but film direction is like a novel you buy and it still remains in your bookshelf. Both mediums are different and I love them both."

Neha Marda's new hobby!



Neha Marda who has been busy shooting for Doli Armaano Ki has been enjoying her shoot a lot, not just because it's fun to shoot because the actress loves to sit with her costume designer on almost all the clothes she wears. Neha has always been fond of dressing up and when she got a chance to wear lovely sarees she just could not help but actively participate in selecting the outfits that she wears for the show. Jewellery designing is something she already excelled in, now we guess fashion designing is also on the cards. Neha laughs and shares, "Yes, I love to sit and discuss my outfits. Designing has always been my hobby whether jewellery or saris and when am getting to utilise my creativity so well there is no way am going to back away. It's fun playing with colours and fabric."



Tina Datta has become a household name thanks to her two popular characters Icchha and Meethi in Uttaran. Well, she is one of the few lucky television actors who got an opportunity to play a double role. When it comes to acting and roles, the actress has always been blessed, and has worked with the best in the business. After doing quite a few Bengali TV shows and movies, Tina got her big break in ***Chokher Bali,*** and later played Teenage Lalita in the movie ***Parineeta.*** Then Uttaran happened to her in 2009 and rest is History. In this exclusive interview with **GR8!,** Tina, for the first time ever speaks about her marriage, her being the Tantrum Queen and more...

'My Parents were upset about MY MARRIAGE stories...'



Uttaran gave Tina the platform to showcase her talent as well as made her one of the most popular faces of Indian television. But along with that the young and chirpy actress has also garnered a lot of negative stories and has been in news for all the wrong reasons. But are these stories true? Tina clears the air about these stories and talks to Dharmishtha Dagia on the two rumours that haven't left her till date and people still speculate about them.

Tantrum Queen...

She has won the coveted title of 'Tantrum Queen' and has various adjectives like Arrogant, Proud, Moody, etc to her credit. But does Tina really deserves these titles..? Well, from our experience, the answer is a big NO.

When we went to her home in Goregaon for this interview, a bubbly girl with a million dollar smile welcomed us in. So from where have the rumours of her throwing tantrums and showing attitude have come? "Rumours are like shadows that follow you everywhere you go," says Tina. She continues, "I don't know where and how these have started and I don't even bother much about it. I do feel bad and its annoying to read such negative things but then people who are close to me and matter to me, know me well and understand me. Demanding for what is your right, if people call it a tantrum, then yes, I am a Tantrum Queen. It's not that I throw attitude on the sets, it's just that I take time to open up and I am an introvert, I wonder what should I talk to people. And then people think that she has attitude, *corner mein apne phone ke saath baithi hai...* if you ask my co-actors, they will tell you how much masti I do on the sets. The bottom line is if I would have been that bad with my behaviour then I would have not been the part of the show and my producers wouldn't compliment me and be so nice to me. So this itself proves how I am and I don't feel the need to give an explanation to anyone."

Married or still a Kunwari...?

"I am too young, marriage isn't on my priority list and I am concentrating on my career. Tomorrow, some random person or a good friend comes and says that I got married to Tina Datta so of course it wouldn't turn into reality. If we are married then they should show the registration and documents, if we married in a temple, then call the panditji and show the photos. Tomorrow I can say that I married Shahrukh Khan but no one believe me, so same is the case with me. there are no proofs, these are just baseless rumours. Media has a tendency to link up a celebrity the moment they see them exchange a hug, going out, etc. and when such stories come out, media carries it as it's just a 'Piece of Gossip' for everyone but it does hurt the sentiments of the person involved. We too have a family and we are answerable to them, they get hurt too with such rumours. Since childhood I have had more of guy friends and I get along well with them. Today, too, I have more of guy friends from the industry as well as outside but that doesn't mean that I am going around with them."

'If we are married then they should show the registration and documents...'

Plans after Uttaran...

What is the first thing you will do, after pack up of your last day's shoot?

The first thing that I will do is cry a lot. I am actually counting days, it feels pathetic and depressing to even think that the show is going off air. I will be choked and I don't know how am I going to shoot on the last day, it will be very difficult for me. I have great memories of this show and it had become an integral part of my life. The first few days post wrap up will be weird, as I am so habituated to shooting, so getting up in the morning and not going on the shoot will leave a void.

What next post Uttaran ?

As of now there are no plans. I haven't started looking for projects or thought about it. but yes Bengali movies are on my wish list. As of now, I just want to spend quality time with my family and that tops my priority list.

What kind of roles you would want to play?

Well, certainly something different than Icchha and Meethi. A distinct character that is challenging as well as well defined. I don't mind doing a grey character, drug addict's character and I think I will do a great job.

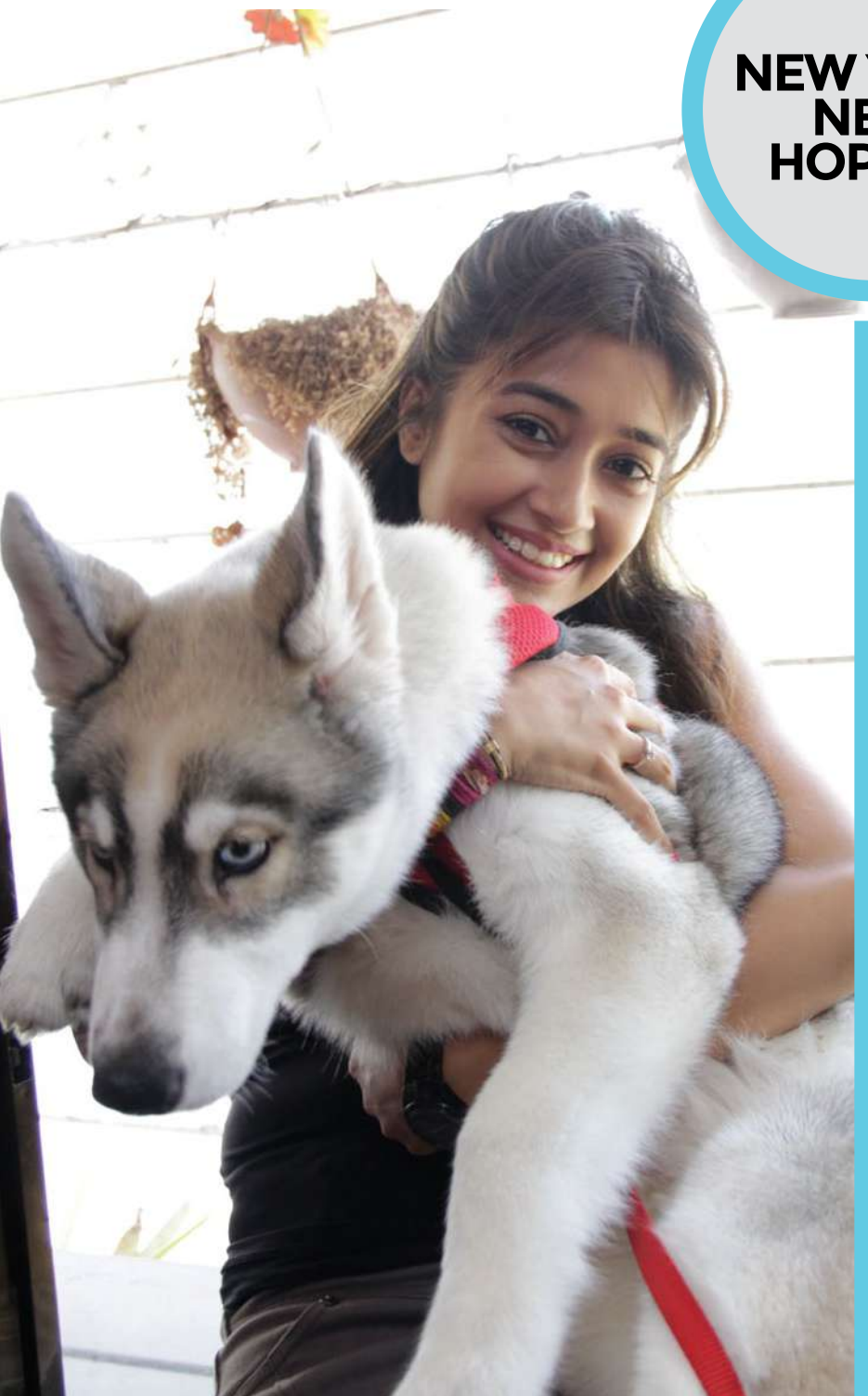
What genres would you like to explore?

I would want to try my acting skills in comedy genre. I would like to do a dance based reality show as well, it's my mom's dream to see me in a dance show.

Best thing that happened in 2014?

The best thing that has happened in 2014 is that I bought my flat in Malad. It was my dream to buy a nice and cosy 2BHK flat.





NEW YEAR, NEW HOPES...

Your New Year Plans?
I will be in Mumbai this year as it's the last few days of our shoot and we have to wrap it up. So on 31st of December, we will be shooting and we might celebrate it on the sets and then maybe I might go out with friends.

Your New Year Resolutions?
Nothing... I don't make New Year Resolutions. I just have a simple motto that I follow, *'Work Hard, Party Hard, everyday learn something new and live each phase of your life to the fullest...'*

1 habit that you would want to change in 2015?
There is no habit that I want to change, just that I am a little short tempered, so I would certainly want to change that in me.

What are you looking forward to in 2015?
I am looking forward to do a new and exciting show, something that challenges me as an actress. Uttaran gave me a chance to portray various shades and has set really high standards, so next character and show has to be better than it. I am also looking forward to buy a luxury car for myself. I have few chhota, chhota dreams for myself and hopefully, in the coming year all these dreams are fulfilled.

TRAVEL DESTINATIONS FOR 2015?

I plan to visit Jammu & Kashmir and Vaishno Devi with my family. And I also want to visit Dubai during DSF.



TIME FOR LOVE IN 2015...

Is Tina single?
Yes, I am very much single. Honestly, past six years have been hectic and I would hardly get time to spend with my family and friends. So, certainly a relationship was out of question as if I would have dated someone then I wouldn't have been able to give him time. And for me, it's important to spend quality time. If you can't meet the person, can't go out or don't talk enough, it leads to miscommunication and the issues of priorities come up. So better be single and enjoy life with friends and family. Now that Uttaran is going off air, I will have ample of time, so you never know (Smiles), I might fall in Love.

Your ideal guy?
He has to be understanding, caring, independent, lovable and of course a good human being. Looks don't matter to me much but the qualities and etiquettes do. He should be a gentleman and a mastikhor like me. I can't be with a serious and a boring person as I still behave like a kid and don't want to kill the child in me.

Well, on that note, we wish that in 2015 you find the Love of your Life and hope that 2015 turns out to be a rumour-free year for you Tina..!

- Dharmishtha Dagia

Time to fly high

New Year has already dawned and the country is all set to take off with the first festival of the year, Makar Sankranti. It is celebrated enthusiastically across the nation and our actors too enjoy this festival that is also popular as the Kite Flying Day. **Ranjini Nair** got in touch with few of the TV actors to know their Flying High moment, if they were a kite then which shape would they like to be and one person with whom they would like to celebrate this festival...



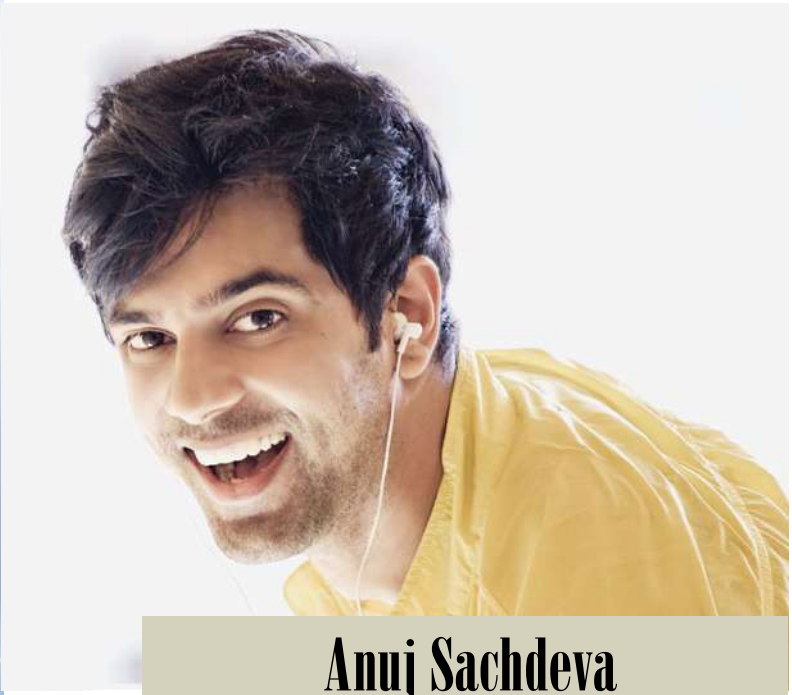
Kapil Nirmal

"My flying high moment was when I signed the contract for 'Raja Ki Aayegi Baraat'. That was my first show and first things are always special. If I was a kite I would be of Rectangle shape. I would love to celebrate Makar Sankranti with my brother, he would be holding phirki for me while I would fly the kite."



Chandni Bhagwanani

"Amita Ka Amit was a turning point of my career as it was my first show as a lead. My flying high moment was at the first press conference of the show where I was standing alone on the stage, feeling amazed. I was looking at my parents sitting in the audience and feeling proud. Irrespective of shape, if I were a kite, I would fly high and high, feeling free and light. I would love to celebrate Makar Sankranti with my college friends."



Anuj Sachdeva

"Flying has always been my passion be it sky diving or flights. My flying high moment was when I got the keys of my new flat. If I was a kite, I would be a circle shaped. I would love to celebrate Makar Sankranti with my soulmate."

Aadesh Chaudhary

"My flying high moment was when Tigmanshu Dhulia Sir selected me for my first show Mohalla Mohabbat Wala. If I was a kite then I would be of Heart Shape. As I used to fly kites a lot as a kid with my friend Guddu, so I really miss those moments I really would love to relive those moment again."



