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Malvi Malhotra returns with dark comedy

Malvi Malhotra is set to make her Hindi cinema comeback with the neo-noir dark comedy 'Arjun Bewakoof.' The actress opens up about her role, the film's unpredictable climax, and working with industry veterans

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Actor Malvi Malhotra, who has been part of projects like 'Hotel Milan', 'Zorawar Di Jacqueline', 'Abhiyuham', 'Thiragabadara Saami' and 'Jenma Natchathiram', is gearing up for her return to Hindi cinema with the neo-noir dark comedy 'Arjun Bewakoof'. Directed by Smita Singh and written by Anand Raaj, the film also stars Sanjay Mishra, Dolly Singh and Rajesh Tailang. In this conversation, Malvi opens up about her comeback, the role that drew her in, and working with some of the most respected names in the industry.

"I had done a Hindi film earlier in 2018 called 'Hotel Milan'. After that film, I moved to the South industry and worked mostly there. After a long time, I'm now coming back to Hindi cinema, so it feels really good," she says, calling the project a meaningful return to where she began.

Talking about what made her say yes to the film, Malvi shares, "My character Geet excited me a lot, and the overall story of the film was also very interesting. While working in the South industry, I receive many scripts every day, but very rarely does a script stay in your mind. When I read this script, it really stuck with me."

She is equally enthusiastic about sharing screen space with veteran performers. "I'm very excited. As a writer myself, I was happy to know that Rajesh sir has also written a book, so I even thought of sharing my book with him. And working with Sanjay Mishra sir is something I'm really looking forward to. I've met him before and we had discussions about acting and craft. He is one of the finest actors who is very natural in his performances. It will be a great learning experience working with him," she says.

Describing the film's tone and appeal, she adds, "Every character in the film stands out and has its own importance. The film definitely has elements of dark comedy, so audiences can expect that tone. One of the biggest USPs of the film is that the climax is very unpredictable."

Malvi also speaks about placing her trust in Smita Singh's vision. "I watched Smita's previous film 'Andaman', and that convinced me that she can make a good film. My first step was to watch her earlier work, and after that I read the script of 'Arjun Bewakoof'. Both things convinced me, so it didn't take me much time to say yes to the project because of her conviction towards her work."

Kajol offers a quirky mantra for dealing with weight gain

Bollywood actress Kajol on Tuesday shared a light-hearted and quirky take on dealing with weight gain, staying true to her trademark sense of humour. The actor took to social media to post a cheeky "mantra" for those who find it hard to accept a few extra kilos.

Sharing a witty message, Kajol wrote, "When ur weighing scale tells u that u have put on weight but can't see it always assume it's gone to ur head and u have just become smarter ! #namaste

Follow me for more hidden gems. (Sic)"

The actress is often seen sharing pun-filled, fun and quirky thoughts online, offering her followers a dose of humour and positivity.

In a similar post showcasing her classic comic timing, Kajol revealed how most of her life is a compilation of random moments that unexpectedly turn picture-perfect.

The 'Maa' actress was seen posing by a door in a social media post.

Giving context in the caption, she shared that while deciding whether to shut the door or leave it open, her moment of confusion ended up creating a perfect shot. "Deciding whether I should shut the door or leave it open... And somehow that became the shot! A lot like most of life (sic)," the caption read.

On the professional front, Kajol will next be seen in the action thriller 'Maharagni: Queen of Queens'.

She will play Maya, a woman on a revenge mission, in a story centered on a mother-daughter duo.Helmed by debutant director Charan Tej Uppalapati, the film also features Prabhu Deva, Naseeruddin Shah, Samyuktha (marking her Bollywood debut), Jisshu Sengupta, Aditya Seal, Pramod Pathak and Chhaya Kadam in significant roles.

At 57, Bhagyashree swims in ocean at -25°C during exotic Finland holiday

Bollywood actress Bhagyashree recently shared glimpses from her adventurous holiday in Finland, where she visited the iconic Santa Claus Village and even swam in the icy ocean at minus 25 degrees Celsius.

Taking to social media, the 'Maine Pyar Kiya' actress posted pictures and videos from the thrilling experience. In one striking image, she is seen floating in Arctic waters wearing a bright orange survival suit. Surrounded by floating ice chunks, Bhagyashree appeared to be embracing her adventurous side.

