

Medha Shankr compares 12th Fail's success with Gadar as it completes silver jubilee



12th Fail turned out to be one of the most unexpected hits of 2023. Directed by Vidhu Vinod Chopra, the film became the talk of the town immediately after its release and continued its successful run in cinemas even after its premiere on OTT platforms. As the film completed its silver jubilee in theaters, its lead actors, Vikrant Massey and Medha Shankr, shared their happiness.

Reflecting on the success of 12th Fail, Vikrant Massey shared, "Right from childhood, I used to read the stories of the films completing Silver Jubilees. I grew up in that atmosphere, and reading these stories was a one-of-a-kind experience. Now, when 12th Fail made the silver jubilee run, it felt like a re-release."

He noted the surreal feeling of the

film still being screened in theaters and on OTT platforms. For any actor, this milestone is the pinnacle of achievement. The actor also expressed gratitude for the overwhelming response to the film and his performance.

Medha Shankr expressed, "It's quite unbelievable. It is a remarkable feat for any film to complete 25 weeks in theatres," Shankr exclaims, adding, "It was Gadar long back which had this run of a silver jubilee, and now it's 12th Fail, so I am very happy, proud, and grateful to the audience for making this happen."

The cast and crew didn't miss the opportunity to celebrate this milestone. Shankr shared that they had a mini celebration at a theater, where they received certificates for the 25-

week run. They cut a cake, creating a memorable and heartwarming moment for all involved.

For Shankr, the film has completely changed her career. She says everything turned around for her overnight. She can clearly see how her life was before the film and how it is after. Now, in her professional life, she now has access to filmmakers she only dreamed of collaborating with before. Because the film did so well and her performance was praised, big filmmakers trust her now. This has brought her many new job opportunities.

Meanwhile, directed by Vidhu Vinod Chopra, 12th Fail also features Anant V Joshi, Anshumaan Pushkar, and Priyanshu Chatterjee in pivotal roles and is currently streaming on Disney+ Hotstar.

Divyanka Tripathi reflects on selective role choices, says, 'I don't disrespect myself anymore'



Divyanka Tripathi, known for the role of Ishita Bhalla from the TV show Yeh Hai Mohabbatein is among the most popular actresses. She is once again captivating hearts with her new show Adrishyam.

In an interview with Indian Express, The actress opened up on past struggles and professional choices. She shared insights into her latest show, highlighting that her favorite scenes are the ones with her on-screen daughter.

The Yeh Hai Mohabbatein actress revealed her past struggles with balancing work commitments and personal life. She said, "I had grown up way back. I have spent very little time at home, so it was

never challenging to be away from my family. I was very mature." She emphasized on her determination to be self-reliant and relieve any financial burden on her parents.

Divyanka revealed that she has evolved since then, expressing her desire to enjoy life and prioritize relationships now. "I feel like partying now, going on a drive. I want to live my life now. I am a very different person from where I started."

She added, "At that time I was also working for money, I had to survive so I would overload myself with work. Now I value my relationships, I like being with people I love. I manage my life in a way now that everything is balanced." Speaking about being selective

about her professional choices, she shared, "Whenever I take up a role, I get married to it, so unless it wins my heart I cannot do it, it feels like cheating. So yes I am very selective about my work now, there is a sense of self-respect that has come in now. I don't disrespect myself anymore, by playing a role that undermines me in any way."

Divyanka recalled a time when her responsible behavior unintentionally resulted in a punishment for the entire class. The actress shared, "I have always been a very responsible kid, so I have had very little fun, rarely been irresponsible. But yes, I was once caught eating my tiffin box in class and the entire class was punished."



Arti Singh hosted a beach-side mehndi ceremony ahead of her wedding with fiancé Dipak Chauhan.

Shahid Kapoor's Jersey co-star Mrunal Thakur recalls initial awkwardness with actor; 'I would forget my lines'

Mrunal Thakur's admiration for Shahid Kapoor is well-known. A professed fan of his work, especially in the beloved film Jab We Met, she recently opened up about her experience collaborating with him in their 2022 movie Jersey.

Mrunal Thakur's fan-girl status was hilariously evident during filming. "The day I was supposed to meet Shahid Kapoor for a script reading, I got the address wrong and ended up late." She confessed in a recent interview with Humans of Bombay. "When I finally met him, I blurted out, 'Your smile in real life is exactly like it is on screen!'"

The initial awkwardness persisted. "During the shoot of Jersey, there were moments when I would forget my lines because I was so overwhelmed being on set with Shahid Kapoor."

Mrunal acknowledged that although Shahid was an excellent co-star, she initially experienced some awkwardness. She tends to feel intimidated when working with individuals whom she has admired on screen.

In the same conversation, Thakur shared that even though people pretend that everything is



right on the internet, it is actually not in real life. She shared that there were days when she didn't want to wake up or get out of bed, but she did.

The actress noticed that a lot of individuals on social media appear to be on vacation, showcasing their finest photos. However, she pondered whether this display truly reflects their enjoy-

ment of the moment. The actress confessed that she doesn't appear at her best while eating or lounging at the beach, often finding herself covered in sand and mud. Further in the interview, Thakur spoke about being trolled for her pear-shaped body.

The actress shared, "I'm going to change that beauty standard by flaunting my curves. Earlier I

was so afraid of wearing anything body-hugging. But now, I'm like, 'Body-hugging? Bring it on. And crop tops? Bring it on. Why do we need Kardashians to set beauty standards? Every Indian woman walking on the streets, they're so curvaceous, they're so beautiful."

Mrunal will be next seen in Pooja Meri Jaan.

What's stopping Govinda's comeback? Anees Bazmee says many filmmakers still want to work with him

Govinda, celebrated as one of the quintessential actors of the 90s, has remained absent from the silver screen for more than five years. His last appearance was in the 2019 film Rangeela Raja.

Anees Bazmee, a longstanding collaborator who penned scripts for Govinda's iconic films such as Aankhen, Shola Aur Shabnam, Deewana Mastana, and Raja Babu, recently expressed the sentiment shared by numerous directors eagerly anticipating the opportunity to collaborate with Govinda once again.

In an interview with Siddharth Kannan, Anees Bazmee praised Govinda as the best in comedy and a fantastic actor. Bazmee mentioned their successful collaborations on many hit films like Aankhen, Shola Aur Shabnam, and Deewana Mastana.

He highlighted Govinda's unmatched comic timing and magic, particularly praising his performance in Raja Babu. Bazmee expressed his personal belief that Govinda is indeed a great actor.

Regarding what's holding back Govinda's much-anticipated comeback, Bazmee noted, "Not



only me, there are many others who too want to work with him.

And the day I get an opportunity to do so, when I feel that yes this is the particular film, the particular role that Govinda ji should do, then of course, I'll be happy to approach him. We share such a long-standing association that I know if there is something perfectly written for him, and if he

does it, it will be great. He will totally elevate that character."

Meanwhile, Anees Bazmee is currently working on the 3rd part of the much-loved horror comedy franchise Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3, the film stars Kartik Aaryan in the lead while Vidya Balan returns as OG Manjulika. The film will also have Tripti Dimri and Madhuri Dixit

in pivotal roles.

Anees will also soon start the sequel of much talked about No Entry. Pinkvilla was the first to reveal that Varun Dhawan, Arjun Kapoor, and Diljit Dosanjh have come on board to play lead roles in No Entry 2 and that the film will go on floors in December 2024, with a target to release in 2025.