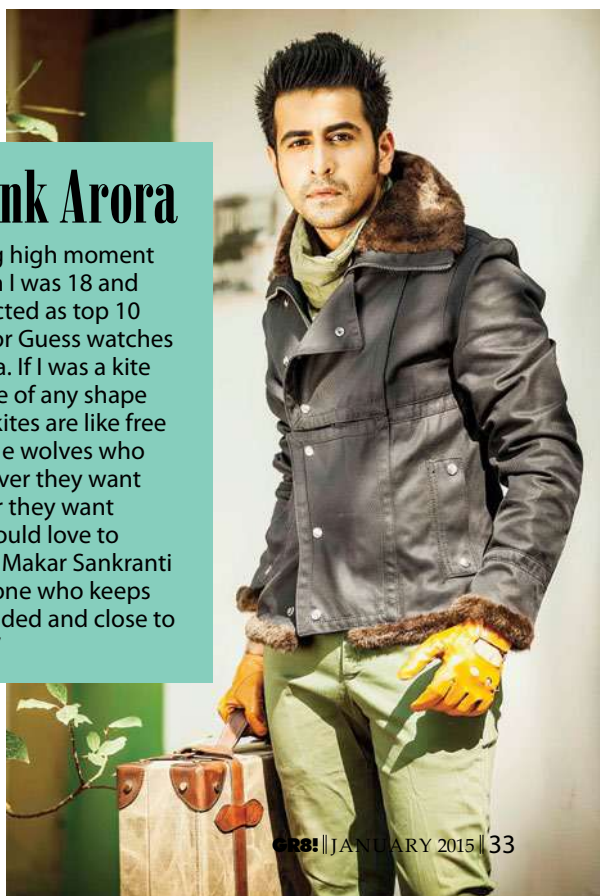
Shantanu Maheshwari



"Flying high moment of my life was when viewers selected me for The ITA Viewers' Choice Award. If I was a kite then I would take a shape of a snake because once it's up in the air it will automatically dance. . I would love to celebrate Makar Sankranti with Leonardo DiCaprio."

Dishank Arora

"My flying high moment was when I was 18 and I got selected as top 10 finalists for Guess watches from India. If I was a kite I would be of any shape because kites are like free riders, lone wolves who do whatever they want whenever they want to do. I would love to celebrate Makar Sankranti with the one who keeps me grounded and close to my roots."



'TV'S TWO HOT ACTRESSES TIE THE KNOT...'

If Arpita Khan's wedding was the most talked about in the Bollywood industry then in the Tellyland it was Aishwarya Sakhuja and Purbi Joshi's wedding that caught attention and saw many celebs attending their respective marriages. **GR8!** gives you a glimpse of their Special Day...

Words by Dharmishtha Dagia

The Bindass Dulhan!

Friends kept trying for the first hour to ask Aishwarya to be a coy bride at her own mehendi ceremony but after an hour they gave up as she was all smiles from ear to ear. Some of the most memorable moments from the wedding included Aishwarya's dance to *'Lungi Dance'* with her father-in-law at her mehendi flaunting sunglasses and dancing to *'Oh Maria'* with her dad and grooving on *'Dilliwali Girlfriend' with* Rohit at her engagement. Karan Wahi anchored their engagement and left everyone in splits as he took everyone's case including the groom - Rohit Nag. Celebrity guests included Pooja Sharma, Karan Wahi, Sehban Azim and Rohini Banerjee.

























Purbi Joshi's star studded reception!

Purbi Joshi finally tied the knot with long time beau Valentino Fehlmann. The star studded reception was held at Tote On The Turf and was attended by many celebrities. Sharman and Prerna Joshi being family where the first ones to arrive and stayed on till the end attending the guests. Manasi Joshi Roy and Rohit Roy also were seen amongst the first ones to attend the reception. Purbi's mother Sarita Joshi seemed extremely happy and was seen dancing around with her elder daughter Ketaki Dave and bride Purbi herself. Bharti and Sohail Khan shared a funny moment on the dance floor. Other celebrities who attend the reception were Meghna Naidu, Archana Puran Singh and Parmeet Sethi, Prem Chopra, Vrajesh Hirjee, Eijaz Khan, Vinay Pathak amongst many, many others. The party and dancing went on till the wee hours of the morning.

























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One Beat… Two Hearts…

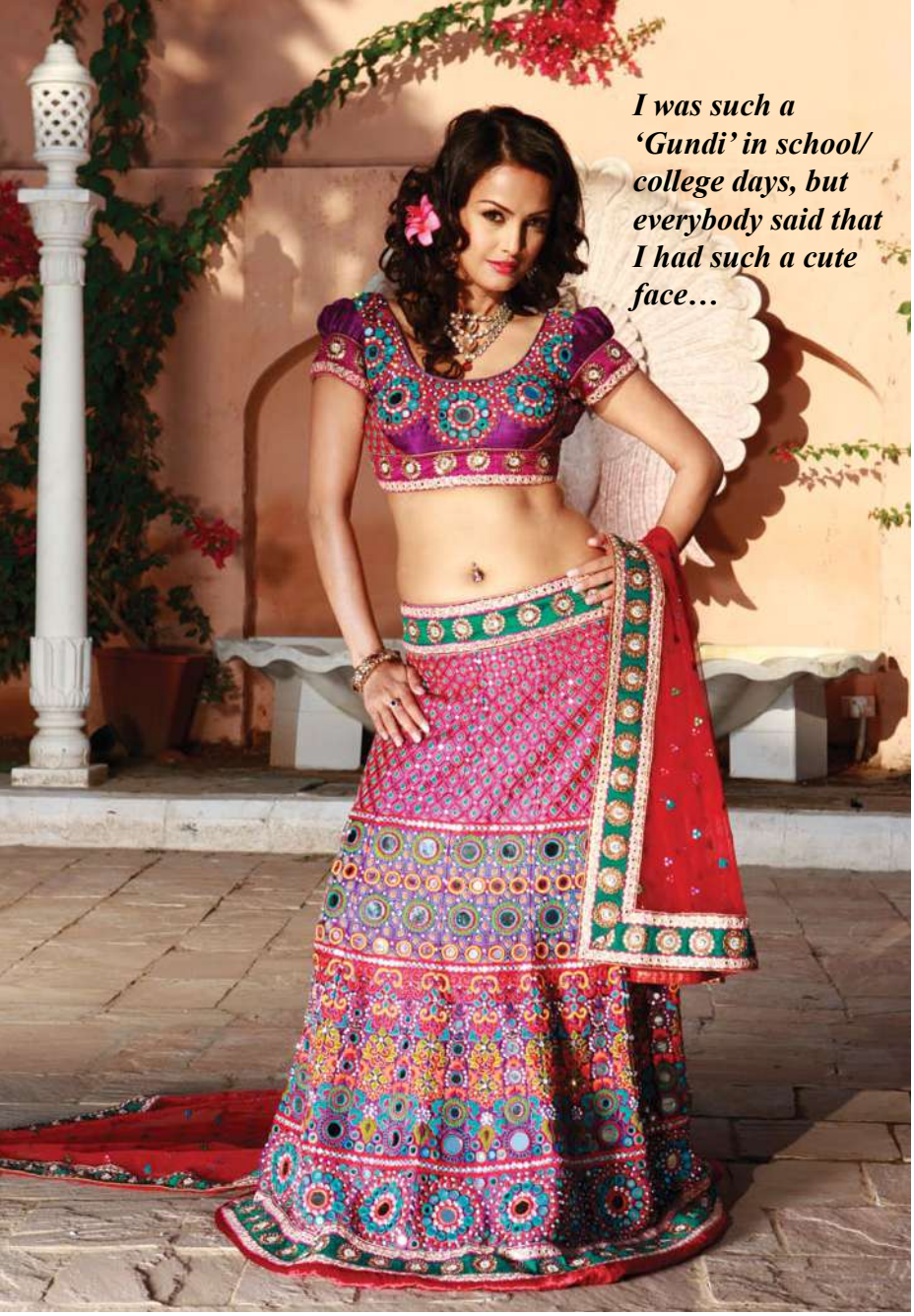
Karan 'N' Nisha

She tested him for 8 years!
Even when she knew that he and only he is the one for her and he knew that she and only she is his destiny, their final leap to the altar kept getting dilly-dallied cuz despite the passage of almost a decade, she kept thinking that it was too short a time to decide…
But he stuck on, as somewhere deep in the recesses of his heart, he knew the 'leap to the altar' will happen… And thanks to his patience & passion, aided in no mean measure by the spurring-on of their folks, the day did dawn when the twosome exchanged vows…

They were beaded by the thread of Marriage…

Today, Karan & Nisha live in each other – they are totally intertwined by Love and that shows all the time… Be it 'Touch' (eternally holding hands), or be it 'Talk' (going into reveries and misty-eyed while addressing each other) – Karan & Nisha drip Romance of the purest kind… They are the walking monuments of L'amour and that too 24x7… In this GR8! Exclusive, we bring you their Love-Story for the first ever time and that too in their own words… Read on…





Let us start at the very start... how Romantic were you in your growing years?
Karan Mehra: Not very, very Romantic... err, you could say I was reasonably Romantic...!
Nisha Rawal Mehra: But I was *toh* super-duper Romantic. I had this Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder of Romance in me... a diehard Romantic - period!

Tell us about your first Crush ever- when, how and what happened?
Karan: There was this teacher of mine, whose side I never left. I would even accompany her to the toilet and wait outside for her. I would hide my own tiffin to grab a few bites of her Paratha that she would always offer to me!

Oh, wow! And this streak in your persona must've continued...
Karan: Sadly no! Once I grew up, the crushes just stopped happening. Trust me, *25 saal ki umar tak kuchh kiya hi nahin*... Nisha was the first girl I gave a rose to - otherwise, I'd just keep nit-picking in all the girls that came my way...!

And what about you, Nisha?
Nisha: Oh, I don't have the usual '*Crush-on-my-teacher*' story for myself. My first crush was a cute boy who came on a cute cycle to our tuitions. He, too, apparently liked me, but in those days, our affair meant just going on cycling sprees together. And then the exams happened, the tuitions were over and we parted! After that, nothing else ever happened!

What? No girlfriend-boyfriend bit in High-School/College, later? So how did you usually react to boys then?
Nisha: Well, I grew up to be a total Tomboy later... actually, I was very *GUNDI* in School!

And you, Karan? Wouldn't you be flirting and be a lasses' lad?
Karan: Well, I was hugely liked by girls and many of them were friends, but none of 'em, a girlfriend! In fact, I was a *protector* and they felt safe with me more than anything else!

Coming from regular middle-class families, how did you dream that you are cut out for Showbiz? Was it that 'look' in the Mirror, which decided it for you?
Karan: Yes, Mirror always told me that I was smart and so did everybody else in my School/ College days!
Nisha: But I hardly looked at the Mirror in my early days. Then, by and by, my peers started telling me that I have a very cute face and should go in for Modelling!
Karan: Same here! They would pester me - 'you have such good looks, why don't you go to Bombay?' I had never ever left my house and my parents till then. But *ek din mujhe Bhoot chadha ki,* OK, I have to catch the train to Bombay to find my place under the sun in the world of Entertainment. That done, I started doing all sorts of things here to reach my aim of becoming an Actor. I became a Stylist and all. And then, 'Yeh Rishta...' happened!

Tell us about the nasty experiences that you had to undergo as a struggler in the industry...
Nisha: Oh, I had my share of them! I did bump into nasty people, particularly when I tried for Films, but then soon enough, I came to

understand that *Ad ki duniya alag hai, TV ki alag aur Film ki aur bhi alag*! But Ad was the cleanest and it was safe to give an audition, there!
Karan: Struggle and nasty people are a part of life, here. *Main ne bhi bade dhakke khaaye hain*… at times, I could eat only one meal in a day... but I am a survivor and surmounted all of that, while not once bothering my parents for money!

Achha, before you met each other, had you had any serious relationship... had you suffered heartbreaks?
Nisha: A 'Relationship' has always meant something serious to me. The guy I dated had to be the guy whom I would marry, have kids and grow old with! However, Karan was *written* for me and look today, how we complement each other so well!
Karan: As for me, I've already told you that Nisha has been the only *girlfriend* in my life, so I've never known heartbreaks!

OK, when you saw each other for the first time what were your first impressions?
Nisha: Uh, no sparks flew... no love-at-the-first-sight syndrome struck... nothing whatsoever!
Karan: Yes, for the first few meetings, she didn't pay any attention to me!

