

Priyanka Chopra Says 'People Need To Relax On The PR': 'If You're Bluffing...'



Priyanka Chopra is busy promoting her upcoming film, *The Bluff*. In a recent interview, she talked about how people bluff themselves into feeling more confident. She said that while it is totally normal to use that trick to gain extra confidence, we must not bluff others and portray a wrong version of ourselves.

Speaking to *India Today*, Priyanka said, "If you're bluffing yourself to gain confidence, that is absolutely normal, and it is human behaviour. We all do it. When you talk yourself into something and give yourself an extra boost of confidence that you needed. I have needed that my whole career."

"I would tell myself, 'You own this room, Queen.' I don't, but I tell myself that, so I walk that way and feel that way because all of us get nervous in new environments and meeting you people," the actress said.

However, Priyanka said, "It's okay to bluff yourself as long as you're not bluffing other people. I don't think that you should make gains by portraying a wrong version of yourself or trying to project something that you are not, like people need to relax on the PR."

She added, "Everybody has their own version of showing their best person. It is okay to have flaws and make mistakes. I am a sum of all the mistakes I have made, and I'm still proud of my younger self for getting me where I am today. Don't build your life on bluffing other people."

Set against the historical and cultural backdrop of the Cayman Islands, *The Bluff* is a high-octane action thriller that follows Ercell Bloody Mary Bodden (played by Priyanka Chopra), a former pirate whose peaceful life in the Cayman Islands is upended when her violent past returns.

Made under the direction of Frank E Flowers and co-written with Joe Ballarini, *The Bluff* brings together talented actors including Karl Urban, Ismael Cruz Cordova, Safia Oakley-Green, Isaac, Vedanten Naidoo, and Temuera Morrison in key roles. Mark your calendars! *The Bluff* is premiering on Prime Video from February 25.

Up next, the actress will be reprising her role as Nadia in the *Citadel* season 2. The spy thriller, directed by the Russo Brothers, concluded its shooting in late November 2024, and the release date is expected to be announced soon.

Besides her Hollywood slate, Priyanka is gearing up for a grand comeback to the Indian film industry with SS Rajamouli's *Varanasi*. Touted as a globe-trotting action-adventure rooted deeply in Indian culture, this highly anticipated film will see her share screen space with Mahesh Babu and Prithviraj Sukumaran.

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Akshay Oberoi-Heli Daruwala Headline Courtroom Suspense Drama, Shoot Starts February 27



Lights, camera, and a whole lot of mystery! Akshay Oberoi is gearing up for another intriguing project, and this time, it's a suspense thriller set against the scenic backdrop of Dehradun. The actor is set to begin filming later this month.

According to information exclusively accessed by HT City, Oberoi will commence shooting on February 27 in Dehradun. The actor, who is also set to feature in high-profile films such as Yash's *Toxic* and Shah Rukh Khan's *King*, will headline the yet-untitled project.

The film is being directed by Arvind Pandey, known for helming *Ishq Pashmina*, which introduced Malti Chahar and Bhavin Bhanushali to the industry. Speaking about the upcoming venture, the director says, "The film will be shot in Uttarakhand in a start-to-end schedule. It's a suspense thriller blended with a courtroom drama and dramatic romance. The film's working title is *Love Lottery*, but we are yet to lock it and will be announcing it soon." Apart from directing, Pandey has also penned the lyrics for the film and is composing the music with Varun Mishra. Heli Daruwala will star opposite Oberoi, with

the ensemble cast featuring Kabir Duhan Singh, Agni Agyari, Manu Rishi Chadha, Kuldeep Bhargava 'Tushar', Santosh Shukla and Indra Krishnan. The screenplay has been written by Ankur Khatri.

Highlighting the layered nature of the characters, Pandey shares, "We have chosen the cast very meticulously and all are very powerful actors. Interestingly, since it's a suspense-thriller, the characters have all kinds of shades – you won't be able to judge who is black or white. At the moment, we won't be able to reveal more than this."

The film also includes performances by Hemant Pandey, Kumar Saurabh, Vikram Sharma, Arsheep Ssandhu and Ashwant Lodhi.

Meanwhile, Pandey confirmed that his previously announced film *Antim Fhansi*, featuring Sanjay Mishra, is still in the pipeline. "Yes, we made an announcement with Sanjay ji and the film is probably with a different title."

We will shoot the film in Lucknow this year-end. But, before that, I am doing a project with Santosh (Shukla) in April that too in Uttar Pradesh."

