



EDITOR'S SPECS

India remains most stable market in Asia on fundamentals, flows

India's outperformance in 2Q and 3Q so far is underpinned by strong economic and corporate top-line growth, a policy-driven recovery in investments, expectations of a manufacturing surge driven by global supply chain de-risking and the stability provided by robust domestic flows to stock market liquidity, says Manishi Raychaudhuri, Head of Equity Research, Asia Pacific, BNP Paribas. Valuations remain expensive but the relative lack of risks should sustain them for now, the report said. A 55bps spike in the US 10-year bond yield, triggered by a combination of FOMC's hawkish commentary and BOJ's relaxation of the YCC, boosted the USD and put paid to the nascent recovery in Asian equities. The gap between Asian earnings yield and the US bond yield is near its lowest - implying a likely period of lacklustre drift in the former, the report said. A sharp slowdown in Chinese economic momentum, continuing trouble for the leveraged frontline property developers and underwhelming policy stimuli are not helping either. The only silver linings are the recent EPS-estimate recoveries in Korea, India and pockets of ASEAN, it added. "We raise exposure to India through ITC, a relatively cheaper but high-quality consumer staples play likely to benefit from its recent business restructuring," BNP Paribas said. "Our overweights on HK/China and India continue, though slightly more so on the latter. Despite recession concerns in the US, we think Korean tech should be supported by a likely trough in the memory cycle."

ASSEMBLY POLLS IN HINDI HEARTLAND: A DIFFERENT BATTLEGROUND

Vinod Kumar Shukla

Apparently devising a new strategy from its earlier one of releasing names of election candidates at the last moment, the BJP has announced some names of its candidates in Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh leaving opponents awestruck as Assembly polls are yet to be announced. The Congress is trying to ridicule the BJP by saying that it is fearful of the growing popularity of Rahul Gandhi and I.N.D.I.A. initiative forcing the saffron outfit to run helter-skelter and come up with such plans. But for the BJP, this could be an attempt to take lead against the Congress as both the parties had followed the more or less similar strategy of announcing names of their candidates at the brink. There is no denying the fact that the BJP is under pressure the way the Opposition has joined hands against the ruling dispensation in Delhi. However, political analysts also feel that the new strategy of the BJP could be an attempt to cause panic in the Opposition camp by putting pressure on them and they may commit some mistake in haste. All this is a mind game, the BJP is very good at. Bharat Rashtira Samiti (BRS) of Telangana announced names of its candidate except four while nomination of seven candidates changed including five sitting MLAs. There was speculation about denying tickets to about thirty candidates citing their performance but surprising everyone, KCR took a bold step and declared names of the candidates en-bloc at least three months before the election schedule. But the real battle is in the Hindi heartland. The three important states of the Hindi heartland - Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan - too will face elections before 2024 Lok Sabha elections and talks have started doing rounds which way the mood of voters may swing in these



Assembly elections. Just over six months are yet to go before elections are announced but the way Congress is conducting itself, the message can be heard on the streets. But the one state where nothing much is being discussed is Chhattisgarh. Why so? Because, the state appears to be the done case for the Congress while things are not good for the Congress in other states. Let's try to understand all this.

Chhattisgarh: A done game for the Congress and BJP?

Ever since T S Singh Dev was appointed as Deputy Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh by the Congress leadership, who was demanding from the Central leadership to honour their commitment made to him that he would share power with the incumbent Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel as the CM for the half term. Now, a compromise has been reached in the Congress and Singh Dev was appointed as Dy CM of the state and he accepted the offer with-

out any fuss and is serving the office. This has clinched the deal for the Congress as talks about any electoral challenge being posed to the Congress in Chhattisgarh is not at all being discussed. But they should not underestimate the BJP which had won three consecutive elections in the past. Apparently, the BJP in the state is completely discounted as Bhupesh Baghel had brought senior tribal BJP leader Nand Kumar Sai to the Congress fold as his plan B if Singh Dev doesn't remain reticent. Baghel appears to be fully in the saddle in the tribal state and is confident of winning the second tenure. The BJP appears to be divided between Raman Singh and Saroj Pandey while Central leadership is not in favour of both.

