

Kanika Maheshwari On Evolution In TV: 'Audience Is Smart, They Want Something Meaningful' | Exclusive



he television industry has undergone a remarkable shift over the years, and Kanika Maheshwari believes this transformation has brought a refreshing depth to storytelling. Having witnessed the evolution firsthand, she feels that content today is far more rooted in reality and emotional truth.

In an exclusive interview with News18 Showsha, Kanika, who is currently seen in 'Seher – Hone Ko Hai', quotes, "Television has changed beautifully over the years. Today's audience seeks real stories they can feel, relate to and carry with them beyond the screen. It's no longer just about drama, it's about connection."

She adds that with the rise of digital exposure and global content consumption, viewers have become more selective and aware of what they watch. This has created a demand for authenticity and freshness in narratives. "The audience today is very smart. They don't accept anything blindly. They want something meaningful, something new. As actors, we have to constantly evolve and match that level of expectation," she shares, highlighting how this shift has pushed artists to step out of repetitive patterns and explore new dimensions.

Currently portraying Husn Ara in Seher Hone Ko Hai, Kanika has taken on a role that is both physically and emotionally demanding. She says, "This character is extremely challenging for me because I am playing someone whose leg is affected due to polio. I have to be very careful while I walk, while I move every step has to look real and convincing. It's not something I have done before."

She says further that adapting to this role required immense focus and discipline, as even the smallest detail could impact the authenticity of her performance. "I have to constantly stay in that mindset, making sure my body language reflects the character truthfully. It's difficult because it's new for me, but at the same time, it's very exciting."

Tamil Nadu Elections 2026: Trisha Krishnan Votes, Makes First Appearance Amid Retirement Rumours

Tamil Nadu Assembly Elections 2026: Actress Trisha Krishnan made her first public appearance on Thursday as she stepped out to cast her vote in the ongoing Tamil Nadu assembly elections. Trisha visited the Saint Francis Xavier Middle School in Abiramapuram, Chennai, at around 11 am to vote. She was also accompanied by her mother.

After voting, Trisha posed for the photographers outside the polling booth. She was seen flaunting her inked finger as she urged others also to come out and vote. "Everyone, definitely vote. That's all I will say today," she said, as quoted by Times Now. "Please go vote, just go vote, that's your duty," the actress added.

This marks Trisha's first appearance amid her retirement rumours. The speculations started after filmmaker and YouTuber Chithra Lakshmanan of Touring Talkies claimed that several producers have informed him that the actress is planning to stop acting. However, the actress dismissed all claims later and reacted to the buzz surrounding her career.

"Apparently I've quit films, married a rich businessman and I'm raising quadruplets who turned two yesterday! Anything else I should add or did we cover today's fiction quota?" she wrote on her Instagram stories.

Meanwhile, several other Tamil celebrities also came out to cast their vote on Thursday. While Thalapathy Vijay exercised his right to vote at the Neelankarai polling station in Chennai, Superstar Ra-



jinikanth and his younger daughter, director Soundarya Rajinikanth, voted at the Stella Maris College for Women. Politician and actor Kamal Haasan arrived with his daughter Shruti Haasan to cast his vote at the Government School in Teynampet.

Vikram cast his vote at The Besant Theosophical Higher Secondary School, while Gautham Karthik, the son of actor and politician Karthik, cast his vote in Stella Maris College. Ajith, who returned in a hurry to Chennai from Belgium, where he was racing along with his car racing team Ajith Kumar Racing, was among the first to turn up to cast his vote in Thiruvanimiyur.

Thalapathy Vijay's Co-star Mamitha Baiju Calls Jana Nayagan's Online Leak 'Very Disappointin

Mamitha Baiju has expressed her disappointment at the recent online leak of Jana Nayagan, starring Vijay. The actress termed the incident "very disappointing," highlighting the impact such leaks can have on the team's hard work.

Recently, Mamitha Baiju also reacted to Jana Nayagan's online leak. Calling it "very disappointing and deeply painful," she said that a lot of people's dreams and hard work have been put into making the film. Hence, "none of it should go to waste." The Kara actress said that she first heard the news of the leak on social media, she didn't think it was true. "But when the reality hit... My brother was the first one to inform me. It's so unfortunate."

