

Priority and success Behen is Krystle clear



SHINING STAR: Krystle D'Souza; (above left) with *EHMMBH* co-star Karan Tacker; and (left) with Poonam Dhillon in *Ek Nayi Pehchaan*

Did you know?

- ◆ Krystle D'Souza has featured in the top 20 in *EE*'s list of the 50 Sexiest Asian Women in 2012 and 2013.
- ◆ Born on March 1, 1990, Krystle graduated from Auxillium Convent high school and went onto pursue an arts degree from St Xaviers Academy in Mumbai.

- ◆ Honours won by the actress include Favourite Behen at the 2012 Star Parivaar Awards and Favourite Jodi (with Karan Tacker) at the *Saas Bahu Aur Saazish* awards as well as the Kalakar Awards.
- ◆ Krystle and Karan visited the UK twice in 2013, including to meet

- fans in Leicester during Diwali celebrations in that city.
- ◆ She has teamed up with Sunhom Chowhai to launch a classy ethnic wear collection.
- ◆ Someone who loves the sun and sand, Krystle's favourite holiday destination is Goa.

@Jannatjokio12: How excited are you about your new show?

(Smiles) I am very excited but I have to admit I am also a little nervous too. Jeevika was and is loved a lot; I only hope and pray that Sakshi can keep up to that and gain all your love yet once again.

@SalbiaRiasat: What is the best compliment that you've received?

(Laughs) Every compliment makes me happy. So all compliments are the best for me.

@TripathiMansi: If you are given a chance, would you like to be part of Bollywood?

Why not? Who doesn't want to progress and grow, but I am in no hurry. I will wait till I get something that's made for me and suits me. I want to enter with a bang.

@beingmeSarah: Do you miss working onscreen with Karan Tacker?

Yes, I do miss working with him. He's a superb actor and co-star to have. We have had so much of fun even in the most boring scenes.

@Rutuja31: What is your New Year's resolution?

In 2014, I want to travel more and explore. So hopefully I will be able to make some time to travel.

@priyankaaDP: What was the best thing that happened to you in 2013?

(Laughs) In 2013, I got healthier and a lot fitter. It was definitely the best thing that happened to me.

@92artist: If you were not an actor, what would you be right now?

I would probably have been an air-hostess. As a child, I used to fancy being one.

@Dhwaniforum: Which emotion do you find most challenging to portray on screen?

I think something 'comic' is what's challenging to me because for comedy you need to have really great timing. I get a little nervous with it.

@TEBALovesTacker: What do you like the most about Karan Tacker as a co-star and friend? Do you want to work with him again?

I like that Karan always puts 110 per cent in a scene. He puts in a lot of thought even in the shortest of scenes. As a friend, he is very helpful and brings a smile to my face, no matter what. Of course, I would love to work with him again and again and again.

@TEBALovesTacker: Also, you are the beauty queen and I love you so much. What beauty secrets can you share with us?

Just be a happy and positive person from within and the genuine smile that will show on the outside will be better than the best of cosmetics. There's no secret to beauty. Each and every human being is a beautiful creation.

@Surbhi_1902: What fitness regime do you follow to keep in shape?

(Jokes) My fitness regime is to work hard and party even harder.

@Surbhi_1902: Another question – what has doing *Ek Nayi Pehchaan* been like? Who is your favourite co-star from the new show?

I have barely shot for the show as yet, but it's going really good. I have shot scenes only with Poonamji so far, so I can't choose a favourite co-star.

@ArShianForLife: Whom would you dedicate your whole success to?

My parents, of course. If it was not for them and their support, I would never have been able to get here. I remember them driving me to work every day for my first show. My mom stayed on set with me all the time.

@Lovelogist_L_: If you could meet anyone in the world dead or alive, who would it be and what would you say to them?

My grandma always told me she saw so much potential in me and wanted to see me shine bright like a diamond. She would have been so proud of me today. I remember as a kid watching all the possible daily soaps with her. I just want to hug her and see her smile. Well, I'm sure not on TV but from high above she's watching me and surely has that proud smile on her face.

@ridhi_07: How do you feel about being loved by so many people around the world?

I feel really blessed. I love the attention and the love you guys shower on me. Everyone's love is what I'm very scared to lose.



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Princes and princesses

LOOK at the pretty girls dressed in feminine dresses, sipping their cocktails in fancy bars, giggling with female friends and fluttering their eyelashes at any douchebag who flashes a credit card at them. Some women love doing this and others don't. For example, you're more likely to find me researching topics for my next columns on serious issues because writing is my passion.

There are many women in creative fields, like music, who are supported by their partners in what they want to achieve in life. Others are making it big in the world of business and a range of other careers.

Then there are women whose sole purpose in life is to find a partner who will buy them expensive designer items, take them on exotic holidays and to expensive restaurants, give them a nice car to drive and generally let them lead a life of luxury so they don't have to work. This makes my blood boil.

I met a girl recently who didn't know how to cook pesto pasta – it's literally mixing two things together. And this girl is about to get married. (I would worry what her children would eat or whether she would rely on parents and take-outs for dinner).

You also see these women who live in a fairytale world where they hope that one day, they will catch the eye of a handsome rich man, fall in love and live happily ever after. Whereas in reality relationships take time, effort and understanding, and without those elements there is no relationship.

Men can be just as bad. Some just want to 'keep' a woman. They want a 'trophy bride' who doesn't have a brain, will look pretty forever, have sex with them on demand, provide them with a few kids, let them carry on making money and perhaps even having affairs. In return, they can have all the designer shoes and handbags they want.

If you want something, you need to make it happen and shouldn't let anything get in your way. If you want to start a fashion business, then make a plan. If you want to write, then get a structure together. If you want to become an actress, enroll yourself in drama school. Want to climb Kilimanjaro, but have no one to go with? Join a trekking group. These life experiences are what will make us better and more interesting people.

When I grow older, have children and then grandchildren, I want to be able to tell them stories about the experiences I had, the life I lived and trouble I got into. When I am older, I would want to be able to say that I lived a full life which was completely enriched and fulfilled, not one where my husband worked and I lived off his earnings.

I'm lucky to say that I am independent and have experienced many situations in life so far. I hope this isn't the end as our whole lives are a learning process.

Remember, no one else can realise your dreams apart from you, so don't make your life's sole purpose to find a man; make it to ensure your dreams come.