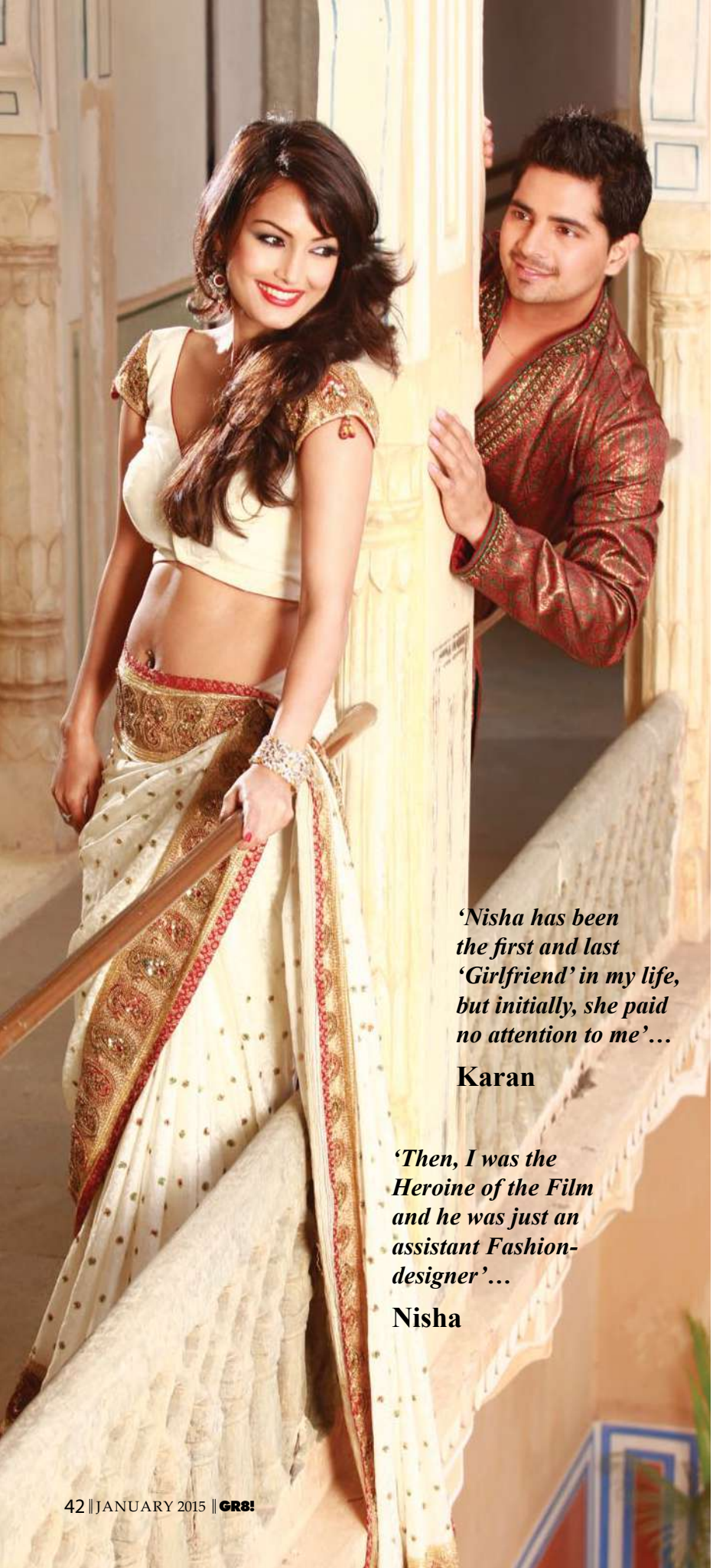
At that time, Nisha, you were the Heroine of the Film and Karan was...
Nisha: The assistant Fashion-designer! And I was way too professional and gave attention to his designs rather than to him in person!
Karan: Actually, we both are pure professionals! But as work progressed, I was blown over by this *'kaam se kaam rakhne waali ladki'*...!

So when did the Chemistry start building between you two?
Nisha: It happened gradually... too gradually, in fact! He was just an assistant to the main Designer and I was the Heroine, but one day he came home to discuss things and for the first time, it struck me that - *'the guy is sweet'*! Then, we went to US and it was there that the bonding really started happening!
Karan: Yes - that's when I told her that I love her. And she laughed - 'how can you start loving a person in one and a half months?' Actually, even after we came back, she kept 'trying' me out for a long time!
Nisha: You see, you keep making a list of attributes you want in a man to be yours - personality, beauty, cuteness and all…but then, *yeh list chhoti hoti jaati hai* and finally, all you look for is a '*Good Heart*' - Karan had that, and how! He is a *women's man* and besides a 'Good Heart', I got good looks, too, in him as an added bonus!



And how much time had gone by, when you decided on Marriage?
Nisha: We didn't! Our parents did! But for their pressure, I don't think I would have entered into a marital bonding with him, because, despite the passing of some 8 years of togetherness, I still felt it was too early for that stage!
Karan: But, despite all her testing & trying, we knew that we had to spend our lives together!

Tell us about your first Date with each other...
Nisha: That was some 10-15 days after we came back from the US...
Karan: *30th July, 2007*!
Nisha: I still didn't want to call it a



'Nisha has been the first and last 'Girlfriend' in my life, but initially, she paid no attention to me'…

Karan

'Then, I was the Heroine of the Film and he was just an assistant Fashion-designer'…

Nisha

Date, but I was kind of dying to meet him! Yes - I was missing him badly, though only a couple of weeks had passed since we had last met. We went to 'Out of the Blue' (*in Khar-Bandra*)! But it remained just that - a Dinner… and after it finished, I dropped him at his place and went home!

But wasn't there resistance in your families because of the '*Punjabi-Rawal*' thing?

Karan: No, never! Because she is not one of those stuck-up Rajasthani types - she follows the '*Radha-Swami*' cult and I, too, turned Vegetarian because of her. You see, we integrated so well!

Nisha: Yeah, not that kind of resistance at all, but still my mother was a *Hitler* and a tough nut to crack for him. But I guess - that's OK! She's a *mother*, after all and even I, in her place, would have worried that Karan is a mere assistant Designer, how would he pull it all off?

Today, many feel that 'Marriage' is a dying Institution. Many from Javed Akhtar to Narayani Shastri have expressed this opinion to us. How do you react to it?

Nisha: I've not reached at the stage and age that Mr. Akhtar has and I don't know what will happen when our marital relation would be that ripe... but thinking of my last two years with Karan, I won't describe Marriage as a dying Institution!

Karan: Actually, today, *Shaadi se log ghabraate hain*, because thanks to Career obsessions, people are not able to find even a girlfriend. Then, *Shaadi ho jaati hai toh* it gets broken because of extra-marital affairs. In such a scenario, they are just left pining *ki 'time nikal gaya*... nobody belongs to us!' I feel so bad for them!

How about Live-in? Could you ever go in for that?

Nisha: I think it's pretty cool! I'm a girl of today and know that if you put curbs on such things, they erupt like a volcano. I'm perfectly cool with it!

Karan: Me too! 'Live-in' is just being *practical* and if it doesn't work out, there are no hassles, no Social embarrassment, like, in case of Marriage! So why not?

Could you ever settle for a Marriage '*arranged*' by your family?
Nisha: But isn't it too late to ask me this? However, I'm not against '*arranged*' marriage!
Karan: Nor am I! Look, I'd rather be practical - if I hadn't found a suitable girl like Nisha for myself, I would have easily gone in for an '*arranged*' marriage!

Achha, how important do you think is '*Physical*' in Love?
Nisha: It's important!
Karan: Yes - actually 50%, if you ask me!

Nisha: Look, we are here in a physical form, and so, loving each other physically is as extremely important as loving each other emotionally!
Karan: That's what true compatibility is all about!
Nisha: 'Physical' Love is *therapeutical*!

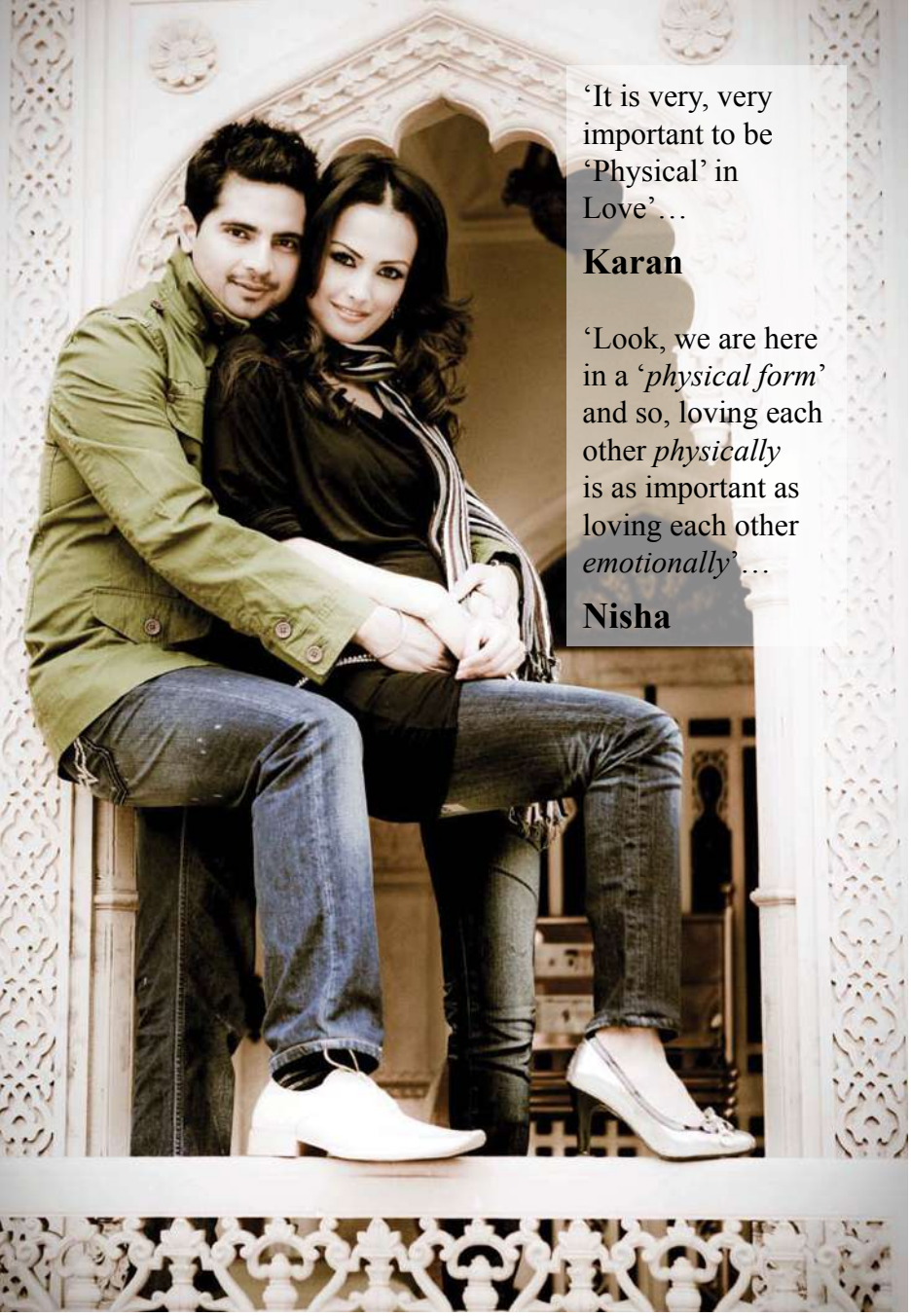
And what do you think is the best instrument to express Romance? Eyes? Lips? Touch? Talk?
Karan: Eyes!
Nisha: To me - *Talk*! It's never like somebody gives me a touch or something and I get turned on. That can only happen by Talk and intelligent Talk at that!

Once Debina & Gurmeet told as about the scene and moment, when the first full-fledged physical expression of their Love happened - their first kiss! When and how it happened between you two?
Karan: I don't remember... I really don't!
Nisha: But I don't want to answer this! It's too personal!
(*yummy… don't we love this sudden spurt of coyness…*)

'The Nisha-Karan Jodi is *Magnetic, Energetic, Romantic, Loveable, Cute*'… **Karan**

'Just enough to say – *Made-for-each-other*'…

Nisha



'It is very, very important to be 'Physical' in Love'…

Karan

'Look, we are here in a '*physical form*' and so, loving each other *physically* is as important as loving each other *emotionally*'…

Nisha

Do you think Love should have boundaries that are not to be crossed before Marriage? Or you feel there should be no boundaries at all in Love?
Nisha: None whatsoever! Look, *jab Adam & Eve bane the, toh Marriage naam ki cheez nahin thi* - all these '*Daayre*' have been created by a hypocritical Society and I don't care for that!
Karan: Actually, it depends from person to person! If someone doesn't want it, the other partner should not force it on her/him. But if both are comfortable, they can do it even before Marriage!

Who is the more Romantic between you two?
Karan: Of course, I am!
Nisha: No, I am!

Eh?
Karan: Err, but I'm not expressive about it!
Nisha: That's right! He loves me a lot, but I express it better!
Karan: Yes, *iska toh all the time chalta rahta hai*!

Tell us the most Romantic thing you've done for each other...
Nisha: I think it was the way he propose to me! It was a dream proposal!
Karan: She, too, has done lots of things - particularly, her surprises on my 'birthdays' have been out-of-this-world!

And your idea of a dream Honeymoon? Snow? Sands? Sea?
Karan: Snow!
Nisha: Italy! And drive around there to have Pizza!

But where it actually happened for you?
Both: Switzerland!

OK - imagine for us what could be your best moment together and where?
Nisha: In *Venice*, in a *Gondola*... alone!
Karan: Yes, *Venice*... or maybe *Paris*... But all by ourselves... all alone!

Achha, post-Marriage, who makes the morning tea?
Both: We don't drink tea!
Karan: Nisha does take Green Tea and she always makes one for herself!

Who answers the Door-bell?
Nisha: Karan!
Karan: Yes, always - if I'm at home!

Does Karan know his grocery? Does he do the Dhobi Ka Hisaab?
Karan: You bet! And I always do that when I'm free. Then, I don't let her do a thing about those household chores!
Nisha: Arre, Karan is such a *Munimji*! I'm *toh* just starting to learn all of that! One more thing - his life is very fast, I'd like to slow it down!

Who is the Boss between you two?
Karan: Initially, she was! Now, neither!
Nisha: Yes - *ab toh main chooha banne lagi hoon*! I'm changing for love! Still, I would say that Karan has his Bossy moments and I have mine!

When you two argue - who prevails!
Karan: *Sukhi Jeevan Ke Liye Mantra* - Whatever happens, wife is always right!
Nisha: *Logon ko lagta hai*, I'm very dominating and he is such a *Bechaara*!... *Kuchh bolta hi nahin*

hoga! But nothing like that is the reality, mind you! However, at the end of the day, I'm a girl and I have to win an argument... he's a boy and has to say 'Sorry'... and that's the *'Secret to a happy married life'*, trust me!

Fine - granted & honoured! OK, tell us, how was the 'Nach Baliye' experience?
Nisha: Extremely, extremely thrilling! But Karan *ki bahut pungi baj gayee thi* - his shoot for 'Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai' and then those 'Nach Baliye' rehearsals - his mind had shut down, totally!
Karan: Still, it was beautiful! People gave so much love to us!

