



Swara Bhasker shares 'concerns' faced over the decision to adopt

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Swara Bhasker revealed the 'typical concerns' that she also had to face after she decided to adopt a child as a single woman.

In a new interview, the Bollywood actor said that she received ample support from her family. She said that she does not know after how many years she will be assigned a child.

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"There are those very typical concerns that people have like, 'Oh, you know, now you would not get married' or 'Who will marry you?' and I did hear that from some people. But I have to say that overwhelmingly, I had a lot of support from my parents, my brother, my sister-in-law, my close friends

and family."

She also spoke on the adoption process.

"The process of adoption is very detailed with several steps, including background checks. That happened with me as well. I was not treated any differently. The officials that I spoke to were very helpful in explaining the procedure to me, but no special favour was given. I am now on the waiting list just like everyone else is. I do not know how many years it will take for me to actually be assigned a child as it is a random lottery system. You cannot choose if a child is allotted to you," she shared.

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AANAND L RAI ON VISHWANATHAN ANAND BIOPIC

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Filmmaker Aanand L Rai said that his upcoming biopic on five-time world chess grandmaster Vishwanathan Anand will trace the sports icon's journey.

Rai said he is excited to bring the life story of Anand on the big screen, but the project will need time.

"It is an ambitious film. We are working on it (script). It is such an important thing that it will take time," said Rai.

The 'Atrangi Re' director further said, "It is about the man, not about the sport. It is not about the champion but the man inside that champion and that is what we will try to do (with the film)."

The biopic will be co-produced by Rai's company 'Colour Yellow Productions' and Mahaveer Jain's 'Sundial Entertainment'.

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24 on 'Disney+ Hotstar', marks Rai's return to direction two years after 'Zero', which starred Shah Rukh Khan, Anushka Sharma and Katrina Kaif.

Rai also has a slew of projects in various stages of development.

"I want to explore all genres which, otherwise, I would not direct. I am very grateful that we have made films like 'Tumbbad', 'Newton' and 'Shubh Mangal Saavdhan'. I have enjoyed and grown as a maker. The process is simply to be adventurous and gutsy," he said.

Rai is also excited about

teaming up with Kumar, 54, on two more films - 'Raksha Bandhan' and 'Gorkha'.

Helmed by National Award-winning filmmaker Sanjay Puri Singh Chauhan, 'Gorkha' is a film based on the life of Major General Ian Cardozo, the legendary officer of the Gorkha regiment of the Indian Army (5th Gorkha Rifles).

Kumar will be essaying the role of the Indian Army veteran who fought in the wars of 1962, 1965 and most notably in the Indo-Pakistan War of 1971.

"It is in the scripting stage. We are finalising the script. It will happen next year," Rai informed.

'Gorkha' will be presented by Kumar and Rai, while in 'Raksha Bandhan', which is billed as a special tale celebrating relationships, Rai will be directing Kumar.

"Akshay is a talented actor and I'm really excited to collaborate with him once again for 'Rakshabandhan'," he added.



Aayush has learnt to embrace criticism

He says when he buys a car, people think he 'got it from Salman'

Antim' star Aayush Sharma changed his avatar for his second outing with Salman Khan after his debut film 'Loveyatri'. The actor, who is married to Salman's sister Arpita, opened up in a recent interview about how he is perceived by people but has now learnt to take negative comments in his stride.

In a chat with an entertainment news portal, Aayush shared, "Unfortunately, in my life, it is like, you do the smallest activity: you buy a car - 'Oh, you got it from Salman' or 'You did this? This is because of Salman'. I also have money. I am not roaming around like this."

Aayush then added that he has learnt to embrace criticism as it pushes him to do better.

"But you are like, 'Okay, it is fine'. For me, I like criticism and negativity. When somebody

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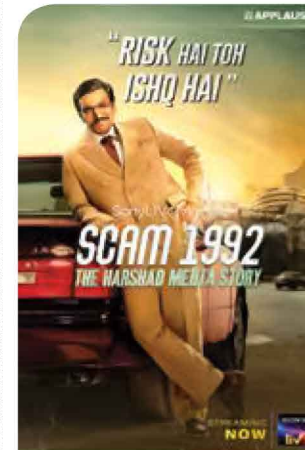
trolls me, I feel happy. There is always a sense of 'I will prove you wrong'. The first time it happened to me, I was like, 'Why? What did I do wrong? Why did it happen to me?' But then eventually, I started finding that one space that every time you are being criticised, I take my criticism in a very healthy spirit."

Salman took to 'Twitter' recently and thanked his fans for supporting Aayush. He requested them to also support Ahan Shetty, who is making his debut with 'Tadap', which was released in theatres on December 3.

Salman wrote, "Thank you all for the immense love and respect shown for Aayush and team of Antim. Please continue doing the same and hope you all show the same love and respect for Ahan Shetty, whose film 'Tadap' releases tomorrow." AGENCIES

'FILMFARE OTT AWARDS 2021'

Hansal Mehta's 'Scam 1992' leads nominations



Hansal Mehta-directed 'Scam 1992: The Harshad Mehta Story' is leading the nominations for 'Filmfare OTT Awards', which were announced on December 1.

The awards will recognise the best of Hindi web original shows or films released across Indian OTT platforms between August 2020 and July 2021.

