



LET'S NOT GLORIFY VIOLENCE

Announcing her upcoming film in the city, Kannada film actress Bhavana says that her new film will see her in a very interesting avatar

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Kannada film actress Bhavana is back on screen after a gap of more than a year; her recent film, Bhagirathi, directed by Baraguru Ramachandrappa, had won the State government award for the year 2010-2011.

And now, the actress is playing a key role in the film Niruthara (no answer), which is being directed by Apoorva, Girish Kasaravalli's son. This film marks Apoorva's debut as a filmmaker in Sandalwood. Incidentally, the film is being produced by Bhavana's brother Anand Ramanna.

In Niruthara, Bhavana plays the role of a classical singer and says that she is very excited to have been given the part. "It is a very important character and I am very happy that I was chosen to play this particular role," she says.

Did she get the role because her brother is the producer for the film, we ask. "Apoorva Kasaravalli chose me because I have the ability to play the part and not for anything else," came a fairly terse response.

Bhavana was also seen canvassing for Congress candidates during the Assembly as well as Lok Sabha elections. In fact, there were rumours that she was going to be nominated to the Legislative Council in recognition for her services to Congress but it eventually went to veteran actress Jayamala. "I really do not want to discuss about politics at this point. My focus is on this film," says Bhavana.

What other kind of roles would the actress like to do? "It is true that there has been a lot of gaps in my career. My most recent film was Bhagirathi. I got offers but I could not accept them because the roles didn't suit me. I had also made it clear that I did not want to act as a wife of a rowdy character in the film. I do not want to glorify violence. Such films have an adverse impact on the youth and I, as an artiste, have a social responsibility," she adds.

If everything goes as per the plan, Rahul Bose is expected to play the role of the Vice president of a software company. Kiran and Andrita Ray are also part of the star cast, while Neeladri Kumar has been assigned to compose music for this film.



Actors Kiran and Bhavana at the launch of the movie Niruthara at Basavanagudi Temple in Bangalore on Monday.
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