MP: Asset for the BJP and RSS

Madhya Pradesh, which is considered to be the biggest asset of the BJP and RSS, appears to be facing stiff challenge from former Chief Minister Kamal Nath who is leading the strategy and crisis management

for the Congress. Another former Chief Minister Digvijaya Singh by his ground work is adding value to the Congress' strategy and long anti-incumbency is doing the rest for the grand old party. Singh is doing all this to have some bargaining power for some good assignment to his son in case Congress comes to power. With Scindia scion and now Union minister Jyotiraditya Scindia out of the Congress, factionalism is over in the Congress and if at all any, it is minimal. Moreover, it was a victory for the Congress in the last elections too but the Congress failed to keep its flock together and lost power after mass resignation happened leading the Congress to become a minority government. Kamal Nath did not have any other option but to resign. So, the anti-incumbency still persists in the state which the BJP cannot withstand this time round if it goes to polls under the same leadership i.e. Shiv Raj Singh Chauhan. Recently when Amit Shah was asked a question on Chauhan being made the CM again but Shah simply evaded the

question. The chances of the BJP are improving in Madhya Pradesh but even if the BJP wins the Madhya Pradesh Assembly election, Chauhan may not be the choice for the post of CM. But announcing that he won't be the CM again would be akin to conceding defeat and saying that he would be the CM may cost the polls. There is a double whammy that the party is grappling with.

Rajasthan: A new beginning by breaking the norm

The Congress is looking to break the norm of alternate governments in the state. Former Deputy chief minister Sachin Pilot has been on streets to expose corruption during the past BJP governments. The Ashok Gehlot government failed to do anything about the corruption of the BJP regime. So ultimately whose agenda Pilot was serving, certainly of the Congress. Still nothing was done on his protest but he was included in the Congress Working Committee to cajole him. Now, both the leaders - Sachin Pilot and Ashok Gehlot - have been made part of the campaign panel for the Rajasthan elections. The way things are changing in Rajasthan, what if he joins hands with Gehlot, in such a scenario the going will certainly be tough for the BJP. The BJP is trying to corner the Congress on the law and order issue which is certainly an issue for which the Congress doesn't have the answer. Vasundhara Raje is still not very forthcoming for the Assembly elections. Moreover, the BJP has not made her part of any election management team so far. The elections in Rajasthan will be equally interesting.

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TRUMP PLANS TO LEVERAGE ON HIS SURRENDER TO GARNER PUBLIC SYMPATHY

T.N. Ashok | Washington

Donald Trump has to surrender by Friday next (August 25) before Fulton County Judge Robert C.I. McBurney to answer DA Willis' 41-count charges of criminal conspiracy to overturn the 2020 presidential election verdict and poll interference in Georgia under the omnibus RICO Act, and the former US President is leveraging the event of fingerprinting and mug shot to advance his fortunes in the 2024 race by projecting himself as a martyr. One of the main reasons for Trump skipping the Milwaukee Republican sponsored debate on Wednesday is to avoid taking any risks where he would have to defend himself against eight contestants led by his arch enemy former VP Mike Pence and Florida Governor Ron DeSantis, and instead give his side of the story face-to-face with Tucker Carlson on Fox TV. That works better for him, media reports said. Even as the IOWA caucus was a huge success for Trump as majority of his supporters in the state rejected the charges levelled against him and don't strongly believe that



the 4th indictment at Georgia and the ones before it could have their larger than life fig-

ure doing anything wrong. Yet, Trump has the ignominy of being the first US President in American history to be tried for criminal conspiracy, tax evasion, tax fraud, and paying hush money to an adult porn star, being involved in a Ponzi scheme and being labelled as a misogynist by a woman who has sued him for \$10 million for defamation. Even as Trump's popularity grows among his 'blind' supporters rejecting the indictments, there is as yet no proof or evidence that he would get the RNC or GOP's nominee status as senior party leaders would weigh in the advantages and disadvantages of fielding a candidate with legal woes rather than a Trumpian mould DeSantis who could be a sure shot. Even as Trump thinks he is growing stronger by the day, inching closer toward a GOP nomination, his legal woes spill over to as long as May 2024. Here is the calendar of trials he faces: Four criminal trials and two civil trials. While some trials have been scheduled already, some others only have proposed trial dates. Trump is the only President to be charged on 100 counts of felony by various courts.

