

'Don't Want To Be Used As Prop': Shehnaaz On Not Doing Hindi Films, Says Radhika Apte Inspires Her | Exclusive



Four years after Bigg Boss 13, Salman Khan launched Shehnaaz Gill in Kisi Ka Bhai Kisi Ki Jaan. The same year, she featured in another Hindi film, Thank You For Coming. She went on to appear in a dance number in Vicky Vidya Ka Woh Wala Video but her multistarrer with John Abraham, Riteish Deshmukh and Nora Fatehi got shelved. Eventually, she went back to Bollywood.

Now, speaking exclusively to News18, Shehnaaz opens up on why Bollywood offers started drying up. "In Punjabi films, the options for me are more. I won't say that I don't get as many offers from Bollywood but I've become a star in the Punjabi film industry. And that's the honest truth. It's rightly said that log chhadte suraj ko salaam karte hai," she tells us.

"All film industries function that way. If you're popular, people will come to you and would want to

cast you in their films. Main toh beautiful hoon hi aur actor bhi achchi hoon. I get a greater number of lead roles in Punjabi films. The other reason is that there are very few women actors there," she adds. But even in Bollywood, she had to wait for the right parts to come her way.

"I've been getting a lot of offers from Punjabi film makers in the past five-six years but I wasn't getting excited by most of the scripts. Most of them required me to not do any heavylifting. All I had to do was smile and laugh. I just want to do good, meaningful work. But thankfully, I got Ishqnama," remarks Shehnaaz, who also has Singh vs Kaur 2 in the pipeline.

She's trying to navigate the same issue in Hindi films too as she doesn't want to do one just for the sake of it. "When it comes to Bollywood too, I'll do a film only if I've a role that leaves an impact. Otherwise, koi matlab nahi hai. Cinema aisi cheez hai jahaan aap chhap jaate ho saari umar ke liye. And the only way to be remembered is when you do good work," she says.

Shehnaaz further continues, "It's not like I want to appear in every scene throughout the length of the film. But I want my character to be pivotal to the story, a character who can drive the story forward. If I get such roles in Hindi films, I'll definitely do it." Quiz her about her deal breakers and she states that she would want to steer clear of dance numbers no matter how big the film is.

"I don't want to be in a film only for glamour. I don't want to be used as a prop. I don't want to just be a heroine who appears in three odd songs in a film," she remarks.

In fact, it's Radhika Apte whose footsteps Shehnaaz wants to follow now. "I want to do what Radhika Apte does. She isn't all about glamour. She's known for her powerful roles. My dream is to be a good artist," she asserts.

Sunny Deol Confirms Batwara 1947 Gets CBFC's A Certificate, Calls It 'A Film About Humanity And Love'



Sunny Deol announced that Batwara 1947 has been cleared by the CBFC without a single cut and awarded an A certificate, calling it "a film about humanity and love."

Sunny Deol's upcoming film, which also marks Preity Zinta's comeback to movies after years, has finally gotten clearance from the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC). Sunny Deol himself took to Instagram to share the news with his fans that the movie has received clearance without any demands for cuts.

In a note, Sunny Deol revealed that the movie has gotten an A certificate without any cuts and shared, "We're delighted that Batwara 1947 has been cleared by the CBFC without a single cut and awarded an A certificate. A film about humanity and love. Watch it in theatres from this Partition Day, 14th August."

Earlier, Sunny Deol shared a picture with his mother and penned a sweet note dedicating Batwara 1947 to her. Sunny Deol expressed how important she has been in his life. Alongside the photograph, he wrote, "Meri Maa hi mera Rab hain, mera pyaar, mera hausla, meri taaqat."

He went on to dedicate Batwara 1947 to his mother as well as mothers across the world, writing, "Batwara 1947 main apni Maa aur duniya ki har Maa ko samarpit karta hoon."

About Batwara 1947 story

The film is based on Asghar Wajahat's famous play Jis Lahore Nai Vekhya, O Jamya E Nai. Set during the 1947 Partition, it tells a story of humanity, hope, and sacrifice in the middle of one of India's most difficult periods.

Reunion After Nearly Three Decades

Directed by National Award-winning film maker Rajkumar Santoshi, Batwara 1947 marks his long-awaited reunion with Sunny Deol after almost 30 years. The duo previously delivered acclaimed films such as Ghayal, Damini, and Ghatak.