In a big development in the Jana Nayagan leak case, it has now been reported that the Tamil Nadu Cyber Crime Wing has arrested three more people, including a freelance assistant editor. As reported by Hindustan Times, a press note by the cyber crime wing is circulating online, which claims that the freelance assistant editor was reportedly working on another film when he got unauthorised access to Jana Nayagan footage at the editing studio. It is now believed that this freelancer copied the film's footage, processed data into a complete version and shared it with others. However, it soon went viral on social media and also reached the piracy websites. The three accused were produced before the court and have now been sent to judicial custody.

What Happened With Jana Nayagan?

Jana Nayagan, which also marks Thalapathy Vijay's last movie, was leaked online on April 9. After the lead, the producers of the movie initiated legal action against the source. The legal team rep-



resenting the film's production house, KVN Productions LLP, issued a public notice warning against the circulation of any leaked content, including clips, images, or full versions of the film. The team also expressed "shock and urgency" over the breach, and warned of action if leaked scenes are downloaded, shared or reposted on any digital medium. Six people were arrested previously in the case.

South Actors Come Out In Support

Several South cinema actors, including Rajinikanth, Kamal Haasan, Jai, Bobby Deol, GV Prakash Kumar (GVP), Vijay Deverakonda, Rishab Shetty, Khushbu Sundar, Mirnaa, Vijay Antony, Jiiva, Kavin, Vishal, Suresh Kamatchi and Sibi Sathyaraj have also expressed disappointment with the leak.

Nayanthara And Kavin's Hi First Song Kannakuzhiya Promo Out, Fans React

Nayanthara and Kavin's Hi has been grabbing attention after the makers announced that first song will be out April 21. Well, to increase the excitement among fans, Nayanthara shared the promo of the first song Kannakuzhiya, and it has already created a buzz online. The short teaser offers a glimpse into the romantic vibe of the track, leaving fans eagerly waiting for the full release.

Taking to her Instagram handle, Nayanthara shared the promo video and wrote, "Ivlo risk edukkriye kannu, Andha pulla enna avlo worth a? #Kannakuzhiya in the much loved voice @gvprakash from APRIL 21st." Fans called Nayanthara stunning. The makers have been releasing posters to increase the excitement. And now they have announced the release date of the first single. Along with it, makers have shared a new poster offering a glimpse into the film's emotional and love-filled narrative. The poster shows Nayanthara holding Kavin close. Taking to her Instagram handle, Nayanthara shared the poster of the first single song Kannakuzhiya and also revealed when it will be released. "Hi Tamil New Year wishes to all #Kannakuzhiya – First single from #HiMovie out on 21st April. Get ready for the film in theatres from May 2026!," reads the caption.

Speaking with Cinema Vikatan, director Vishnu Edavan said, "I really love feel-good films. I've always wanted to make movies like Yaaradi Nee Mohini and Santosh Subramaniam, and Hi is in that style. I wrote this story with Nayanthara in mind and as soon as she heard it, she agreed to act. She also suggested keeping the title simple. So we chose the title Hi, a word that is closely connected to the story."

He added, "Everyone was surprised to see Kavin being paired with Nayanthara, but every character in this film is important. Still, their



love story is the main highlight. Usually, we imagine big stars opposite Nayanthara. But for this film, we wanted a fresh and relatable face. That's how Kavin became part of the project."

Vishnu also revealed that the film's plot revolves around a man with a stable job who decides to get married. But, he chooses a specific kind of woman, what happens will be interesting to see.

In 2025, Nayanthara officially announced her next film alongside actor Kavin, titled Hi. The actress took to social media to share the exciting news, accompanied by the film's first look posters that have already taken the internet by storm. The announcement marks the beginning of a fresh collaboration. Taking to her Instagram handle, Nayanthara shared two posters from the film. It looks like a cute romantic drama, and fans are also loving it.



In her professional career, Niyati has gained recognition for her notable roles in well-received shows such as 'Dear Ishq' and 'Channa Mereya.' Additionally, she has showcased her talent in series like Nazar, D4: Get Up and Dance, Moh Moh Ke Dhaagey, and Tere Ishq Mein Ghayal.