Did 'Nach Baliye' make you rediscover each other in any way?
Nisha: I don't know about *Rediscovery*, but within 3 days of our Marriage, we were there rehearsing and we kept getting more and more irritated with each other over perfecting our Acts! But tell you what, the more we got irritated, the more we kept coming close!
Karan: Exactly! We really came closer together because of it!

You were always hand-in-hand there - how is it in real life?
Karan: That was *Real Life!* That's the way we were there and that's the way we're everywhere else, today!
Nisha: Yeah, only, *woh notice zyaada ho gaya*!

Achha Karan, when fatherhood comes, would you be a hands-on-father - would you change Nappies?
Karan: Why not?
Nisha: But of course! When I'm in the pangs of motherhood, I bear it all by my own. Then, once it finally happens, it is his turn to do things, no?

Tell us what wows you about each other?
Nisha: His Loyalty!
Karan: In her, I've found my own *'Personal Entertainer'* and can enjoy her talk endlessly!

COMPATIBILITY QUOTIENT...

Nisha		Karan
MINE... *A Beautiful Mind* **HIS...** *Mission Impossible*	Film	**HERS...** *Madagascar* **MINE...** *Madagascar*
MINE... *'Pehla Nasha...'* **HIS...** *'Pehla Nasha...'*	Song	**HERS...** *'Pehla Nasha...'* **MINE...** *'Pehla Nasha...'*
MINE... *Pani-Puri* **HIS...** *Dahi Puri*	Street food	**HERS...** *Dahi Puri* **MINE...** *Pani-Puri*
MINE... *Stella McCartney* **HIS...** *Diesel*	Brand	**HERS...** *Depends* **MINE...** *Any*
MINE... *Long Drives* **HIS...** *Movies*	Addiction	**HERS...** *'I'* **MINE...** *'She'*
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And one thing you don't?
Both: None!

Aww... come on!
Nisha: Really! Previously, I'd crib about him not giving me enough time - but now he's been able to manage even that!
Karan: She, too, has become much, much more mature, now!

Define Karan-Nisha Jodi...
Karan: *Energetic, Magnetic, Romantic, Loveble, Cute...*
Nisha: Arre, arre... enough to say - Made-for-each-other...!

(Bingo!
That's the chord to strike to echo the love-notes of these two love-birds… Only and only 'Made-for-each-other' can define them… And who knows that better than us, as in this close encounter of more than half-an-hour, we've had a telling tryst with the Karan-Nisha liaison…
We have really touched a rainbow…
A rainbow that contains all the hues of Le Amour…And in the process, we've seen new vignettes of Euphoria, Trance and Togetherness - all at once…
Won't you, too, say so…?)

- Vierendra Bhargav



'I want to go

What made you nod a yes for Kingfisher Supermodels 2?

It's the concept that made me nod a yes for Kingfisher Supermodels 2 as I started my career with modelling and I have been associated with it for the longest time. I anchored and trained these young spirited girls and was their mentor and judge on the show. it was a tough task to select the best, select that someone who has the maximum potential to be a model. Kingfisher calendar is a great platform for any girl who aspires to be a model and I am glad to be associated with it.



bald...'

I love more of non-fiction shows like Masterchef Australia, Bigg Boss, etc...

Neha Dhupia is all set to soar the temperature on television. The actress has turned anchor and mentor for Kingfisher Supermodels 2 on NDTV Good Times. She is known to choose the most unconventional characters and has delved into most of the genres. There is no doubt that she is one of the finest actresses in Bollywood and has been showered with both praises from the critics and love from the audiences. In this exclusive interview, Neha talks about her experience anchoring Kingfisher Supermodels 2, her favourite TV show, if she would be comfortable acting in a TV show, her upcoming projects and more... In conversation with Neha Dhupia...

Since you were former Miss India, so according to you which are the qualities one needs to have to be a Supermodel?

Qualities needed to be a supermodel, hmm... well the first quality required is that one needs to be a thorough professional. One needs to have a great body, right attitude and most importantly should be willing to work hard. Modelling isn't as easy as it seems to be, you need the maximum potential to work under pressure because not always the situation is smooth, there are many a tough times that one needs to handle and overcome.

Your experience?

It was fabulous! I had a fantastic time working with the extremely gorgeous and ambitious models, we were more women in the team than the men. I had a great team, great producer and director and it was a pleasure to be a part of this show.

A lot of Bollywood Celebs are seen on TV, if given a chance what would you like to do the most, host, judge or participate in a reality show?

Well, I have to say that I would never be closely associated with a reality show as deep down I am shy person and wouldn't want to be surrounded by cameras all the time. If I get something interesting like Kingfisher Supermodels 2 then certainly would love to be a part of it.



If you get a good script, will you be comfortable doing a TV serial?

I don't know, I haven't really thought about it. I get offers but I take my time. If I get something really extra ordinary, then maybe I might say a yes, only time will tell.

Are you a TV buff?

Not really. My schedule doesn't permit me to follow shows, though I love more of non-fiction shows like Masterchef Australia, Bigg Boss, etc. but don't get much time to see them.

Which shows do you watch regularly?

Masterchef Australia.

The hottest TV personality according to you is…

Mr. Amitabh Bachchan.

The most adorable Bollywood Star on TV?

Salman Khan.

Your favourite TV shows over the years have been?

Malgudi Days has pretty much been by favourite. Other than that I have never been a TV buff to be addicted to a show. I am always on a go, I watch non-fiction shows, travel shows, or any show that is interesting and is on television when I switch it on. I don't watch TV when a particular show comes but watch TV shows that are on when I particularly have time (Smiles).

As a kid the shows that you never missed were…

Malgudi Days.

If you could change one thing on Indian TV, what would it be?

The Melo Drama.

In one word, Indian Television is…

Changing.

Upcoming Projects?

Ekkees Toppon Ki Salaami released recently and I am overwhelmed by the appreciation and the response. I am awaiting for Ungli to release.

A character you want to play?

I want to go bald for one of my characters. I really want to see how will I look after shaving my head off. Hopefully, if any such character is written, I get an opportunity to play it.

A recent Movie you really loved and that touched your heart?

Queen.

- Dharmishtha Dagia



'I WOULD GIVE GAUTAM ONE MORE CHANCE...'

Diandra Soares was in the headlines for the bold decisions she took in the Bigg Boss house. Her straight forward and Bindass attitude garnered her great fan following and was certainly one of the strongest contestants and everyone thought that she would make it to the Finale. Her eviction came as a shock to everyone but Diandra is cool and talks to **GR8!** about her journey, experience, Gautam and her close friendship and much more. In conversation with Diandra Soares...

Firstly what made you nod a yes to participating in Bigg Boss?
A day before I was approached and it was a very last minute decision. But it has been going on for five years now and somehow it never worked out. My friends have been in the Bigg Boss house and they always said that it's a great experience and you will come stronger. I also used to think what would it be to live in a house with strangers/acquaintances without any contact with your family and friends.

Was this stay tough or easy?
It was pretty easy. The thing is that this game is all about being mentally strong and I am. I was the same all throughout the season, I was myself and it wasn't like things became nasty or aggressive. I didn't come out as a different person, I went in as Diandra Soares and came out as Diandra Soares.

You were bold, you were straight forward, you were just YOU, still you got less votes. What could be the reason for this?
I rather not dwell on such thoughts as if I start thinking then I will go round and round in circles, there is no point in wondering why, how, what. Why to take road where there are no guaranteed answers. I have got positive reviews about me from everyone I have spoken to so I rather focus on whatever good and positive is happening.

First thing you did after coming out of the house?
I had a drink.

You took some really bold decisions, weren't you sceptical that people might judge you?
20 years in business, however you are whatever you are, but you will never be perfect for people and they will always judge you. I don't give a shit about people judging me. If I start thinking about others and worrying about it, I will end up doing nothing. My family is extremely supportive and understanding, my dad is the coolest, so as long as they are with me, I don't care what others think about me.

How did you feel when Gautam said that both of you should maintain distance?
I obviously felt hurt but understood his sentiments. If I had said anything at that moment, it would have gone to another level and blown out of proportion and it would have reflected very badly. I felt that denying completely wasn't correct, it could have been handled in a better way.

No one in the house knew about this conversation until Salman Khan discussed. Why did you choose to be quiet?
I knew that talking about it would make the scene big unnecessarily. Earlier also I had never involved anyone else so why should I do it now, I didn't feel the need to share it with anyone. Anyways most people thought that it is just for the cameras and for the game so I chose to keep it to myself. End of the day, what happens between two people remains between those two. All others can do is speculating and judging. And I never felt the need to give a justification to anyone.

Was Gautam's attraction towards you genuine or just for Camera?
Yes, his feelings were genuine, it's just that he panicked and was too nervous about what happened.

Do you regret being so open about your feelings for Gautam?
Hmm... I don't think it's my regret, it should be his regret. In real life these things happen but it's more difficult on camera. Two people are in a situation, we never discussed about it, didn't really know where it's going, we were just going with the flow and taking it at its pace. How can you give it a TAG? You can't rush into things, you live it and see where it goes, how it goes. But things are simply blown out of proportion, god knows from where marriage, babies, etc came up. Such things put pressure on the two people and that's what happened. I just wanted an acknowledgement, Gautam shouldn't have taken a U-Turn and denied it. but when media went in, Gautam cleared out everything and that's all I needed to hear.

Quick Take



Genuine contestant: *Gautam Gulati*

Fake contestant: *Dimpy Mahajan.*

Best person: *Sushant Divgikar*

Worst person: *Puneet Sir*

Best moment: *My moments with Gautam.*

Worst moment: *I think the few days after the party in the Bigg Boss house.*

How much courage one needs to be like Diandra Soares?
Ohh my God! Lots and lots of Courage, especially in this country. I can't live my life thinking what others will think or say about me. I would die if I had to do something like this. And I get this courage from my father.

Gautam's mom was against your closeness with him and spoke to media? Your Views?
I don't have much to say. I just wish that they wouldn't have spoken all this about me and shouldn't have put me down. My dad also gave interviews but along with me he spoke nice things about Gautam as well. My thing is that Praise your child but don't put the other child down.

Will you meet and be friends with Gautam, once he is out?
Yes, why not? I would give him a chance & hear what he wants to say.

Lastly, any regrets?
None, the only regret is that I came out too soon, I should have been there till the Finale.

- Dharmishtha Dagia



I Am Sexy and I Know It...

Well, the all time famous song - *'I Am Sexy And I Know It...'* song seems to be perfect for the docile **Muskaan Mihani.** The actress who was always considered cute and girl next door, sheds away her old image and beams in her new hot look. From the Simple 'Girlie' to the Glamorous 'Hottie', she has come a long way and is back with a bang after her break post marriage. Generally, girls become seedi-saadi post marriage but it's a reverse effect on Mrs. Sobhani. The actress after deciding to come back to acting, started off with the first step to go glam with a sizzling photoshoot and certainly she is looking gorgeous. **GR8!** brings you few of these exclusive photos, unveiling the new and ravishing persona of Muskaan Mihani...

- Dharmishtha Dagia



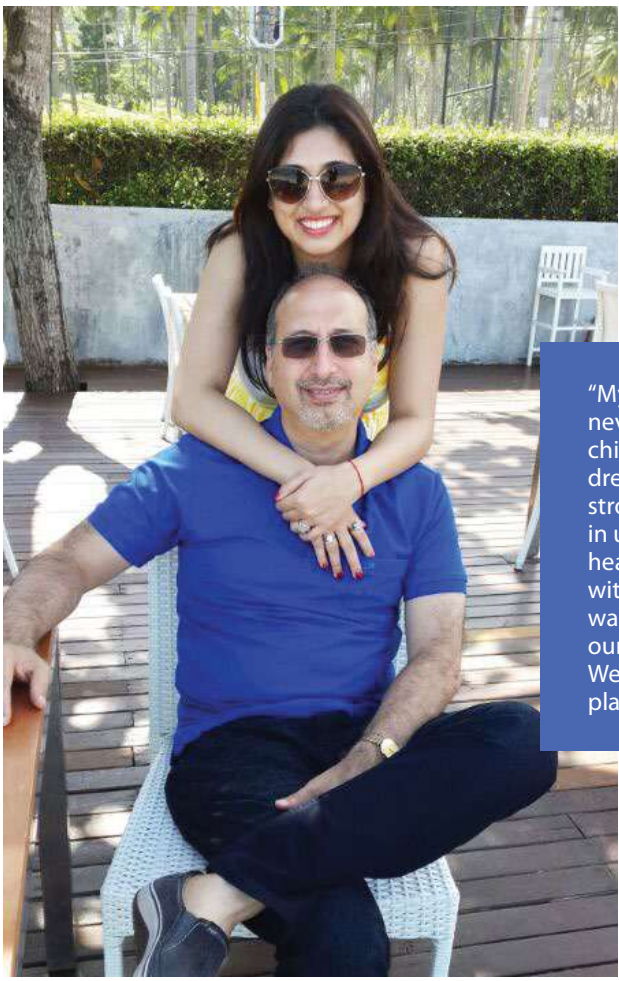



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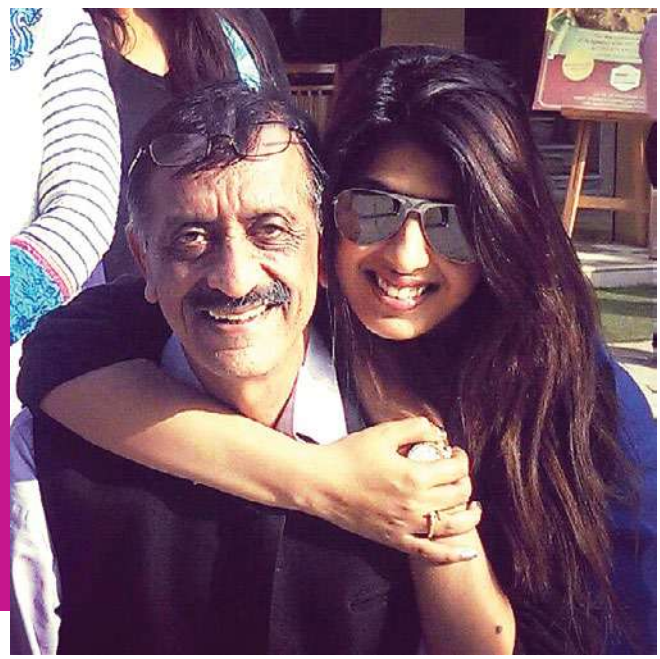
Daddy's Princess...