Sharing the moment, she wrote, "Swimming in the ocean at -25°. It was an experience beyond imagination."

In another reflective post, she added, "#traveltalesbyb As I closed my eyes, I was felt the magnitude of nature, and how miniscule we are."

The actress also shared glimpses from her visit to the famous Santa Claus Village. In one picture, Bhagyashree is seen posing happily at the entrance of the village dressed in a red winter coat paired with earmuffs and gloves. In another clip, she is seen warming herself near a bonfire set against a breathtaking winter landscape.

Captioning the post, she wrote, "SantaVillage ! Acres of winter Santa land within the Artic Circle... from reindeers to gingerbread cottages, bonfires with marshmellows, hot chocolate and cookies, building a snowman to meeting Santa."

She further added, "While I missed my children, I kinda became a child again. Simple joys of surprises, seeing something new. Travel brings you a different kind of happiness. Grateful n thankful."

Bhagyashree is currently enjoying the exotic vacation with her husband Himalaya Dassani and a group of her close friends. The trip appears to be part of her ongoing travel spree, with the actress exploring international destinations as well as scenic locations across India over the past few months.

On the professional front, Bhagyashree made her Bollywood debut with the 1989 film 'Maine Pyar Kiya' opposite Salman Khan. The film was directed by Sooraj Barjatya and produced by Rajshri Productions.

Soon after the film's success, she married businessman Himalaya Dassani and stepped away from Bollywood for a long period to focus on her family life. Though she appeared in a few projects over the years, they remained limited in scale.

In recent years, Bhagyashree has gradually returned to the spotlight, staying active through films, television appearances and social media.

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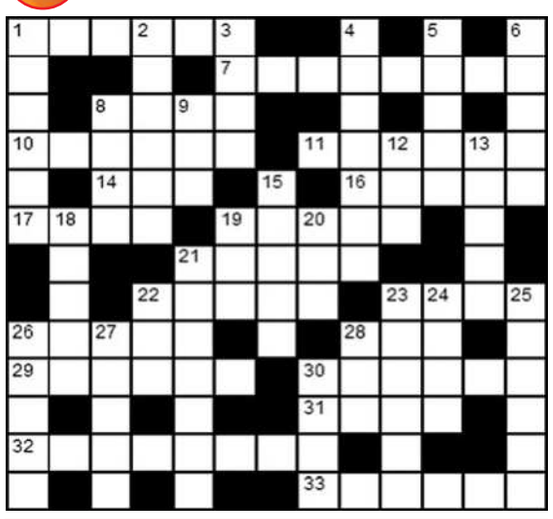

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HYDERABAD'S SRIDEVI JASTI HONOURED AT SWIGGY'S 'SHE THE CHANGE' 2026

Sridevi Jasti of Hyderabad was honoured at Swiggy's 'She The Change' 2026 event in New Delhi for her impactful work in plant-forward nutrition through Vibrant Living

The ceremony was graced by Chief Guest Gajendra Singh Shekhawat and Swiggy CEO Sriharsha Majety, celebrating women transforming India's food and hospitality sector

Swiggy (NSE: SWIGGY/ BSE: 544285), India's pioneering on-demand convenience platform, recently organized the 2026 edition of 'She The Change' in New Delhi. This flagship initiative, with the tagline 'From Vision to Venture', celebrates women who are redefining India's culinary and business landscape.

The Chief Guest, Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, along with Sriharsha Majety, Co-Founder, MD and Group CEO, Swiggy, felicitated 28 women from the F&B industry across two categories—Entrepreneur of the Year and Chef of the Year. These awards recognized their contributions to culinary innovation and business success. The honourees included Sridevi Jasti, Founder, Vibrant Living. Through her entrepreneurial initiative, Ms. Jasti champions wholesome, plant-forward nutrition, turning clean eating into a sustainable lifestyle choice. This recognition highlights the city's continued influence as one of India's most dynamic hubs for culinary innovation and women-led food businesses. She The Change was a curated gathering of pioneers, disruptors, and visionaries from India's food industry reinforcing Swiggy's commitment to empowering women entrepreneurs in the F&B sector. Swiggy currently has 70,000 women-run restaurants on its platform, and as per internal estimates, these entrepreneurs are generating close to 4,20,000 jobs, with each restaurant employing an average of six direct employees.