Japan to start releasing Fukushima nuclear wastewater on Thursday

Tokyo | Agencies

The Japanese government on Tuesday announced its decision to begin releasing nuclear-contaminated wastewater from the crippled Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant into the ocean on Thursday, weather conditions permitting. Despite raging opposition both at home and abroad, Prime Minister Fumio Kishida announced the controversial decision following a ministerial meeting held on Tuesday morning, reports Xinhua news agency. Last month, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) also gave its final approval to the discharge, saying Japan's release plan met international standards. Representatives of the country's fishing industry on Monday reiterated their firm opposition to the ocean discharge plan during Kishida's meeting with the head of Japan's national fisheries federation in hopes of gaining understanding.



Hit by a magnitude-9.0 earthquake and an ensuing tsunami on March 11, 2011, the plant suffered core meltdowns that released radiation, resulting in a level-7 nuclear accident, the highest on the International Nuclear and Radiological Event Scale. The plant has been generating a massive amount of water tainted with radioactive substances from cooling down the nuclear fuel in the reactor buildings, which are now being stored in about 1,000 storage tanks. In 2015, the Japanese government and the Tokyo Electric Power

Company, the operator of the plant, made an agreement with fisheries cooperative associations of both Fukushima prefecture and the nation that they will not proceed with any wastewater disposal "without the understanding of relevant parties". A total of 88.1 per cent surveyed expressed concerns over the government's plan to discharge treated radioactive wastewater into the ocean, as the disapproval rate of the Kishida-led cabinet rose to an eight-month high, according to the latest opinion poll conducted by the national news agency Kyodo.

US Coast Guard rescues man stuck on uninhabited Bahamas island

Washington | Agencies

The US Coast Guard said that it rescued a man who was stranded for three days on an uninhabited island in the Bahamas after his sailboat broke down. In a statement, the Coast Guard said the man was rescued on August 18 and "transferred to the Royal Bahamas Defence Force in good health". "Coast Guard Sector Key West watchstanders received notification from a Coast Guard Air Station Miami Auxiliary aircrew of a disabled sailboat firing flares near Cay Sal," it said. A Coast Guard Air Station Miami HC-144 Ocean Sentry aircrew located a man stranded on the island and dropped supplies including food, water and a radio to establish communication.



The man notified the crew that he had been stranded for three days after his vessel became disabled during his voyage. "We're proud to have saved this man's life. This case serves as a perfect example of why you must have the prop-

er safety equipment on your vessel," Petty Officer 3rd Class Dev Craig, a Coast Guard Sector Key West watchstander, was quoted as saying in the statement. "Without seeing the flare, the case may not have had a successful outcome."

UKRAINE CONFIRMS DRONE ATTACK ON RUSSIAN AIR BASE NEAR MOSCOW

Kiev | Agencies

Ukrainian authorities have confirmed of carrying out a drone attack on a Russian military air base located near Moscow, media reports said. The drone attack on Shaykovka air base in Russia's Kaluga region left "at least one aircraft damaged", CNN quoted Andriy Yusov, a spokesperson for Ukraine's Defense Intelligence, as saying to local media on Monday. "At least one plane is damaged. As in most cases, the Russian regime is trying to hide the true extent of losses and damage," Yusov said. The Shaykovka military air base operates Tupolev Tu-22M3 supersonic long-range bombers that have been used by Russia to strike targets in Ukraine since the start of the invasion in February 2022. The Ukrainian air force



reported on August 15 that aircraft operating from the Shaykovka air base had launched four Kh-22 air cruise missiles toward Ukraine. According to Yusov, Monday's attack was carried out "in clear coordination

with the Main Directorate of Intelligence of the Ukraine's Defense Ministry". "There are people who, in coordination with the Main Directorate of Intelligence, completed the assigned tasks," Yusov said, adding that this specific task was car-

ried out from within the Russian territory. "In many other cases" Ukraine's Intelligence performs various tasks from within the Russian territory, he said. Russian social media blog Baza, which has close con-

tacts with the Russian security services, said a Ukrainian drone had crashed on the territory of the Shaykovka air base on Monday, reports CNN. Baza reported that "an unused aircraft at the airfield was damaged". "However, this information has not been officially confirmed," it added. Another Russian Telegram channel, Mash, said: "the Ukrainian armed forces attempted to attack the Shaykovka military airfield in the Kaluga region." Later in the day, Moscow Mayor Sergei Sobyanin said that Russian air defence downed two attack drones over the capital region, the BBC reported. Flights were suspended at Moscow's three biggest airports, according to state media, but the two main international airports at Sheremetyevo and Domodedovo later reopened.