If guys are Mama's Boys' then the girls are more attached to their dads and are Daddy's Princess. If Bollywood has Priyanka Chopra who has time and again expressed her unconditional love for her dad, then the Tellyland too has many actresses who are still their Daddy's Little Girls.. **Dharmishtha Dagia** talks to few of the television actresses who love when they are called Daddy's Princess and asks them, why is their dad the best, one thing they want him to change in himself and the most memorable moment with him... Read on...



Vahbiz Dorabjee

"My dad has always been the best dad. He has never clipped my wings and let me live my childhood to the fullest. He also let me live my dreams and today I am an independent and strong woman and he also imbibed good values in us. I learnt from him how to be simple, big hearted and down to earth. He brought me up with loads of love and affection. I would never want him to change anything about himself. All our family holidays have been very memorable. We are animal lovers and we had a great time playing with the tiger cubs and orangutans."



Aishwarya Sakhuja

"My dad is the best because he has taught me to be a good and a helpful human being. He goes out of his way to help out anyone and everyone. One thing I want him to change would be to stop cribbing when someone gifts him anything. My best moments with him have to be when I was a kid. I used to dance with him on the song *'Oh Maria'* from the film Sagar. He would lift me in his arms and do a ball dance with me."



Sneha Wagh

"Everyone considers their dad the best and so do I say My Daddy is the Best. I really appreciate his upbringing and care. I think every child adores his/her dad's *'Laad & Pyaar'*. My dad needs to change nothing in himself. We celebrated my dad's 50th birthday and that was the most memorable day with the entire family gathering on this special occasion. I will always cherish the special moments spent on that day with my dad."

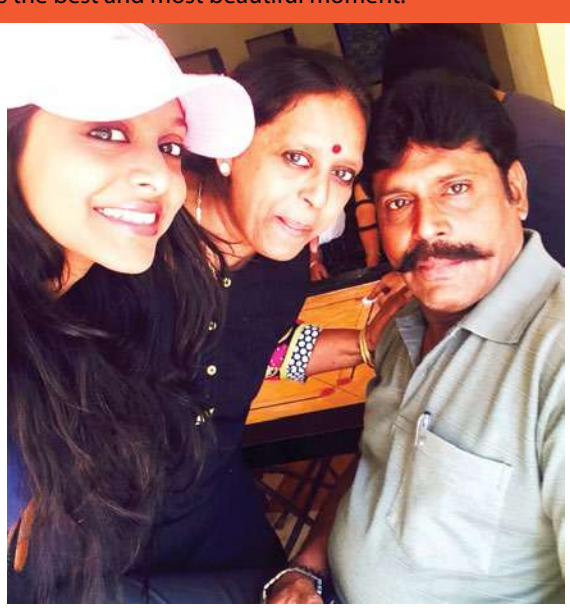


Shrenu Parikh

"Well, I guess for each daughter her father must be the best. My dad will always remain my 1st hero. I have grown up looking at how wonderful a person he is and the attributes he has. He is my teacher, friend, critic, fan and a beautiful person in and out. I would give the credit of my success in life to him as he has taught me how to strike a balance between your studies and how it is important to be educated, even though you follow your heart and choose some other field. One thing that I want him to change is that he takes too much tension about small things and like I am daddy's daughter so I would want him to relax and take it easy. All the moments till now are the best and the better than the best moment is yet to come. Till now whenever I have made him proud or brought a smile on his face it has become my best moment. It could be even at home sitting and cracking a stupid joke or winning an award at Star Parivaar Awards."

Rachana Parulkar

"For everyone his or her dad is the best and it is the same for me. Not because I have the liberty to say that but because he has always given me the best in terms of everything and he has always understood me in every sense. I never felt the urge to sit and speak to him. He completes me. He has kept the standards so high for me that it is going to be difficult for any guy to actually maintain that level. He is a friend, a guide and my shield. I want to change nothing in him, I Love him unconditionally for the way he is. He's someone who won't directly express and I am sure the most beautiful and memorable moment for us would be when he held me when I was born. I have two elder brothers and from what I have heard from my mother is that when I was born he was the happiest and content in his life. So that was the best and most beautiful moment."



Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi



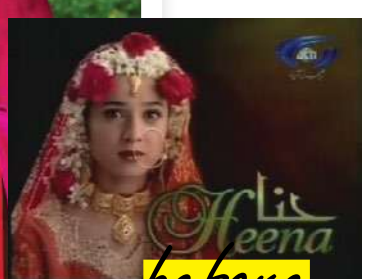


Have you ever wondered why the actresses in the TV soaps play roles that are considerably older than their actual ages? Be it Smita Bansal (35) in Balika Vadhu (Colors) who plays a mother-in-law of about 55 years; or Lata Sabharwal (37) of Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai (Star Plus), who plays a grandmother of about 60 years. One of the most popular examples was that of Smriti Irani, who played a mother (aged about 50) after the 20-year leap in Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi in 2006... **Ranjini Nair** spoke to few actresses who portray the character of mother-in-law on-screen but in real life are quite young. Read on...

DOLLY SOHI better known as TV's 'Bhabhi', made a comeback as a mother of two protagonists in two different shows. Recently she is seen playing the mother in Life OK's Mere Rang Mein Rangne Waali. Post marriage she had shifted to Canada with husband Avneet Dhanowa, and re-shifted to India around two years ago. Dolly shares, "It was difficult for me to play a mother on-screen but later on when I got to know about the character, I was convinced that in the show I am not only playing a mother or mother-in-law but also playing the character of a bahu, so I am playing two different characters in one show. I didn't really have to work on my look and since I have a kid so I treat my on-screen beta also in the same way. For me playing this character was not by choice but by chance. I was not getting the roles I was looking for but yes when I got this character I thought I would fit in properly."

SIMONE SINGH ruled the TV screen with her fabulous shows and claim to fame show was Heena. The gorgeous actress marked her comeback on small screen as Sakshi Goenka in Ek Hasina Thi on Star Plus. Simone shares her reason behind playing a mother, "Playing Sakshi was not that difficult, I just had to be very careful about my body language. But yes I did think a lot and took quite some time before nodding a yes for this character. It was so powerful and well written that I got tempted to get back to television. I never wanted to do a daily soap but this character made me take up the show. Obviously it was not by chance but my choice to play Sakshi's character as it was well defined and challenging."









REENA KAPOOR, popularly known for her stint in Woh Rehne Waali Mehlon Ki came back to showbiz after a long span with Zee TV's Aur Pyaar Ho Gaya. Reena shares, "It is not easy to play double your age on-screen. When I picked this character I was sceptical, I was very conscious but as I started playing the character I got comfortable. I am playing an older character but at the same time I got a chance to play my age as well when they showed the flashback. I was lucky that in this show, I played both the character. Very frankly, when Woh Rehne Waali.. went off air after six years, I had decided to take a break but the gap became too long and when I planned to come back, I was not getting such characters. Thus, I thought that I should pick up something different so that I will be seen on-screen and people will know that I am back in action."





SNEHA WAGH, currently she is playing the role of a mother of two kids in Ek Veer Ki Ardaas... Veera on Star Plus was last seen playing the lead role in Jyoti. Sneha shares why she agreed to play an older character, "It was very difficult to play Ratan on-screen because you are playing a character which is not of your age. As an actor we have to play different characters but for me playing an older character was difficult. I had to focus more in initial days because all the other characters like Ranvijay are of almost same age so I had to put in extra efforts to look more mature."



Amrapali Gupta who has earlier been part of shows like Pyaar Ke Do Naam - Ek Radha Ek Shyam, Vaidehi and Teen Bahuraaniyaan, is currently seen as Tanveer in Zee TV's Qubool Hai. She is too young to play her current character, and reveals what made her nod a yes for it, "It was not difficult at all. Only difference is that I played a positive bahu in Teen Bahuraaniyaan and now here I am playing a negative character, a very powerful character, Begum Sahib who has total control of everything. I didn't have to prepare much because the look is glamorous, no grey hair, etc. The only thing I worked on is my voice, I had to make it little husky because I have a very sharp voice. My husband played an important role to convince me to play this character. He was like people know how you are in real and you are just playing a character. Karanvir is senior to me as an actor as well as in age, as I remember when I was in Lucknow and not thought of acting, that time I used to watch him in Kasauti, so this part was a little difficult."

TV Celebs on Travel Trips...

Whoever feels that shooting on an exotic location for a serial/film is the best job in the world, after reading this will understand the hard work and dedication that goes behind those perfect scenes that we see on-screen. Milind Gunaji and Asit Modi share exclusive photos and the story behind the shoot of their respective shows. While on the other hand, Madhura Naik enjoys her holiday in Maldives. **GR8!** brings you their Travel Diaries and exclusive photos…

Milind's Himalaya Trip...

Milind Gunaji captured the picturesque beauty of Himalayas while he was shooting for Star Plus' show Everest.



Lifetime Experience...

It was a completely different and unique experience. As a known mountaineer, I had assumed that it will be easy but it was quite difficult. The major difference is the fact that highest peak in Maharashtra is Kalsubai which is 5600 feet and is known as Everest of Maharashtra, whereas actual Everest is 29000 feet. The places where we shot most of the time, were at altitude of 13000 to 16000 feet. One unit actually shot at the base camp of Everest which is 18000 feet. Once you cross 9000 feet, lack of oxygen is there and if you are not acclimatized, it can be fatal. Throughout the schedule the temperature was in minus and we shot on an actual glacier. Tents were put in actual ice lands and the moment sun went down temperature would fall to minus 10.



Shoes were very heavy, almost 4 to 5 kgs. Each step was laborious and we did all the action scenes in these conditions. This was the toughest shoot of my career so far. Most of the people lost weight as we had to climb continuously for 3 to 4 days. It was exhaustive but a lifetime experience not only as an actor but also on a personal level. Sunrise and Sunset were breathtaking and magical, and a glance at this beautiful Nature would make us forget all our pain and stress.

Memorable Incidents...

There were two different locations and two different units were working simultaneously. One would be at one latitude while other would be at higher altitude. Many a times I had to shoot at both locations and after finishing shoot at one, I had to climb to another level for the second shoot. At one point I almost choked but luckily we had some expert people with us from NIM and some Sherpas. Digambar from NIM made me lie down and gave first aid.



Another incident that I can never forget is, when I went into a cervix and would have slipped through but again Digambar caught me in time and pulled me out before I could slip all the way in.

Funny Incidents...

The most Funny Incident was that when we reached the Iceland, we all were wearing normal sports shoes and all of us slipped and fell so many times, initially everyone was a little embarrassed but later we all laughed every time someone fell.

Madhura's bikini fetish fulfilled in Maldives..!







Madhura Naik is a travel freak and loves to go on adventure trips. Madhura shares, "Jungles and beaches fascinate me the most. I love going to Maldives as I find peace and calmness there, away from the maddening crowd of Mumbai. I meditate and spend time with myself. I also have a fetish for bikinis and I find Maldives the ideal destination to wear them."

Asit Modi's Travel Tales!

How long was your trip to each of these places?
Hong Kong was 8 days, it was a business trip as we had gone with the entire team to shoot a sequence, so I could not really enjoy with family. Europe and Kenya were about a week long trips. It is difficult to take longer vacations because as a producer I am creatively involved too. I just don't put my money into the show but I am creatively involved in everything from storyline and marketing to locations and new tracks.

Interesting Incidents...
We had gone to Kenya with Dilip Joshi and Disha Vakhani and had made arrangements to have breakfast deep in the jungle. It was very, very thrilling, exciting and a different experience. While travelling in Switzerland we got stuck on a station that too at midnight. I prefer to travel alone with family and do not go with travel groups. Our train had left and we did not know where to go. Temperature was very low and I was getting worried about my family because they were tired and freezing in cold. Luckily one lady gave us lift in her car, she dropped us at our destination. On the way we witnessed thunderstorm, I truly believe that she was a God sent angel and our saviour at 12.30 in the night.

Travel Destinations...
In Hong Kong we had mainly gone to Disneyland. It is so huge that you cannot enjoy it in one day. Besides that we visited Clock Tower, Tai Sin Temple and The Peak and went to few malls and markets. In Paris, a visit to Eiffel Tower is must. it's so magnificent. Palace of Versailles and Musée du Louvre were very educating and interesting. Overall Paris is a beautiful place, be it the shops, people, roads, markets. Everything is worth watching and visiting. In fact the entire Europe is very beautiful. Kenya was a wild safari trip, little adventurous but extreme fun. Seeing animals in their territory is very exciting and brings you closer to nature.

- Dharmishtha Dagia













Shivin Narang who is currently essaying the role of *Ranvijay* in *Ek Veer Ki Ardaas...* Veera on Star Plus has become a household name. Just two shows old, Shivin has successfully made way into hearts of many girls. The young actor has garnered humongous fan following after his portrayal of the prefect bhai and beta in the show. In this interview with **GR8!,** Shivin talks about his childhood passion - acting, his Bollywood plans and more. Read on...

'Star Plus approached me for Veera...'



My Favourites

TV Show
Yeh Hai Mohabbatein

Movie
Veer Zara

Actor
Shahrukh Khan

Actress
Preity Zinta

Inspiration
Myself

Dream Role
I would like to play Leonardo DiCaprio's role in Titanic.



How did acting happen?
Since the initial growing up years I was inspired and inclined towards acting when I used to watch movies. I made my portfolio and then I tried my luck in acting. I started getting offers for modelling and acting so I came to Mumbai gave auditions and I got selected.

Your first project?
My first project was Suvreen Guggal - Topper of The Year. It gave me a good opportunity to showcase my talent.

