

# Sikh Actor Makes His Debut In Big Malayalam Film

MUMBAI: A Sikh actor, Simarjeet Singh Nagra, has made his debut in films through the south Indian industry.

The film is 'KammaraSambhavam' under the banner of Sree Gokulam Movies which has produced several Malayalam hit films. The film has a cast of top A-listers in the Malayalam film industry including Dileep, Siddique, Murali Gopi, Vijaya Raghavan, Namitha Pramod and Siddharth.

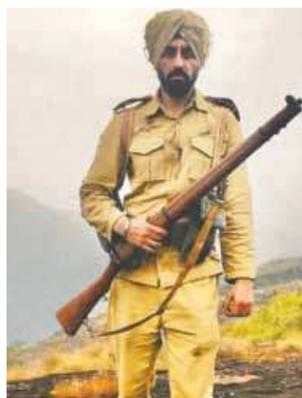
Murali Gopi, who wrote the script describes it as a satire that crisscross period, pop as well as black comedy. Director Ratish Ambat says: "We can't limit the movie to any specific genre; it has politics, contemporary relevance, history and elements of a thriller.

"While Bollywood's portrayal of Sikh characters is usually for comic relief, south has a different approach," says Nagra who got the offer to play the parallel lead in Kammara Sambhavam which has just been released.

"South cinema is very advanced. They don't stick to a single genre, like it's in Punjab (largely comedy). I feel, I started from the best," says Nagra,



a civil engineer and an MBA in construction management from Chandigarh. "I am very happy that I got to play the role of a good, solid character - that of Satnam Singh, wearing my turban - and I am also happy to show my real Sardari and real Sardars and Punjabi characteristics to a Southern Indian audience. The story is set against the backdrop of World War II. "The film spans three different periods, and I am glad that I essay all three characters in a turban," Nagra said.



# I'm Not Pregnant Says Shilpa Shetty

MUMBAI: As a photograph of Shilpa Shetty Kundra walking out of a clinic went viral with curious minds trying to guess if she was pregnant, the actress-entrepreneur-fitness enthusiast has clarified that she is not expecting and that it was only a usual health checkup.

Twitter users kept the guessing game on with the hashtag '#ShilpaKoKyaHua' (What happened to Shilpa?).

Shilpa, who has a son Viaan with businessman husband Raj Kundra, later tweeted: "#ShilpaKoKyaHua Kuch nahi! Hey Bhagwan... I get a preventive health check done regularly to know that my body is as healthy on the inside as the outside. Something we all must do. What's all the fuss about! And no, not pregnant. Prevention is better than cure."

The fit as a fiddle multi-faceted celebrity, in fact, binged on a whole lot of goodies at an Eid party hosted by veteran actress Shabana Azmi.

"When I cheat (on food only), it has to be worth it, this totally was!! Fun day binging with Dia Mirza and Aditi Rao Hydari. Thanks Anil Kapoor for the spe-



cial appearance with your two bits. Thank you and love you Shabana Azmi for the epic spread," Shilpa tweeted.

Shabana also shared a photograph of herself with Shilpa, and wrote: "I promise she eats, so what business does she have to look like this?"

# Sahil Khattar Eyes Bollywood

NEW DELHI: YouTube star Sahil Khattar has faced rejection by casting directors for being bald. He wonders why cant he turn into an "endearing actor and performer" just because of his physical appearance.

"Next for me would be other comedy shows. I am in talks with 2-3 channels for a show. Films are next for me and I hope to get a chance in Bollywood," Sahil told IANS. "The way people appreciated and loved a bald guy on the digital space... Television also warmed up to me. A lot of times the casting directors, producers tell you that the look is not going (with the role). The look is not going because I am bald.

"Now, look at Dwayne Johnson. He is one

of the most successful actors on this earth, look at Jason Statham - he has got the hottest wife, look at Pitbull, the biggest rapper in the world... All of them are bald and are ruling the roost. So why can't I turn into an endearing actor, performer and why can't they give me a role on whom the whole film is dependent or revolves?"

Sahil, who became famous through digital channel Being Indian, says he wants to be in a position where a film revolves around his role. "And where I can be a parallel lead or negative lead. So, Bollywood is the next big step for me and I hope it is soon," he added.

He is hosting a show related to FIFA World Cup 2018 for Sony Ten 3.

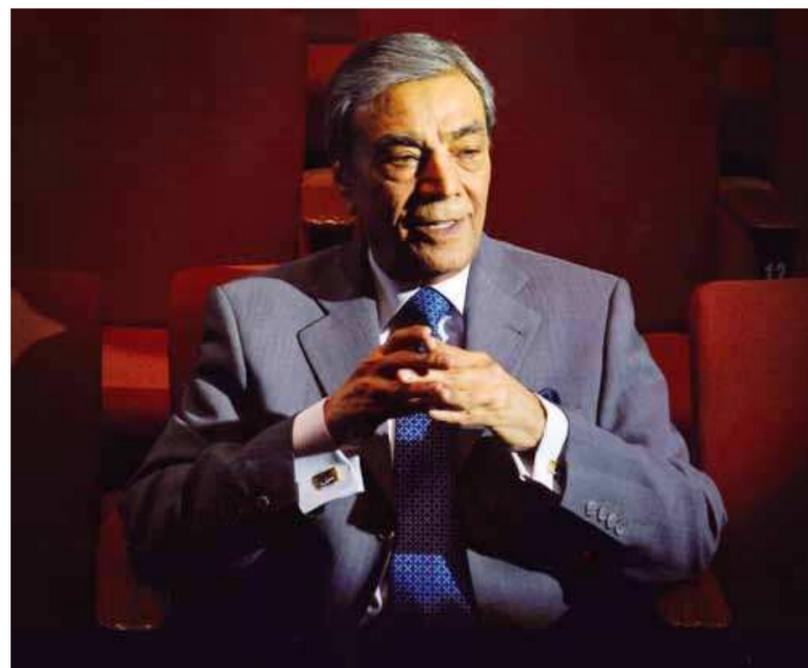
# Irrfan's 'Puzzle' Set For July-End Release



Irrfan Khan's much anticipated new film 'Puzzle' has just released its new theatrical poster. Khan has also taken to social media to promote the film and has posted this newly released poster. He stars opposite three-time Golden Globe nominee Kelly Macdonald and David Denman. The film earned a 100% score on Rotten Tomatoes.

'Puzzle' will be released in theaters on July 27 in New York and Los Angeles with additional cities to follow in

August. Directed by Marc Turtletaub. 'Puzzle' is a closely observed portrait of Agnes, who has reached her early 40s without ever venturing far from home, family or the tight-knit immigrant community in which she was raised by her widowed father. That begins to change in a quietly dramatic fashion when Agnes receives a jigsaw puzzle as a birthday gift and experiences the heady thrill of not only doing something she enjoys, but being very, very good at it.



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