RIHANNA REPORTEDLY WELCOMES SECOND BABY WITH A\$AP ROCKY

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Singer Rihanna and rapper A\$AP Rocky have welcomed their second baby, according to sources. Rihanna, who also shares 15-month-old son RZA with Rocky, recently gave birth to the couple's second child, according to multiple outlets, reports [etonline.com](#).

The 'Umbrella' singer first announced that she was pregnant again while headlining the 2023 Super Bowl halftime show.

For the occasion, Rihanna donned a fully red ensemble that showcased her baby bump, confirming the pregnancy rumours that had been circling the artist. And despite the fact she had given birth to RZA only months before, the 35-year-old readily agreed to take the stage for an iconic performance when Apple Music, who



presented the show, came calling. In fact, her answer was in part inspired by her newborn. "It feels like it could have only been now," she said in a February 9 interview. "When you become a mom, there's just something that just happens where you feel like you can take on the world, you can do anything and the Super Bowl is one of the biggest stages in the world."

And much like her first pregnancy, Rihanna never shied away from baring her bump these last nine months. Whether it was relaxing on vacation in Barbados or channeling her inner-Barbie in an all-pink ensemble, Rihanna always made pregnancy look chic as can be.

Her history with Rocky traces back to the 2012 MTV Video Music Awards, where they performed 'Cockiness' together, before heading on tour the next year. However, it was years later, in 2020, when they confirmed their relationship and eventually stepped out at the biggest red carpet: the 2021 Met Gala. The pair debuted their first pregnancy with a photo shoot in January 2022, later welcoming RZA in May.



Lady Gaga

Reflects on her struggle as 'incredibly insecure' teen

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Singer-actress Lady Gaga has become known for having sported a series of extravagant looks over the course of her career but she said that she was not always as confident as a teenager and explained how exploring with beauty has become a "healing practice" for her.

"It has been a healing practice for me since I was really young. I was incredibly insecure when I was a teenager, and when I graduated high school and went off on my own, I discovered that makeup had the power to transform who I was," she told E! News, reports [acehowbiz.com](#). "I realised that I had more of an ability to speak up for myself. And it had more to do with how I felt and not how I looked. I always say that because I think everybody's makeup style is unique to them. With Haus Labs, I want people to know this is not about trying to look like me. It's about looking like you."

The outlet said the pair had an unofficial wedding ceremony at the resort in 2017, three years before his devastating diagnosis with ALS - though they never formally married. An insider said, "The place was just so special to them both."

"They would take over the entire island so they could just be themselves. It was a place where they shared some of their happiest times together and with the kids and friends. They would go there for weeks at a time. It holds a lot of meaning and it just makes sense for that to be where she says goodbye to him." Bryan's daughter Skylar Staten Randall, 29, took receipt of her father's ashes last week after a representative from the Hollywood Forever Cemetery made the delivery to her Los Angeles apartment three days after he passed away. DailyMail.com reports Sandra and Bryan exchanged vows on the beach in the Bahamas in an intimate ceremony witnessed by friends and family on December 31, 2017. DailyMail.com has obtained photos of the pair kissing on the beach at the resort. Video also obtained by the outlet shows the couple dancing after the ceremony. Sandra first met Bryan after hiring him to take photographs at a birthday party for her son Louis, now 13, in 2015. They went public as a couple in October of that year, at the premiere of her movie 'Our Brand Is Crisis'.

Sandra Bullock to scatter boyfriend's ashes at their wedding venue in Bahamas

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Hollywood star Sandra Bullock reportedly wants to scatter her late partner Bryan Randall's ashes at a luxury sea resort where they secretly exchanged "vows".

The actress was heartbroken at the start of August when her long-term photographer boyfriend Bryan Randall died aged 57 after a three-year battle with fatal motor neuron disease ALS.