Famous Astrologer Says Shah Rukh Khan's Charm 'Is A Skill, Not A Gift Anymore'

Shah Rukh Khan has long been celebrated for his magnetic screen presence and effortless charm. Often referred to as "King Khan," the superstar has built an enduring career spanning decades. Now, astrologer and spiritual coach Jai Madaan has offered an interesting perspective on what truly sets him apart.

In a recent podcast conversation featuring actor Tisca Chopra, Jai spoke about the art behind Shah Rukh's personality. When asked about the most inspiring personalities she has worked with, Tisca did not hesitate. "Shah Rukh is so charming, everyone just melts," she said.

Jai responded by analysing that charm from a strategic lens. "He is a great strategist; this is something he has acquired. There are so many things you have naturally, while you work on others to make them better. Shah Rukh knows if something looks good, he works on it to make it better. People like what you present; nobody cares about what you have. The expression has to be seamless and perfect."

She further elaborated on how refinement plays a crucial role in sustaining stardom. "What he has, only his wife can tell – the romance, fondness, and magic that he creates. A person who lives with him 24/7 knows what he does. But the person he is for those 10-15 minutes, days, or months, that is fabulous. And that is a skill. You have to add skill to every gift to make it seamless. He is a very skillful person."

According to Jai, Shah Rukh's ability to consciously polish his strengths is what keeps him relevant across generations. "What he does is he makes that better and better. If you know your smile is good, you smile more often, with the right angle, with the right shine in the eyes. Irrespective of his age, the age group of women he is able to charm, this is a skill, it's not a gift anymore. He will open the door or give a flower to everyone, be it a child, elderly person, woman, or a man," she concluded.

Tisca Chopra On Shooting With Aamir Khan
The discussion also turned to other stars known for their discipline. Reflecting on her experience working with Aamir Khan in *Taare Zameen Par*, Tisca shared an anecdote about his in-



tense focus. "When we were shooting for *Taare Zameen Par* at a particular location, there were a lot of big mosquitoes there. An AD gave him *Odomos* to apply on his body. He took the cream and applied it literally everywhere – removed his shoes, around his fingers, near his ears, etc. Even if *World War 3* would have happened at that time, Aamir was only going to be putting *Odomos*."

Konkona Sen Sharma On Her Role In *Accused*: 'What Moved Me Was Her Internal Collapse Under Scrutiny'

The makers of "*Accused*" on Saturday unveiled the trailer of the upcoming psychological drama. Actress Konkona Sen Sharma, who plays the lead Dr Geetika Sen, has spoken about her role and said that what moved her was her character's internal collapse under scrutiny.

The trailer of the film offers a haunting glimpse into the life of Dr Geetika Sen, a celebrated and respected surgeon and gynaecologist whose world begins to unravel after allegations of sexual misconduct surface at her workplace.

As scrutiny intensifies and public judgment grows louder, the fracture seeps into her most intimate space: her marriage to Dr Meera. Set against an atmosphere of quiet tension and emotional restraint, *Accused* resists sensationalism, instead choosing to sit with ambiguity.

Talking about the trailer, Konkona Sen Sharma, who plays Dr Geetika Sen, shared, "Geetika is a woman used to control, of her work, her credibility, her space. What moved me was her internal collapse under scrutiny."

Directed by Anubhuti Kashyap and produced by Dharma Productions, the haunting new drama also stars Pratibha Ranta. The film is releasing on February 27.

Pratibha Ranta, who essays the role of Dr Meera, said, "Playing Meera meant living in that messy space where you want to trust, but your heart isn't sure."

Speaking about the trailer, director Anubhuti Kashyap said, "With *Accused*, I wanted to explore what happens when we are denied clarity. The trailer reflects the emotional stillness and unease that runs through the film."

Accused challenges conventional narratives by telling the story from the accused's perspective, a lens rarely explored in Indian cinema. With restrained performances and a measured directorial



voice, the film navigates themes of power, vulnerability, bias, and emotional survival.

Accused premieres on February 27 on Netflix.

Konkona made her debut as a child artist in the film *Indira* in 1983. She had her first leading role as an adult in the Bengali thriller *Ek Je Aachhe Kanya*. She gained notice with the English-language film *Mr and Mrs Iyer* in 2002.

Meanwhile, Pratibha made her acting debut with the television soap opera *Qurbaan Hua*. She expanded to films with a leading role in the comedy-drama *Laapataa Ladies*.



Sonali Raut Looks Sexy in Pink Bikini
Sonali brings the much-needed glam quotient and sex appeal in this picture as she dons her hot floral bikini.