How did you bag the role in Ek Veer Ki Ardaas... Veera?
Suvreen Guggal was about to get over and Star Plus approached me for Veera. I gave auditions and they liked it and I was selected for the show Veera. My mom and dad also forced me to do this show and I picked this show as a challenge. Yash Patnaik, our Producer was also keen on casting me. I think it was meant to happen.

How is life as an actor?
Life as an actor is a dream life. Each day you live something different, it makes me go through various emotions regularly. I really enjoy my profession. Acting is my passion and my life is incomplete without acting.

What are the pros and cons of being a TV actor?
There are many advantages in being a TV actor. I have achieved name, fame and money. I am glad that the whole world knows me and they love me so much. I feel I am very lucky. Con is that you don't get 'Me Time' and sometimes working hours are little hectic.

Would you dare to bare?
Yes, I would dare to bare. I am an actor and as per the script requirement, I would take a call how much I can dare to bare.

Would you take a plunge in Movies?
Yes, as an actor, I would like to do films. Who doesn't want to act in films? It's a big canvas to present your talent. SRK is a big inspiration for every actor.

- Dharmishtha Dagia

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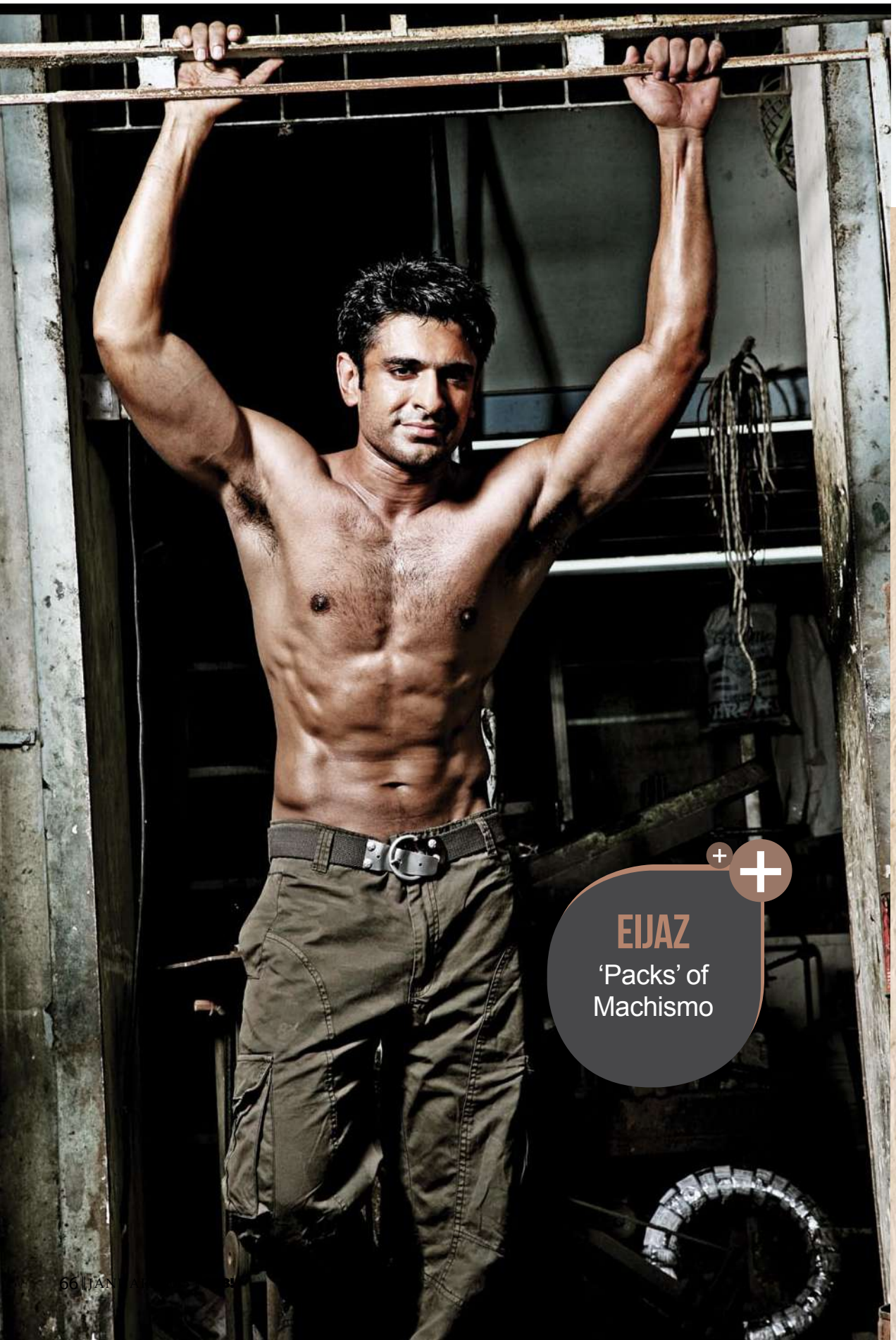
Eye-Candies



ADAA
Bare to dare



ASHA
That come-hither posture



EIJAZ

'Packs' of Machismo



ANUJ
Chest-nut





GAUTAM
Sculpted to smoulder



We are overwhelmed to receive so many Fan Mails wishing all your Favorite Actors who will celebrate their Birthdays in the month of **January**. So, on behalf of all our readers and fans **GR8!** Wishes few of your Favourite Stars.



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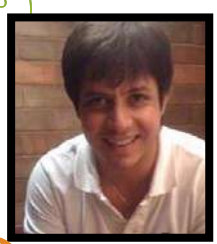
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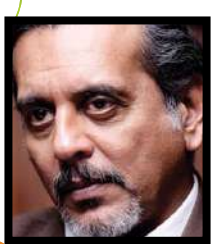
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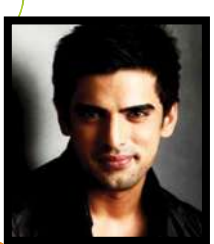
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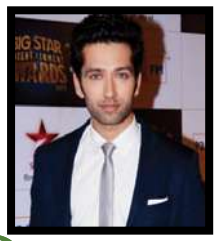
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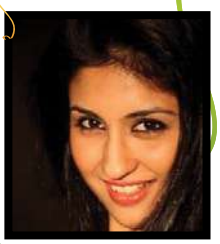
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1. Which actor is back after the leap in Zee TV's Jodha Akbar?
2. The recently launched Mahakumbh replaced which show?
3. Tu Mera Hero replaced which Star Plus show?
4. Who is termed as the laziest contestant in Bigg Boss house?
5. Which actress is playing Ronit Roy's love interest in Itna Karo Na Mujhe Pyaar?

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Farah Khan launches Munisha's Tarot book!

Munisha Khatwani recently launched her new book titled 'Tarot' in the presence of many celebrities. The book was unveiled by none other than Farah Khan and the event was hosted by RJ Malishka. An elated Munisha says, "My book's publishers - Indus Source Books approached me with the idea of coming up with a Tarot Prediction book and I happily agreed as it is my forte. Also, unlike astrology and numerology, there aren't many prediction books on Tarot. I would like to thank my publishers, Rockley group especially Ravi Chikara, all the celebrities who have shown their immense support and a big thank you to Farah Khan for releasing my book."


Farah Khan with Munisha Khatwani


Shilpa Anand


Mazher Sayed & Mouli Ganguly


Imam Siddique


Vishal Singh


Chitrashi Rawat & Shruti Ulfat


Shilpa Saklani


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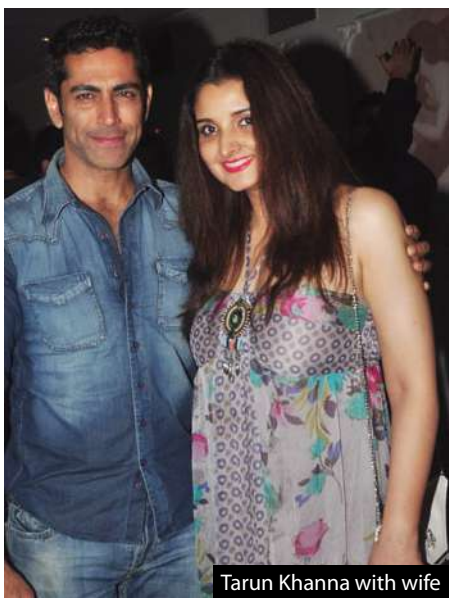

Terence Lewis


Murli Sharma


Mahesh Thakur


Shibani Kashyap


Ajay Chaudhary


Tarun Khanna with wife


Firoza Khan, Arti Singh & Jaswir Kaur


Karan Mehra & Nisha Rawal


RJ Malishka


Kashmera Shah


Rohit Verma & Rajeshwari Sachdev


Angad Hasija & Anuj Sachdeva

Vahbiz Dorabjee's B'Day Bash!


Vahbiz cuts the cake


Vahbiz Dorabjee with Kishwer Merchantt & Suyyash Rai


Jay Soni with wife


Krystle Dsouza & Karan Tacker

Vahbiz Dorabjee threw a private birthday bash and who's who of television turned up to wish her at Juhu Sheesha Lounge. Vivian Dsena attended all the guests personally and gave a small surprise to his dear wife by making sure her parents and brother came from Pune for this special bash. The talk of the evening was the unique Rabri cake which was so yummilicious that everyone forgot their diet norms and happily committed the sin of indulging in something so high on calories. Vahbiz's birthday was on 28th November but she threw the party on 30th, which was coincidentally Shashank Vyas' birthday. Vahbiz and Vivian celebrated his birthday too in great style. At one point, Vahbiz was about to fall but the male brigade - Tarun Khanna, Vivian Dsena, Hanif Hilal, Raqesh Vashisth and Vikram Singh came into action and held Vahbiz just on time.

Celebrities who came in to wish the B'Day girl were Shashank Vyas, Adhvik Mahajan, Anuj Sachdeva, Manish Paul, Anupam Bhattacharya, Manish Paul, Karan Kundra, Rajan Shahi, Raqesh Vashisth, Tarun Khanna, Gaurav S. Bajaj, Shagufta Ali, Kashmira Irani, Sandeep Sachdev, Viraf Patel, Vishal Karwal amongst many others. Few of the couples like Sanaya Irani and Mohit Sehgal, Kishwer Merchantt and Suyyash Rai, Jay Soni and his wife Pooja, Sargun Mehta and Ravi Dubey, Krystle Dsouza and Karan Tacker, Ruslaan and his wife Nirali were inseparable.


Mohit Sehgal & Sanaya Irani


Manish Paul


Raqesh Vashisth


Sargun Mehta with her Real & Reel husbands Ravi Dubey & Shashank Vyas


Ruslaan Mumtaz with wife


Anuj Sachdeva


Karan Kundra


Rajan Shahi


Viraf Patel & Kashmira Irani


Adhvik Mahajan


Himmanshoo Ashok Malhotra


Shagufta Ali

Doli Armaanon Ki completes a year!

Zee TV's Doli Armaanon Ki completed a year of airing which means 260 episodes hence the makers of the show Pear Grey and her production house Spellbound Productions threw a party at Villa 69 to celebrate the success of the show. The actors came in a little late due to their hectic shoot schedules but they stayed on too that much longer to make up for it. Pearl was the first to arrive and greeted all the guests as well as assured everything was perfect. Celebs spotted at the bash were Addite and Mohit Malik, Guddi Maruti, Urvashi Dholakia amongst others.


Doli Armaanon Ki team cuts the cake


Addite & Mohit Malik


Harsh Vsahisth


Gaurav Rana, Vibhuti Thakur, Geeta Tyagi, Jitender Trehan


Raju Kher & Neha Marda


Hemant Thatte


Pearl Grey


Urvashi Dholakia


Guddi Maruti

Audi A3 launch party!

Lots of celebs gathered for the launch of the Audi's new model A3 in Andheri's Audi Showroom. Bigg Boss contestants Soni Singh, Sushant Divgikar and Aarya Babbar were seen having a great time together bonding outside the house post the show. Sonu Sood came in and tried his hands behind the wheels. Other celebs spotted at the launch were Samir Kochhar, Rahul Mahajan, Ruslaan Mumtaz, Jaswir Kaur amongst many others.


Sonu Sood


Gurdeep Kohli & Arjun Punjj


Jaswir Kaur


Aarya Babbar


Samir Kochhar


Ruslaan Mumtaz with wife


Rahul Mahajan


Soni Singh


Sidharth Bhardwaj

Triple celebrations for producer Yash Patnaik!

Producer Yash Patnaik threw a bash at Little Door restaurant in Andheri. It was triple celebrations for producer duo Yash and Mamta Patnaik. The success of Ek Veer Ki Ardaas - Veera and Sadda Haq – My Life My Choice was celebrated along with the launch of their new show Million Dollar Girl. The theme for the party was Banarasi and at the entrance everyone was provided with gamcha and welcomed with a paan. Not one but three cakes were cut, each team cut their special cake. Celebs present at the bash were Sneha Wagh, Shammi Aunty, Shivin Narang, Farnaz Shetty, Vishal Vashishtha, Mithil Jain, Aparna Ghoshal, Harshita Gaur, Param Singh, Ankit Gupta, Mohit Chauhan, Sejal Shah amongst many others.


Ek Veer Ki Ardaas - Veera team cuts the cake


Million Dollar Girl team


Sadda Haq – My Life My Choice team


Aradhana Uppal


Shammi Aunty with Iqbal Rizvi


Krip Suri


Yash Patnaik, Farnaz Shetty, Sneha Wagh & Shivin Narang

Mahakumbh Launch Party!


Jennifer Winget watches the first episode of Mahakumbh

Arvind Babbal's first outing as a producer, Mahakumbh, saw a star studded launch last night on the show's sets in Film City. Gautam Rode, Manish Wadhwa, Payal Rajput, Siddharth Nigam and many other actors from the show were seen mingling with the guests. Jennifer Winget, Gautam's ex-heroine from Saraswatichandra, as well as Nigaar Khan, Amit Tandon, JD Majethia and few other celebrities were also spotted at the launch party giving their best wishes to the cast and crew. The first episode received a huge applause from the celebrities present.