She is considering saying her final goodbye to him at the Three Bees in the Bahamas, where she apparently wants to scatter his ashes in the sea.

Sources have now told DailyMail.com. The outlet said the pair had an unofficial wedding ceremony at the resort in 2017, three years before his devastating diagnosis with ALS - though they never formally married.

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Idina Menzel almost gave up singing due to bullying as a child

Los Angeles | Agencies

Actress Idina Menzel was unsure if she wanted to pursue a singing career after being bullied as a child.

Menzel is famous for having originated the role of Elphaba in the smash-hit Broadway musical 'Wicked' and for providing the voice of Elsa in Disney's 'Frozen' franchise but shared that she was "always torn" over her love for singing and the bullying she endured when she got on stage, reports [acehowbiz.com](#).

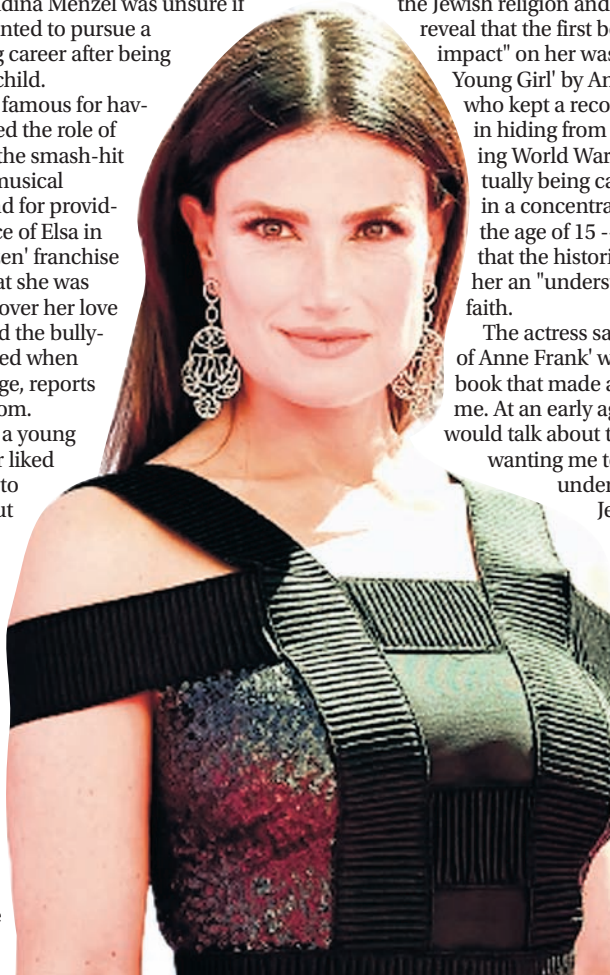
"There was a young girl who never liked me. She liked to sing as well but wasn't getting the same attention as me. The more compliments I received the more she hated me. I was always torn between my love for singing and the bullying I would endure when I chose to be seen,"

she told The Times.

Meanwhile, the 'Move' songstress follows the Jewish religion and went on to reveal that the first book to "have an impact" on her was 'The Diary of a Young Girl' by Anne Frank -- who kept a record of her time in hiding from the Nazis during World War II before eventually being caught and dying in a concentration camp at the age of 15 -- as she noted that the historical classic gave her an "understanding" of her faith.

The actress said, "The Diary of Anne Frank" was the first book that made an impact on me. At an early age my parents would talk about the Holocaust, wanting me to have an understanding of the Jewish experience."

"As a parent, I often wrestle with what age is appropriate for children to be exposed to the hatred in the world. When do I protect my son's innocence? When do I have the real conversations?"



CHRIS HEMSWORTH H'S WIFE ELSA PATAKY SEEN WITH BRUISED EYE

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Hollywood star Chris Hemsworth's wife Elsa Pataky was photographed nursing her injured eye after the couple attended the FIFA Women's World Cup final at Stadium Australia in Sydney.

In a picture going viral online, she could be seen nursing her face with an ice pack at an airport on their way home to the Byron Bay area. The pair previously took their children to watch the match between Elsa's native Spain against England, which was won by Spain, reports [acehowbiz.com](#).