'Scam 1992' bagged 14 nominations across the category, followed by 'Mirzapur' and 'The Family Man' as the second season of both thrillers earned 13 and 12 nominations, respectively.

Manoj Bajpayee is the only actor to have bagged a nomination in both the film and series categories.

"The last couple of years have been the most interesting times of my journey and most of the credit goes to my recent OTT stints. This industry is truly transforming and I laud 'Filmfare' for creating a special intervention to celebrate the best of creative excellence in the OTT space," said Bajpayee.

Named 'MyGlamm Filmfare OTT Awards 2021', the nominations were selected based on audience votes across genres like comedy, drama and non-fiction for both web series and web films.

'Filmfare' will felicitate the best of talent and technique at an exclusive event in Mumbai on December 9, 2021.

The awards ceremony will take place in Mumbai, ensuring public safety and in alignment with COVID-19 guidelines issued by the Government.

'Amazon' shows 'The Family Man', 'Mirzapur' and Sony LIV's 'Scam 1992' are nominated alongside two 'Disney+ Hotstar originals' - 'Criminal Justice: Behind Closed Doors' and 'Graham' - as well as MX Player's 'Ashram' in the 'Best



Series (Drama)' category.

In the 'Best Directors' category, 'The Family Man' team of Raj Nidimoru, Krishna DK and Suparn S Verma are nominated alongside Gurmeet Singh and Mihir Desai ('Mirzapur'); Hansal Mehta and Jai Mehta

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Manoj Bajpayee, Bobby Deol, Pratik Gandhi, Pankaj Tripathi, Atul Kulkarni and Anshuman Pushkar will battle it out for the 'Best Actor (Drama)' trophy.

Samantha Ruth Prabhu, Kriti Kulhari, Huma Qureshi, Shweta Tripathi, Shreya Dhanwanthary and Zoya Hussain are nominated

in the 'Best Actress (Drama)' category.

In the comedy segments, 'Gullak', 'Hostel Daze', 'College Romance', 'Masaba Masaba', 'Metro Park' and 'Aalas Mota-apa Ghabrahat' have earned nods in the 'Best Comedy' category.

Vijay Verma ('Ok Computer'), Ranvir Shorey ('Metro Park') and Adarsh Gourav ('Hostel Daze') are nominated for 'Best Actor (Comedy)' alongside Jameel Khan ('Gullak') and Naveen Kasturia ('Runaway Lugaai').

The 'Best Actress' category will be a quadrangular contest between Masaba Gupta, Ruhi Singh, Geetanjali Kulkarni and Kani Kusruti.

Nominations for the OTT films were also revealed and it includes 'Netflix' movies 'Ajeeb Daastaans', 'Ray' and 'Serious Men' as well as 'Mee Raqsam', 'State of Siege - Terror Attack' and 'Kaagaz'.

The 'Best Actor' race is between Pankaj Tripathi, Naseeruddin Shah, Nawazuddin Siddiqui, Bobby Deol, Manoj Bajpayee and Manav Kaul.

Kajol, Richa Chadha, Sanya Malhotra, Ratna Pathak Shah, Konkona Sen Sharma and Aditi Sharma are nominated in the 'Best Actress' category.

Kausani Ghosh brings her new single 'Just Say!'

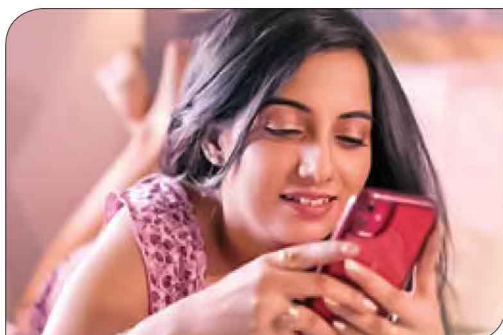
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Just say how much you love your beloved every day to charge up your love life this festive season and this is what popular Bangla-Pop (B-Pop) star Kausani Ghosh has expressed in her freshly brewed Bengali single, titled 'Just Say!'

The song has been written, composed and directed by multi-talented Abhishek Kundu.

Abhishek Kundu said that the song will spread a good vibe to come out of your daily mundane life after the COVID-19 lockdown.

Kausani is a proficient playback singer and performing artist with over 25 years of experience in Indian Contemporary Music. She was formally trained in Hindustani Classical Music by Pandit Mohanlal Mishra and Sangeeta



Bannerjee in Benaras and Lucknow Gharana. She earned recognition with her work in TV shows like 'ZEE Bangla Sa Re Ga Ma Pa' and won a prominent television reality show titled 'Star of Kolkata'. She has been featured in various musical TV and radio shows on Zee Bangla, ETV Bangla,

Aakash Aath, Ruposhi Bangla, Tara Muzik, Dhoom Music, DD Bangla, Radio Mirchi and Akash Vani. She sang the title track of Zee Bangla's 'Rashi', Star Jalsha's 'Chokher Tara Tui' among many others. Later, Kausani released her solo album and received the prestigious Manabendra award for

the same. She is an energetic performer who does numerous corporate events and cultural shows every year.

Viewers can watch the new music video on Kausani's official 'YouTube' artist channel and the audio is available on all leading music streaming platforms.