Gautam Rode, Arvind Babbal & Payal Rajput


JD Majethia with Arvind Babbal


Time to click a Selfie..!: Nigaar Khan

JPPL Cricket League!

JBCN Group recently organised JBCN Parents Premier League (JPPL) at JBCN International School, Oshiwara, an initiative that encourages children and their parents to participate in cricket tournaments and spend quality time with their family. The aim to host JPPL is to encourage healthy living amongst the students and parents through the platform of sports and games like cricket. Promoted by former Indian cricketer's wife Mrs. Fatima Agarkar (Managing Trustee of JBCN International School), the premier league was graced tinsel town celebrities like Hiten Tejwani, Rajneesh Duggall, Kabir Sadanand, Arjun Punjj & Gurdeep Kohli and Bollywood Director Subhash Kapoor along with their children who played cheer leaders. Fatima Agarkar present at the event was overwhelmed with the response.

Mrs. Fatima Agarkar, Managing Trustee, JBCN Group said, "JBCN International School adapts modern age method of learning and persuades various non-academic activities for its students. Through numerous events like JPPL the school aims to embolden and imbibe sportsmanship amongst parents and children."



Rajneesh Duggall with Fatima & Raj Agarkar


Hiten Tejwani


Kabir Sadanand


Arjun Punjj & Gurdeep Kohli

Devon Ke Dev Mahadev's Farewell Party!

Producer Sohanna and Nikhil Sinha threw a bash to mark the closure of their hit show Devon Ke Dev Mahadev. "The show connected with audiences as the story of Shiv's life wasn't told in this way before. The story line, production values and casting worked in the favour of the show. We had invited the complete cast and crew and all of us had a blast. Hope we are able to bring this kind of ensemble cast again", says Nikhil Sinha.

Celebrities spotted at the party were director Ismail Umarr Khan, Aniruddh Pathak, Reshmi Ghosh, Mohit Raina, Mouni Roy, Rishina Kandhari, Tarun Khanna with wife Smriti Mohan, Jaswir Kaur, Aadesh Chaudhary, Jiten Lalwani, Mihika Sharma, Ruby and Amit Tandon amongst many others. Black colour dominated the evening as most of the actors were spotted donning black outfits. The first Parvati - Sonarika Bhadoria and the last Parvati - Suhasi Dhami both were present and surprisingly bonded well.


Mohit Raina & Mouni Roy


Gautam Rode


Jaswir Kaur


Kamya Punjabi


Suhasi Dhami, Sohanna Sinha & Sonarika Bhadoria


Karan Patel & Aly Goni


Rishina Kandhari


Sohanna & Nikhil Sinha


Reshmi Ghosh

HAPPY NEW YEAR

happy new year to TV-hoodwinks...

OK...there is a war out there...

To grab eyeballs, to lock up constant attention, to keep 'em hanging in suspense - the TV-makers are plunged headlong in giving a constant buzz to their audiences about their Shows - but does that give them the license for '*all is fare...*', too, in this war? Does that eternal pressing of panic-buttons also imply that they can manipulate the TV-watchers any which way they want… even lead them up the garden path?

But that's exactly what is happening!

Even as this hoodwinking is euphemistically called '*PR Plugs*', it remains just that – hoodwinking!... Nothing more, nothing less! Since long, false stories and spurious bits of information are being planted in Print or elsewhere to create ever new tenterhooks for the viewers to hang on. So, when a Show like, 'Madhubala' nosedives on the Popularity-charts, the hero-heroine are bumped off - err, burnt off, to be more precise - and simultaneously, the News is spread that though the female-lead, Drashti Dhami would still be retained in the Show to play the lookalike daughter of her own self, the hero, Vivian (Dsena) has been scuttled out!

And a whole circus ensues!

That includes Vivian, too, playing along with being vociferously vocal about his '*Adieu*' (*ha-ha-ha*) to the Show in the Print… but then, soon the '*hoodwink*' is exposed - he comes back to it in another avatar!

Chalo, those poor dears did it 'cause the Show had lost its steam and was nose-diving, but then, it is happening all over and all the time, nosedive or no nosedive. Particularly galling has been what happened at the *'Diya Aur Baati Hum'* front, recently. They had no such danger of *'losing steam'* and were going great guns with topnotch TRP's - still, when the track of *Bhaabho* getting shot in the long-drawn '*Highjack*' sequence approached, the PR machinery went berserk with planted stories of this turn in the plot being necessitated because *Neelu Waghela*, who plays the character, has decided to leave the Show as compelled by ill health. Neelu also went to town with statements to that effect, while on the Screen, Bhabho kept the *'now going; now not going'* strain on her death (?) bed.

Finally, it was revealed that it was just a PR-plug (*read hoodwink*) and now the same Neelu was being gloriously eloquent as to how *important* is her '*Audience*' for her and so she'd continue in Show - ill health or whatever!

Hey - who do you think we are - some kind of twits?
Stop these games, guys - will ya?

happy new year to Satyamev Jayate…

You came as a pearl in the haystack!

In the prevalent dark of TV–programming that is largely fake and frivolous, be it in the breast-beating Melodramas in the Fiction-sphere, or in the cunning of the manipulative & unreal 'Reality-shows', or the '*Judge, Jury & Executioner*' syndrome of those trials by the Media in the News-space, you have lit a torch of sincere *Social-responsibility* that is such a fresh breath for the otherwise stifled viewers.

Touching on topics that are often shoved under the carpet by a Society, wallowing in '*Sham*', you have come as the perfect catalyst to trigger a never-before churning of our *Social realities*. And in a space of sheer hypocrisy, it was a big risk to take, but you have plodded on – and how!

In turn, you've become a favourite target for all kinds of darts & lances!

You've been stamped as a '*Rabble–rouser*', an '*Alarmist*', even an '*Anarchist*', who has no business to be on such a humongous Public-platform as National Television. Some have even damned you as their *Sunday-spoiler* with all your gruesome (?) ripping of masks.

But nothing has stuck and thankfully, this venomous tirade against you has not been able to stop your stride. And to those who feel their 'Sundays' are *spoiled* by you, we would say only one thing – '*Thank your Stars for this 'spoiling' as it shakes you out of your stupor*'!

Indeed, may you always remain '*Jayate*'...
And may your tribe increase, dear torch-bearers!



happy new year to GR8!

What? The 12th year – is it?

Uh, what a high it must be to reach such a milepost of survival, particularly in a scenario, where *TVzines* have been seen falling all over like the proverbial '9-pins'! And standing like a tower in the ruins, you've been endlessly showered with the unbounded love of your doting *Readers*, besides the implicit trust of the *TV-fraternity*!

Come to think of it, time was when you were considered as nothing but a commercial suicide for your propounding duo - the indefatigable, *Anu & Shashi Ranjan*. In a space & period when Entertainment Mags meant only & only the *Filmi* ones, they decided to bring you in as a window to the glitz & glamour of *Television*, which was considered as non-existent by the myopic know-alls, then.

And how the know-alls had smirked!

'Tell us, who would even flip your pages that carry the visages of small-screen actors & actresses?'… 'Who would care even a fig about what's happening with this dwarfish entity called TV?', went the refrain - but the Ranjans still picked up the gauntlet and look today…

The same *dwarf* has become the biggest *Giant* of Indian Entertainment and its first & foremost projection, 'GR8!' has become the magical '*Alif-Laila*' in its space! Yes! It's a pat on our own back, guys – but with a warning…

Never ever rest on your laurels…!

happy new year to Reality Shows…

Guys!

You know the art - err, the artifice - of manipulating the audience to perfection – ain't it?
At times, you create an '*Indra Sabha*' with a riot of colour, glitz & glamour, besides exotic, erotic, even acrobatic *Dancing* of the frenzied kind, making it a blinding viewing experience… and it does not stop at that! All this *Phantasm* is punctuated by unabashed Melodrama of winning, losing, jumping with joy and howling with tears, tears and still more tears for a heart-wrenching Show for the viewers to lap up.

All this is laced by the antics of entities, called '*The Judges*', who are either abrasive, acerbic and insensitive (*Anu Malik in 'Indian Idol'*) or glam & glittering (*Madhuri Dixit in 'Jhalak Dikhhla Jaa'*) or pert & prancing (*Karan Johar in 'JDJ' again*).

And then, you hit upon a treasure-trove!

Bamboozling the viewers into sending *SMS's*, you keep filling your coffers like nobody's business. And this coffer-filling circus goes on while you keep creating the Bullfights of '*Khataras*'… or a '*living hell*' in which a pack of '*have-beens*' or some shady beings are thrown in together to create a sordid *Tamaasha* of the scandalising, screaming, steaming, even smooching kind… or a glam world of some sham-*Shaadis*…! But it all is nothing but blatant, brazen fakery as there is no way to keep a tab on the veracity of your '*Votes*' or on those sordid scenes of bestial fighting in a '*Fish bowl*'.

This so-called 'Edgy Content' is nothing but an atrocity…
But time to pause & ponder…
Aakhir Kab Tak…?... Enough is enough…!

happy new year to Messiahs for TV…

They are the self-styled *Surgeons* who, dripping with glorious benevolence, condescend to operate this '*sick-man of Entertainment*', aka *Television*…They are the *Exorcists* who take upon themselves the onerous task of exorcising TV of all its ghosts… they are the *Saviours*, the *Messiahs* who have decided to save its soul…!

Mostly, they come from the *Big Screen*! It's nothing but the '*Big-Brother-Syndrome*' working overtime here. Patronising to a fault, these *Angels* from the beyond feel that oh-this-poor-dear '*Sicko*' needs their healing touch and they are just the ones who can change its face with their magical cosmetics.

And then they descend on the medium with a Show or two of theirs, which move is supposed to work as the perfect *Antibiotic* for all the viruses that have beset TVdom. And the TVzens accept them with open arms, besides paying them a bomb for their '*hatke*' Shows, which would change the way TV is being seen.

But do they?

Time & again, this blind belief and this inferiority complex in *TVwaalas* that these *Filmi* types know better and are the best bets to redress all the wrongs in their Programming has actually been proven to be nothing else than hopeless fiascos… Time & again, they have failed to connect with the zillions of TV-watchers out there… and Time & again, the whole exercise has been nothing but financial *hara-kiri* for the TVzens (*while absolutely 'Chhapper Phaad Ke' for the so-called Big Bros*).

The latest in this has been '*Yudh*' (Sony), the *Anurag Kashyap* oddity of a thriller that enmeshed itself in so many layers that it just became a mish-mash and lost its plot even before it began!
But Kashyap*ji*, of course, laughed his way to the bank! This is not to hold a brief for TV's indisputable mediocrity at large, but is pretentious, turgid & turbid programming the panacea for the ailment?

Sorry – no *Jai ho* to the Messiahs!



Arti Razdan is one of Bollywood's famous tarot card readers, Reiki Grand master, Hypnotherapist and a devotee of Radhe Guru Maa. A student of psychology honours, she was attracted to spirituality at a very early age and was quite sure that she will pursue her career in that field. She spent ten years learning under one of India's most contemporary mystics Osho and since then there has been no looking back for her and has carved a niche for herself in the world of holistic healings. She predicts how 2015 will turn out for the television, TV stars, TV shows, TV Channels and more. So read on to find out what 2015 holds for the TV industry...

HOW WILL 2015 BE FOR TELEVISION?

It will be fantastic, very good. Especially women in television will do very well and women oriented shows will be more successful. There will be baby boom, news of quite a few pregnancies might come.

2014 SAW FEW BOLLYWOOD STARS ACTING IN TV SERIES. WILL 2015 WITNESS AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF BOLLYWOOD STARS ON TV?

Very much. Many more Bollywood actors are wanting to do TV now. 1 more big star will be open to do TV.

CHANNELS IN 2015

Colors - Fiction will do very well this year too. They might come up with a new star based show, might have to do more with magic, an unusual show, something out of the box.

Star Plus - 3 shows will make Star Plus shine. They will start new shows that will be about women and something related to religion.

Life OK - They need to change strategies, come up with shows that touch emotional cords of people and give what people actually want. They should be able to strike interest as well as emotion.

Sony TV - Their strategy is working, I see victory for them. They don't want to drag shows to grave and its working well for them. One more game show miight come up.

Sab TV - Little bit of dip will be there but they will pick up & do brilliant after that. Their shows are Jewels in itself, by themselves they are like STARS & will continue to be so.

Zee TV - Period of gains coming up and 2-3 shows will do really well.

FILM CAREER OF TV ACTORS



Kapil Sharma
He will blaze his way through. Once he comes, he will have the Box Office jingling with coins. There is no stopping this man.



Gurmeet Choudhary
The boy has lot of talent. There could be some obstructions but he will manage to get through. It won't be smooth sailing and easy but he will get opportunities and will require extra efforts. He will do well.



Karishma Tanna
She will do really well, her upcoming movie will open doors for many opportunities and projects. She will be a well recognized Star in her own right.

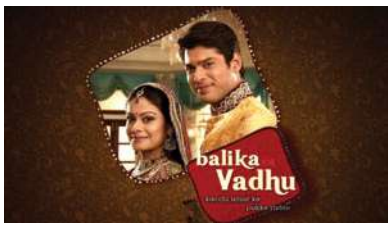


Yami Gautam
She will do great and get good projects this year. She will get a very big break that will take her career further.



Sidharth Shukla
There is Card of Happiness & Prosperity. 2015 will bring him happiness and prosperity in abundance and when he shares it with others, it will only grow more. It will be a decent year for him and he will achieve success.

THESE SHOWS HAVE GARNERED IMMENSE POPULARITY, BUT HOW WILL 2015 BE FOR THEM..?



Balika Vadhu
The Card of Power has come, the show continues to do well and will create a history of its own.



Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai
Might not do so good. Show may not shape up as nicely as it was intended to. Unless a new fresh angle – male angle is added in the story.



Diya Aur Baati Hum
Success, Luck is on the card. It will be successful.



Jodha Akbar
They need to balance the story. There will be a clear transition point in serial but again the show will shine out like a pro. In July/August it may see a dip.



Bharat Ka Veer Putra-Maharana Pratap
The show will do very good.