The image saw Elsa putting the ice pack on the area underneath her left eye, which was visibly injured.

She wore a plaid shirt over a black top that she paired with jeans and some trainers. She also had a gray hoodie with her, though she opted not to wear it.

Hemsworth was walking behind her while carrying some of their bags.

For the family affair, the 'Thor: Love and Thunder' star simply dressed in a white T-shirt and denim pants as well as white sneakers. He also accessorised himself with some sunglasses and a baseball cap.

Prior to this, Elsa took to her Instagram accounts to share some pictures and a video of her and her family watching Spain's victorious game against England.

In one of her posts, the actress, who was born in Madrid, could be seen posing from their seats with Chris having one of their kids on her lap.

She made it obvious that she was there to support Spain as she wore a red Spain jersey.

The 'Interceptor' actress also painted Spain's little flags on her cheeks. At the time, the beauty didn't seem to have any injury on her left eye. "World Champions!!!!!! Viva Espana!!!!" Elsa captioned one post. She also documented her screaming in excitement after the team scored one goal.

ABSOLUTE PIC OF THE DAY



Jenna Dewan



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Punjabi music star A. P. Dhillon, who recently released his documentary series 'AP Dhillon: First of a Kind', has said that he initially didn't like his chartbuster track 'Excuses'. He also shared that at times he is

AP DHILLON REVEALS HE DIDN'T LIKE TRACK 'EXCUSES'

overly-critical about himself and his work and it does cloud his judgement and objectivity because he sets the standards so high.

Talking to IANS, Dhillon shared that for him life is a canvas and the inspiration for him and his team - Gurinder Gill, Shinda Kahlon and Gminxr comes from what all is going around them or what they're going through.

Dhillon said, "The inspiration comes from life, what all is going around us, from us dealing with something or if there's something that affects us emotionally and mentally, we put all of that into army music."

The 'Brown Munde' hitmaker shared the music making process saying it mostly starts with Shinda bouncing off a lyrical draft to the team.

AP said: "It generally starts off with Shinda writing the lyrics and then we kind of get hold of the idea and toy around with it. Sometimes I also write but I feel I am at times I'm too critical with regards to what I write, the beats that I produce or the melody."

"For instance, with 'Excuses' as I wrote the lyrics to it, I felt something isn't right in the lyrical structure or it's not working out but these guys, they loved it. I didn't like what I wrote on that song but, these guys gauged it correctly and looking back at it today, that track has created history."



Karisma Kapoor, Ananya Panday set gram on fire in bikini photos from Ibiza vacation

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Actress Karisma Kapoor on Tuesday shared a sneak peek of her recent Ibiza vacation, giving us a glimpse of Gen-Z diva Ananya Panday, setting the internet on fire.

In July, Ananya had shared some glimpses of her picturesque holiday in Europe.

The actress was on vacation with her rumoured boyfriend and actor Aditya Roy Kapur. She

had shared photos from Ibiza, and Lisbon.

Ananya was accompanied by her father and actor Chunky Panday, mother Bhavana, and sister Rysa. Taking to Instagram, Karisma shared a string of photos, in which Ananya and Lolo (as Karisma is fondly called) are posing for a selfie.

Ananya is seen wearing an emerald green coloured bikini, paired it with black sunglasses, and completed the look with a thin gold neck chain. While Karisma is donning a black thigh high slit dress, hair tied in a bun and black shades.

Two candid photos show Karisma posing with Bhavana on a beachside, laughing their heart out, and giving us friendship goals.

The 'Raja Babu' fame actress also shared a glimpse of her snacks and drinks.

Karisma captioned the post as: "Ibiza - Sneak Peek #familyandfriends #takeback #tuesdaythoughts". Ananya wrote in the comment section: "Lolooooo fave", to which Karisma replied 'Cutie'. Bhavana said: "Lolo !!! Our chats by the pool", and Karisma replied to her saying, 'just the best'.

YAMI GAUTAM GAVE HER CUES DURING COURT SEQUENCE IN 'OMG 2': ANVESHA VIJ

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The young actress Anvesha Vij, who was recently seen in the drama 'OMG 2' has opened up about the invaluable support she received from Yami Gautam during a pivotal court sequence.