Batwara 1947 is backed by Aamir Khan Productions, with Aamir Khan and Aparna Purohit serving as producers. Academy Award-winning composer A.R. Rahman has scored the music, while Javed Akhtar has penned the lyrics.



Red has always represented passion, strength, and confidence in fashion, and Shubhi Joshi proves why the colour remains timeless. Her choice of a bold red outfit transforms a simple beach setting into a glamorous fashion statement.

Neena Gupta Jokes About Calling Masaba Gupta's Outfit 'Sexy': 'Log Bolenge Iss Buddhi Ko Kya Hua?'

Veteran actor Neena Gupta recently shared a picture of herself wearing a black outfit designed by her daughter Masaba Gupta, but it was her hilarious caption that grabbed everyone's attention. While praising the outfit, Neena admitted she originally wanted to describe it as "sexy" but stopped herself, joking that people would question her for using the word.

Taking to Instagram, Neena shared a photo of herself dressed in one of Masaba's creations. She revealed that she has worn the outfit several times, yet it looks fresh every time she styles it. Sharing the picture, she wrote, "I have worn this Masaba's creation so many times...Every time it looks new and effective. P.S. I actually wanted to say sexy instead of effective.. phir log bolenge iss buddhi ko kya hua?."

Neena Gupta Shows Off Masaba Gupta's Design

For the photo, Neena opted for a black kaftan-style outfit designed by Masaba Gupta. She paired it with long statement earrings, carried a black handbag and completed the look with subtle makeup and her hair tied in a bun. The actor has often been vocal about supporting her daughter's fashion label and has frequently been seen wearing Masaba's designs.

Neena Gupta's Recent and Upcoming Films

On the work front, Neena Gupta was last seen in the crime thriller sequel Vadh 2, which released on February 6, 2026. Before that, she starred in the romantic comedy Tu Meri Main Tera Main Tera Tu Meri, starring Kartik Aaryan and Ananya Panday, which hit theatres on December 25. The veteran actor will next be seen in the drama Pachhatar Ka Chhora, alongside Randeep



Hooda and Sanjay Mishra. She also has another comedy film with Rakul Preet Singh in the pipeline.

About Masaba Gupta

Masaba Gupta is the daughter of actor Neena Gupta and legendary West Indies cricketer Sir Vivian Richards. Their relationship was one of the most talked-about celebrity romances of the 1980s because Richards was already married when they met, and Neena later chose to become a single mother. Masaba is a successful fashion designer, entrepreneur and actor.

33-Year-Old Mrunal Thakur Dating 24-Year-Old Cricketer Yashasvi Jaiswal? Here's Why The Internet Thinks So

The internet has found a new rumoured couple! A viral video has sparked dating rumours around actress Mrunal Thakur and young cricketer Yashasvi Jaiswal. It all started when the two visited a cafe and videos of the casual meeting started doing the rounds on social media.

In the viral video, Mrunal Thakur, who is 33 years old, is spotted at the Boojee Cafe in Bandra West, with Yashasvi Jaiswal, who is 24 years old. The latter was seen exiting the cafe while Mrunal stayed behind.

The clip soon took over social media, with fans speculating about a possible romance between the two. That said, several users were quick to note that the video only confirmed they were at the same location. Some even speculated that this could be an ad shoot that they are doing together. Others pointed the 11 year age difference between Mrunal and Yashasvi.

Neither of the two have reacted to the ongoing rumours as of now.

About Yashasvi Jaiswal

Yashasvi has established himself as one of India's brightest young cricket stars. Since making his international debut in 2023 with a memorable century against the West Indies, he has become a regular across formats. The left-handed batter, who represents Mumbai in domestic cricket and Rajasthan Royals in the IPL, was last seen in the India-Afghanistan ODI series. After a short break, he is expected to return for India's upcoming Test series against Sri Lanka.



About Mrunal Thakur

Earlier in 2025, Mrunal Thakur and Dhanush were linked by heavy dating and marriage rumours. However, both the actors and close insiders firmly dismissed the speculation as false

Meanwhile, on the work front, Mrunal Thakur's last film was Hai Jawani Toh Ishq Hona Hai.