

Katrina Is Inspiring: Ranbir

New Delhi: (IANS) Bollywood's latest heartthrob Ranbir Kapoor can go on and on about his "Ajab Prem Ki Ghazab Kahani" co-star Katrina Kaif. He finds her drive and passion for work inspiring and says she is "the nicest person in the industry".

"The drive that Katrina has is inspiring. She is there and she just doesn't stop. She has come a long way from where she started and where she is today," Ranbir told IANS in an interview here.

"She is India's biggest actress and there is a lot of hard work, sacrifice and passion she has put behind that and I totally respect that. And the best part is that she doesn't take that for granted," the 28-year-old actor said.

Ranbir, who will be seen again with Katrina in Prakash Jha's political thriller "Rajneeti", describes Katrina as the "nicest person in the industry".

"There is an amazing positive energy about her. She is hardworking and everything she does is for the betterment of the movie. She is fun loving, passionate about cinema and passionate about her work. I share a great rapport with her," he said.

His "Ajab Prem Ki Ghazab Kahani" is slated for release Nov 6 and shows the story of a happy-go-lucky boy, who falls in love with a girl. But the girl is in love with someone else. The film also has a special appearance by Salman Khan.

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Asked about his on-screen chemistry with Katrina, Ranbir said: "As far as chemistry is concerned, I always believe that chemistry never happens between two actors, it happens between two characters in the movie. It depends how the characters are written in the script and the moments and the scenes between them. That's when chemistry happens.

"Katrina and I are working for the first time, so people are finding this pairing new and fresh, but unless the film releases and unless it becomes a hit, you never know whether the chemistry has worked out or not," he said.

Ranbir, son of actors Rishi and Neetu Kapoor, made his acting debut in 2007 with Sanjay Leela's Bhansali's "Saawariya" opposite newcomer Sonam Kapoor. The film failed at the box office, but it didn't deter his growth as he received positive reviews for his performance and got good offers.

Siddharth Anand's romantic comedy "Bachna Ae Haseeno" was his second film and it hit the jackpot at the box office. And now everyone - from critics to audiences - are going ga ga over his performance in "Wake Up Sid", in which he was paired opposite Konkana Sen Sharma.

After "Ajab Prem...", Ranbir will be seen in Shimit Amin's "Rocket Singh: Salesman of The Year", "Rajneeti" and Siddharth Anand's "Anjaana Anjaani".

Fed Up With Intense Roles: Ajay Devgn

Mumbai: (IANS) Doing just intense roles can get quite boring, believes Ajay Devgn who is happy to have worn a different hat in the out and out comedy "All The Best" even as he is on home ground in "London Dreams".

"It's a great feeling that at this stage of my career I am being seen in movies as diverse as 'London Dreams' and 'All The Best'. At one point of time, I was doing only intense roles," Ajay, 40, who won a National Award for "Zakhm" (1998), told IANS.

"But, believe me, if I had continued doing that till date with every film, I would have been really bored and fed up by now."

Ajay has been seen in quite a few films that required him to showcase his intense side, among them "Halla Bol", "Omkaara", "Apaharan", "Gangaajal", "Deewangee", "Company" and "Takshak".

His "London Dreams" co-star Asin has said it is Ajay's "intensity quotient" that strikes one most as an actor. She also said when it comes to dramatic scenes, he just "eats up the screen".

But Ajay says humbly, "I don't really know



if I eat up the screen or do anything like that in my dramatic scenes. Yes, intensity has been my forte and I take her views as a compliment. But, as I said, I am loving this phase of my career where I am able to work on diverse films."

In the pipeline are films like "Rajneeti", "Once Upon a Time in Mumbai", Priyadarshan's next film, "Atithi Tum Kab Jaaoge", "Toonpur Ka Superhero" and a sequel to "Golmaal" or "All The Best". Clearly, the man is enjoying his status as an actor who can work in diverse genres.

One can also not deny the contribution of Rohit Shetty to Ajay's career. A friend and pretty much a resident director, Rohit has now delivered three successful comedy films with the actor - "All The Best", "Golmaal Returns" and "Golmaal".

"Yes, as far as comedy is concerned, Rohit has definitely given a new dimension to my career," agrees Ajay.

"I am very comfortable with him and he is someone I really trust. I am looking forward to what he comes up with next in the 'All The Best' and 'Golmaal' sequels. We have managed to get a good team working here."