Anvesha played the role of Pankaj Tripathi's onscreen daughter 'Damyanti' in the movie. The flick is a spiritual sequel to 'OMG - Oh My God!', which was released in 2012. Directed by Amit Rai, the movie talks about sex education in Indian schools.

It stars Akshay Kumar in the lead, while Yami Gautam, Pavan Malhotra and Arun Govil are seen in pivotal roles.

With a sense of gratitude, Anvesha shared, "Working with Yami mam was definitely one of the best experiences I've had. She's an amazing actor and she's incredibly calm, composed, and sincere. We used to take our time practicing lines together. We practiced them repeatedly and even went through the scene quite a few times."

"What I remember is that every time we did it, there was always something new to discover in the scene. We were completely immersed in it. I really liked how she would stand there. Even when the camera was on me, she would stay in place and provide me with cues. This was really amazing because it genuinely improved my performance in the scene," she added. The young actress' admiration for Yami extended beyond her acting prowess. "I have a lot of respect for her because of that, and I feel she's one of the best people I've had the opportunity to work with."

Hailing from Delhi, Anvesha gained recognition as Nikki Kapoor in Prime Video's 'Crash Course'.

'OMG 2' follows the story of Kanti Sharan Mudgal (Pankaj), a devout follower of Lord Shiva, who confronts hardship when his son is falsely accused and expelled from school.

Unveiling a web of deceit, Kanti sets out on a truth-seeking journey guided by divine intervention. Empowered by his revelation, he pursues justice, determined to confront the responsible parties in a dramatic courtroom face-off.



Strength does not take away femininity, says Tamannaah Bhatia

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Tamannaah Bhatia's character 'Anyia' in investigative thriller 'Aakhri Sach' is a perfect balance of physical, mental, and emotionally strong qualities, while still embracing and expressing femininity. As a cop, she displays strength and competence in her profession, yet she also embraces her emotions and vulnerability.

Talking about the same, Tamannaah said: "A woman being strong doesn't make her androgynous. Strength does not take away femininity, it is another asset of femininity. Women have always been very instinctive, that's an innate nature of women, we always have an intuition for everything."

"When we can marry our skills with our intuition, there's nothing more powerful than that and that is what 'Anyia' essentially embodies," she added.

One night, one family, multiple deaths, an investigating officer and various theories, 'Aakhri Sach' is inspired by true events. Set against the backdrop of simmering tension, the series will delve into the lives of each character as Tamannaah, playing the role of Anyia, the lead investigative officer embarking on a mission to unravel the mystery of the deaths. 'Aakhri Sach' takes you on an emotional journey with a talented ensemble of Tamannaah, Abhishek Banerjee, Shivin Narang, Danish Iqbal, Nishu Dikshit, Kriti Vij and Sanjeev Chopra. Pratik Sehajpal, will be seen in a cameo role.

Didn't know I could do so much acting: Nushratt Bharuccha

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She has given several memorable characters such as Neha and Cheeku from the 'Pyaar Ka Punchnama' franchise, Sweetie from 'Sonu Ke Titu Ki Sweetie', Mahi from 'Dream Girl' and Sakshi from 'Chhorii'. Actress Nushratt Bharuccha, who is now gearing up to essay the role of Jyoti in 'Akelli', says she never knew she could do so much acting or different roles.

In a conversation with IANS, Nushratt spoke about playing such roles and making a mark with them. But when she started off, she did not know she could do so much.

The actress said: "When I started I did not know I could do so much acting. I never knew I could do different roles. I started with what was given to me, I read it and tried to have fun with it and do it in a different way."

"Then I got another script. I tried the same thing and I achieved something. When I can't achieve it, I rely a lot on my director and I take advice from them."

Nushratt said that in order to make her characters stand out she tries different things only if required.

"Awaz change karun, chaal badlun, look change karun to add that little bit of nuance to the quirk if it is needed. If it's not needed I am happy to play a normal girl."

"But karte karte and enjoy karte I have just explored a wider world of films and characters which I had not thought of. It has been my discovery that it just happened," she shared.

In 'Akelli', Nushratt plays an "ordinary Indian girl" trapped in a combat zone. The thriller drama film is directed by Pranay Meshram. The film is set to release on August 25.



Chahat Khanna