

Bollywood has Invited trouble by ganging up against me: Kangana

MUMBAI: Actress-turned-filmmaker Kangana Ranaut, who is currently riding high on the success of her latest release “Manikarnika - The Queen of Jhansi”, says the Hindi film industry has called for trouble by ganging up against her.

Kangana in an interview earlier had criticised celebrities for not turning up for the screening of “Manikarnika...”, but contacting her for the screenings of their films.



“Earlier, I used to stand up against sexism, pay disparity and nepotism in Bollywood but now, I will expose everybody. One thing is for sure that they have called for trouble by ganging up against me,” she said.

Asked if her “Manikarnika...” would have got more benefit if her colleagues from Bollywood would have promoted the film, Kangana said: “I don’t think promotions of my film by

other actors will benefit my film. I have already won three national awards and at the age of 31, I have become a filmmaker so who are they to promote me? If they get successful in promoting themselves then, it will be a huge thing for them.”

The “Queen” actress strongly believes that the industry is ganging up against her as she spoke about nepotism in the Hindi film industry.

“They all have ganged up against me asking me why I have talked about nepotism,” Kangana said at the special screening of the film held for school children on February 7. She added: “It’s like a class full of students where the class of 60 students are ganging up against one student...., tell me how does it feels?”

The 31-year-old actress, who had sparked the infamous debate by calling filmmaker Karan Johar a “flagbearer of nepotism” during her appearance on his chat show “Koffee With Karan” in 2017, labelled Bollywood celebrities as shameless. “They are shameless people and some of them are my grandfather’s age. I don’t want to work with them and I say this to them on their face but we have made this film based on Rani Lamxibai for our future generation.”

Shrenu To Play Quintessential ‘Bahu’ In New TV Show

MUMBAI: Actress Shrenu Parikh of “Iss Pyaar Ko Kya Naam Doon?...Ek Baar Phir” fame will play a quintessential daughter-in-law in producer Dipti Kalwani’s yet-to-be titled show.

“I’m looking forward to this association with Dipti Kalwani, the maker of ‘Badho Bahu’. Just like her previous progressive show, this one is an unusual and an unconventional family drama. I am playing a quintessential ‘bahu’ (daughter-in-law),” Shrenu said in a statement.

“We’ve just started shooting and it’s an extremely interesting story based on a Marwari family and their journey along with their ups and downs. Jhanvi, my character, is that binding thread, the one that holds her family together and someone who can do anything for her loved ones,” she added.

Actors like Zain Imam, Ayub Khan, Tanvi Dogra and Parikshit Sahani are also expected to be part of this upcoming show.



Ajay Devgn To Wrap Up ‘Taanaji’ In May

MUMBAI: Actor Ajay Devgn says he will wrap up the shooting for his upcoming film “Taanaji: The Unsung Warrior” in May.

Asked about the scenario where filmmakers are making movies on historical figures apart from Mughal Emperors like Akbar and Jahangir, he said: “We have read about Taanaji Malusare when we were in a school and now, the time is changing, where people are exploring different stories and characters who were popular figures in the history.

“Now younger generation is aware that there are lots of historical figures on which we can make films apart from four or five historical figures,” added Ajay, who will be seen playing the title role of Subedar Taanaji Malusare, a military leader in Shivaji’s army.

Talking about the shooting of the film, he said:

“By May this year, we will wrap up shooting of the film and it will be released in November.”

“Taanaji: The Unsung Warrior” is a period drama directed by Om Raut. It is co-produced by Ajay and Bhushan Kumar. The film is scheduled for a worldwide release on November 22.

The “Raid” star is gearing up for the release of his forthcoming film “Total Dhamaal”, which is the third film in the comedy entertainer franchise “Dhamaal”. The second was “Double Dhamaal”. It is directed by Inder Kumar.

Asked what urged him to be a part of the comedy entertainer, he said: “It’s a two hour five minute film. I laughed so much when I heard script of this film for the first time so, I told Indra Kumar that if you make the film in same manner you have narrated its script to me then, I will do this film.”

Naga Jhansi’s Death Spotlights Suicides In Telugu Showbiz

HYDERABAD: All of 21, Naga Jhansi became the latest actress in Telugu showbiz to commit suicide, adding to the spate of young film and television celebrities who have taken their life owing to lack of work, financial pressure or personal issues, in the past few years.



Jhansi, who acted in the show “Pavitra Bandhan”, was found hanging in her room in an apartment building on Wednesday. A failed love affair is the alleged reason behind her suicide.

In December 2017, Telugu film comedian K. Vijay Sai, 38, was found dead in an apartment. In a selfie video recorded before the suicide, the actor blamed his wife for the extreme action, reports had said.

Just last year, Telugu news anchor V. Radhika Reddy committed suicide by jumping off the fifth floor of her apartment building. A suicide note written in Telugu was found in her handbag. She wrote that her brain was her enemy and that nobody was responsible for her death.

Back in 2014, the news of actor Uday Kiran’s suicide had left the industry in shock. His decision to take his own life had driven celebrities like Prakash Raj, Vennela Kishore, Kiccha Sudeep and Khushbu Sundar to raise questions like; “Shouldn’t we find reasons to live?” and “What he must’ve gone through to take such a step? Cruel pressure.”

In Bollywood, celebrities have been very vocal about mental health issues in the recent past.

Actress Deepika Padukone spearheads a Foundation which she founded in 2015 with the aim to tackle the stigma around mental health issues.

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