Marriage Can Wait: Kareena, Saif



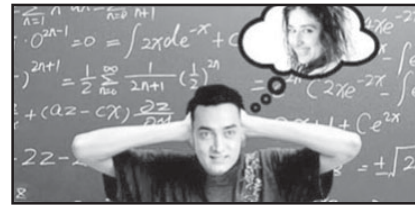
New Delhi: (IANS) Saif Ali Khan met Kareena Kapoor for the first time when she was just 14 years old and more than a decade later he fell in love with her. The two are now one of the most talked about couples in tinsel town, but say marriage is not on the cards.

"We do discuss marriage but this is not the right time because Saif is busy in his production house and I am getting very good roles. So marriage can wait," Kareena said at the HT Leadership Summit here Saturday.

Saif said: "People say that marriage doesn't affect your career but the fact is it does. Today the whole definition of marriage has changed. We are so well connected, so close that marriage is just a stamp of validation for the society.

"I love her for what she is. We manage to spend a lot of time together and this is the most important factor to make a relationship work."

Idiot Not Same Thing As Stupid: Aamir Khan



Mumbai: (IANS) Ahead of the release of his new film "3 Idiots", Bollywood actor Aamir Khan Thursday drew a distinction between the term "idiots" and "stupid", saying that "idiots are very normal persons" who at some point prove themselves in an "unconventional way".

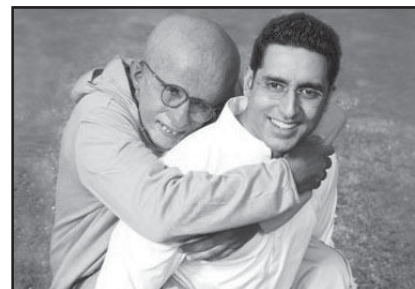
At an event in a city hotel to promote the first song of Rajkumar Hirani's "3 Idiots", Aamir said: "Idiots are thought to be very normal persons but at some point of time they prove themselves to be someone with extra calibre. They are not stupid, rather they come to limelight in an unconventional way."

Actor R. Madhavan and Sharman Joshi were also present at the screening of the song "Jab life ho out of control, all is well".

There are five songs in the film. "3 Idiots" is a story of three engineering students - Sharman Joshi, Aamir Khan and R. Madhavan - and their experiences on the campus.

Kareena Kapoor and Boman Irani play important roles and Kajol makes a special appearance in the film. The campus shown in the film is of the Indian Institute of Management-Ahmedabad (IIM-A). The film is scheduled to release Dec 25.

When Abhishek Carried His Dad Piggyback



Mumbai: (IANS) In a role reversal of sorts, Bollywood actor Abhishek Bachchan needed to carry his father piggyback and trot across a vast field for a sequence in "Paa". To the relief of director R. Balki, Abhishek simply breezed through the difficult scene.

"Abhishek did it in one take. He carried his father effortlessly across the vast field. We shot the sequence near Cambridge in England at a place called Bury St Edmunds," Balki said.

The place was chosen not just for its green acres which facilitated Abhishek's run with his father on his back, but also to avoid large crowds of gawking Indians. On asked how he felt to be carried by his own son, the Big B quipped: "Carrying me piggyback was Abhishek's job. Jaya and I merely produced a strong boy!"

"The most tedious part of playing the 12-year-old boy in 'Paa' was the makeup. I had to sit still for four-five hours every morning without moving, eating or even drinking water. For a sunrise shot I had to be up from 11 p.m. the previous night doing the makeup to be able to shoot on time the next morning," he added.

Bride Shilpa Going Through 'Mixed Feelings'

Shilpa Shetty, who is marrying London-based Raj Kundra Nov 22, is facing pre-nuptial blues. She admits she is experiencing "mixed feelings" as the D-day draws near.

"To all those who want to know how I am feeling, I just want to say I'm going through a lot of mixed feelings - happiness, excitement, nervousness, just like any bride to be and sadness as well," Shilpa posted on her blog shilpashettylive.com/blog/.

The 34-year-old actress is tying the knot with businessman Raj Kundra, whom she has been dating since 2007.

"Honestly it still hasn't sunk in completely, it's a strange emotion, can't describe it. The only consolation is that I'm tying the knot with Raj - a man who lets me be myself and doesn't want me or my life to change and that erases premarital jitters," she said.

"Obviously marriage is a huge step and with it come responsibilities, and since I believe in the institution, so I hope and pray that I can make ours a success."

Shilpa says she has been busy with the wedding preparations for the past two weeks but is also trying hard to fulfill her professional commitments so that she can set out for a one-month honeymoon with Raj after the wedding. She is currently shooting in Hyderabad for the last schedule of Indo-Chinese project "Desire".