Saath Nibhana Saathiya
It will pick up and then go down, it won't be consistent. They should get somebody who is a strong and a good actor. They should play with drama a bit more to make it more gripping.

RELATIONSHIPS IN 2015



Jennifer Winget & Karan Singh Grover
They will do good. they will be able to ride the storm.



Diandra Soares & Gautam Gulati: Their feelings are real, they do feel for each other and connected well. They will carry on with their friendship once they are out. It will get intense but can't say how long will it go on. But its true friendship and attraction.

HAPPENINGS IN 2015

1. Narendra Modi will continue to rule India with his Iron Hand. We will see changes in administrations of the country and business will improve overall.
2. Issue of Black Money is actually going to raise, but it won't be completely out, the way it's being projected to. You will keep hearing about it in bits and snippets. Also, if Mr. Modi goes very strong on Black Money issue, then there is a possibility of an attempt of assassination on him, say may be one and a half to two years from now. Therefore, he will need to take this whole issue slowly.
3. Hafiz Saeed continues anti-national elements in Kashmir. Infiltrators and cross border terrorism continues despite so many attempts at Peace.
4. Another blast might happen in one of the Metros.



Rasika Dugal



Location: Mumbai

About Me: I am curious and instinctive. I believe life is about finding the game in the seemingly mundane . It is about embracing the joy of realized dreams and the pain of unmet desires.

Height: 5' 2

Weight: 48 kgs

Strength: To have the courage to follow my instincts.

Weakness: On the flip side, to be vulnerable to my instincts.

Interests: I spend my free time watching films, learning Urdu and running.

Work Experience: My two most exciting roles have been in a film called Qissa where I play a lead part alongside Irrfan Khan, Tisca Chopra and Tillotama Shome and another in Kshay. In Television, I have done two YRF shows - Powder and Kismat. In Theatre, I perform regularly in the popular play, The Vagina Monologues in English and Hindi. I have also done character roles in a film *Agyaat* directed by Ram Gopal Varma and *Tahaan* directed by Santosh Sivan.

Dream Role: I have many. To list a few, Meena Kumari in Sahib, Bibi Aur Ghulam and any role in a Christopher Nolan film.

Inspiration: Anyone, who has the ability to change their destiny by sheer perseverance and power of will inspires me. So, I am as inspired by Matt Damon and Ben Affleck, Naseeruddin Shah.



Arjuna Harjai

Location: Mumbai

Height: 5'9

Weight: 60 kgs.

Complexion: Fair

Strength: Compassion, good observer, good listener.

Weakness: Very introvert, modesty and dark chocolate.

Interests: Music, psychology, quantum physics, technology, philosophy.

Work Experience: Worked as a composer/ singer for various TV commercials and Jingles for big brands while simultaneously assisting music director Lalit Pandit for over a year. Did all songs including the background score for the film Titoo MBA.

Inspiration: Madan Mohan, John Williams, Hiromi Uehara.





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1 SUN

Those born on the **1st, 10th, 19th** and **28th**

People planning to start off with their business or entrepreneurial activities might probably find an outlet for their dreams. Try to keep your focus at one goal and you might be able to accomplish things at a faster rate than before. Family life might go on smoothly and relationships might flourish. Singles might also come across someone interesting in their life.

2 MOON

Those born on the **2nd, 11th, 20th** and **29th**

Sometimes tests or trials bring out the hidden capabilities, allowing one to stretch ones limits to boundaries one might probably not be aware of. Avoid getting away from challenges in life and learn to take some risks. These might not only assist you in putting into perspective many things but also help you overcome your inhibitions. Spend time with loved ones to relax tensed nerves.

3 JUPITER

Those born on the **3rd, 12th, 21st** and **30th**

You might positively be able to redefine certain relationships in your life and this might give you peace of mind. Old friends might also get in touch with you and this might give you a lot of joy. Colleagues at work might try to undermine your efforts at work. Nevertheless, seniors might be able to see through things and accord you the appreciation that you might deserve.

4 URANUS

Those born on the **4th, 13th, 22nd** and **31st**

Creative people might be able to come across individuals who might be able to propel their dreams and serve as a catalyst in realizing their aim in life. Be objective in judging people in their times of distress or hardships. Try to tolerate their extreme reactions if the need arises. Decide, analyze and then only move ahead and this might minimize your chances of criticism.

5 MERCURY

Those born on the **5th, 14th** and **23rd**

Life looks a bit more structured and in sync than it probably was a few weeks back. There might probably be clarity as far as professional matters are concerned. However, personal matters might need to be given some time before once actually see's things in a more definite arrangement. Financial issues might also get settled, probably permitting you more cash on hand to spend.

6 VENUS

Those born on the **6th, 15th** and **24th**

Your helpful nature and compassion for understanding the opposite person's situation might help you build new relationships. However, boredom might creep in soon making you seek new ways of communication and networking. Avoid being too idealistic about certain relationships in life and accept things the way they are. People might also agree with your altered approach in life.

7 NEPTUNE

Those born on the **7th, 16th** and **25th**

Experiences in life might sometimes need to be pulled out from the past to be able to get a better insight in to ongoing projects. Be open with your communication strategies in order to gain the advice of colleagues as well as your seniors at work. Friends might also chip in and provide some interesting opinion that might be useful for your benefit. Loved ones might also encourage your enterprises.

8 SATURN

Those born on the **8th, 17th** and **26th**

You probably are more productive when there is less of stress and little competition. Professionally there might probably be no complications that you might need to deal but personal disagreements might affect your output. Try to ignore things that might irritate you or make you negative. Look at the bright side of the circumstances and move ahead with conviction.

9 MARS

Those born on the **9th, 18th** and **27th**

It might be the right time to celebrate your relationships. Rejoice in the support and faith people have in you and your capabilities. Try not to take people for granted. Look at the situation from a positive angle and you might be able to find a new meaning in it. Professional projects might keep you occupied towards latter part of the fortnight and this might affect your personal life.

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ARIES - EMPEROR (March 21 - April 20)

The new year makes you shine like a star, at last things seem to be shaping up for you. The time of struggle and confusion is finally getting over and you are coming out of this phase through your own will power and inner strength. At work, you will shine and sparkle, your bosses will listen to your ideas. Presentations will be very well appreciated as you exude confidence. Those in the creative field may also get a break. Financially, you will get some good news, some gains are in store for you. Stay away from gambling. Taking time out with your partner and appreciating their qualities will help you to bond and come closer. Your daughter needs your support and trust to help her flower and bloom in whichever direction she chooses.



TAURUS - HIEROPHANT (April 21 - May 21)

Dear Taurians the new year brings in lots of pleasure and enjoyment. You can indulge and pamper yourself. At work, you will perform very well and will be given additional responsibilities and power. You will manage to achieve the goals and targets set out for you. Creatively, you may receive a lot of popularity or be in the limelight. Along with power comes responsibility and humility so a spiritual journey into yourself helps you to attain inner strength and peace. The blessings of your guru or whomsoever you believe in will take you a long way. When you learn to surrender your ego and stubbornness, you discover so many jewels that you had missed seeing as your eyes were covered with a false veil. Financially, this is a good time, profits and money is coming in. Take care of your throat.



GEMINI - THE LOVERS (May 22 - June 21)

Lady luck smiles on you in 2015 dear Geminis. The coming year brings you many opportunities, it is up to you to seize them and make the most of your chances. Professionally, you may get a new project or expand your current line of work and creatively there are lots of ideas and thoughts flowing. You need to bring your total focus on to your work, distractions will make your energy dissipate from your goal. A light flirtation could be turning into a more intense passionate relationship. Try to slow down, all that glitters is not gold. Financially, you need to hold on to your reserves and save money, it will come in handy on a rainy day. This is not the time for you to spend lavishly. Investing in property will yield high returns in the future. Socially, you will be very busy and Friends will be very supportive. You may also be having plans of buying a new vehicle, take care while driving. Avoid excessive intoxication as it could lead you into fights which could turn into legal and police matters.



CANCER - THE CHARIOT (June 22 - July 23)

Interference from other people makes you feel very confused, you don't know whether to stay or go. You are putting in a lot of effort but it feels like someone is poisoning the ears of your relative, or boss against you. Don't worry the truth will soon be out and peace will return. Your boss will play a key role in the next few months so try to keep your facts before your boss. The person who is trying to steal the credit from you will soon be known to all. Financially, you need to do a lot more research before you invest your money. Do not get taken in by get rich quick schemes, they are likely to be fly by the night operators. Your mothers blessings will go a long way in your life. Try and look after and spend quality time with your parents. A beautiful gift will have you pleasantly surprised. Your back and your knees may give you a little trouble.



LEO - LUST (July 24 - August 23)

You may be feeling very let down in a relationship, you had much higher expectations and the person has made you very disappointed. The hurt and pain will wash away and heal, leaving you stronger and wiser. You have to make a decision even though it may be difficult. Professionally, good news is on its way, you may be seeking a change to better your prospects. Applying abroad is also a good idea. For those in media this is the time to go all out, learn and acquire new skills. And use your social network to get yourself the auditions and break that you so badly desire. Slight mood swings and dullness could creep in but will soon go away with prayers, chanting and meditation. Financially, there may be some ups and downs but on the whole a good year ahead.



VIRGO - THE HERMIT (August 24 - September 23)

Dear Virgos, the new year brings you luck and good fortune. Some losses have occurred last year but it's time to learn from your mistakes and transform yourself. A new opportunity may present itself, harness your inner strength and fly again. Professionally, things remain stable, there may be talk of some key changes in the office and more streamlining and transfer of some staff. For those in creative field being an over perfectionist could cause some delays. It would help if you were more tolerant and less critical of those under you as that would make you a more productive team. Those who are single could get a proposal for marriage or relationship. This year you may find yourself participating and contributing to social causes like empowerment and upliftment of women and orphans. It will give you the meaning you have been looking for. Travel is on the cards.



LIBRA - ADJUSTMENT (September 24 - October 22)

A year of growth and gain for you dear Librans. Some of you may have been having niggling suspicions about your partners fidelity towards you. It's better for you to be sure before you shoot your mouth off as sometimes doubt can also destroy a relationship. At work, there seems to be a lot of politics brewing in your office. Someone may be trying to make you feel very low, do not let them get under your skin. Actually they are the ones who are insecure and are trying to manipulate you as they know you are very emotional. Your in-laws may also be playing games to create trouble between you and your husband, you need to be strong. Financially, some money is coming in, a new project will generate good profits. Your daughter could get a good job offer. Buying and investing in gold and silver will be good for you in the long run. Socially, you will be quite the belle of the ball.



SCORPIO - DEATH (October 23 - November 22)

The new year brings in the gift of courage, inner strength and settlement of old karmas and pending issues. A relationship may not have worked out in the way that you had intended it to, dragging and losing your happiness over nothing makes no sense. Professionally, this is good time, a project that you have been working on has been shaping up very well and you can launch it in this year. An older person may be instrumental in getting you a new contact for work or a project. Financially, you make profitable gains this year, you will make a few deals and sign some new projects which will be money spinners for you. Take care to avoid the company of people who pull you down and depress you emotionally. Yoga, walk or some other form of physical exercise will keep you healthy and your energy levels high. Children will improve in their school, you could also explore moving them to a lesser difficult board so as to reduce the strain on them.



SAGITTARIUS - ART (November 23 - December 22)

Dear Archers, there is a divine protection all around you in the coming new year. You could come right to the edge but something from out of the blue will just come and gather you in its arms and keep you safe. A pilgrimage to a religious place of worship will be very auspicious for you. At work, it's time for action, you are very busy operating on all fronts. A one point programme and total focus will get you success. Your boss is very supportive of you so make the most of it and you can prove your worth to the organisation. If however, someone is humiliating you or making remarks, you don't need to keep it inside you. Take the courage and speak up. Financially, you are still not where you want to be. Saving money for you is very important, you need to salt away some money so you can feel more secure. It's also important that this year you do your medical insurance, don't take it lightly.



CAPRICORN - THE DEVIL (December 23- January 20)

Capricorns, a magical love lies waiting for you in 2015. For a long time you have been wanting and missing that special connection with someone where you can be understood without speaking and play like children. It's time to open yourself as that could manifest, whether its brief or lifelong but you will know that when you meet your soul mate. At work, you need to learn to hurt people less with your anger outbursts as it demotivates your staff. When people are not happy from inside and they ill wish you because you have been in a position of power and shouted at them, their ill wishes block your success. Appreciate people and their efforts and see how you rise. Financially, this year you will need to balance your spending with your income. Go slow on your expenses. Investing in your own flat will be good for you. Your siblings may need help from you. Children can make their plans for studies abroad.



AQUARIUS - THE STAR (January 21 - February 19)

Positive changes for you this year, dear Aquarians! This is the time to stop judging yourself and being harsh on yourself. It's time to get out there and achieve the goals you have set for yourself. Many times you hold yourself back from expressing how you feel but the time has come for you to be bold and unleash yourself. At work, things are good and stable, someone who used to bother you may soon be up for a transfer or they may move on to another job. In-laws could be unnecessarily putting you down, it's time you stand up and you don't need to be a carpet for anyone to walk on. Financially, things look good, you will make profits and clear up most of your loans. For women, those who are not earning it's a good idea to explore something you can do even from home which will give you your own money. Children are very supportive of you but may need to take care of your older son so that he does not fall into bad company.



PISCES - THE MOON (February 20 - March 20)

Cups of happiness for you in the new year dear Pisceans! Professionally, you have all the chances to excel and move to a much better work place where you can earn more and your designation is better. Creatively, you may get new offers to sign which will take you into a different league. You only need to take right decisions and not let yourself get confused by people. De-clutter your house, throw out all the not needed old stuff as this is simply clogging up the good energies. Old court matters/disputes can be settled in this year, try not to keep it pending and close it in this year. This year you will emerge victorious and triumphant. A journey with your guru will leave you feeling very empowered and blessed. Someone who appreciates you will make you very happy secretly in your heart of hearts. Financially, a good year with gains. Travel is on the cards.