

Udita back with a bang, signs on five films

She debuted opposite John Abraham in a film written by Mahesh Bhatt but failed to live up to expectations after that. Model-turned-actress Udita Goswami is now set to make a comeback and has five films lined up -- two opposite Akshay Kumar, two with Sunny Deol and then a supernatural thriller.

'My time is coming, you see,' Udita told IANS. 'Just imagine, from one film in a year, I am rolling as many as five. It's good to be occupied and be doing some nice work,' she said.

Udita is looking forward to the two films with Sunny Deol as they enable her to do something different from her earlier work.

'Yes, I'm working in 'Fox' and 'The Man', both of which are action films with Sunny Deol in the lead. Both films give me a chance to do something that I haven't done before,' she said.

Apart from these two films, she will also be seen in 'Chase' and 'Hello India' -- both opposite Bollywood star Akshay Kumar.

Udita had a good beginning in 2004 with 'Paap', which was directed by Pooja Bhatt. But the film didn't do as well as expected. And since then she has featured in a few movies like 'Zeher', 'Aksar', 'Aggar' and 'Kisse Pyaar Karoon'. So why did she sign on such few films after 'Paap'?

'Well, I had a certain thought process around signing only those films that had me in a central role. But this didn't quite work because how many women-centric films are actually made today? Guess I had to have a change in mindset and thankfully now I have revisited my priorities. Yes, I have become flexible in my choice of roles but am still particular about the banners I sign and people I work with,' the actress explained.

She is now attempting a different genre with her latest film 'Rokk' -- a supernatural thriller that is set to go on floors by August.

' 'Rokk' will be extremely different from anything that I have done so far. It was important that I work on diverse genres. After giving myself a break to ponder over what I really wanted to do, I decided to work on 'Rokk',' said Udita.

'Rokk' is about two sisters and former Miss India Tanushree Dutta plays Udita's sister. According to Udita, the film has no heroes and the narrative is primarily character-driven.

'The film is directed by this new guy called Rajesh Ranshinge,' she said. 'He is new to films but has been making some good supernatural thrillers for years on television. He has seen it and done it all in TV serials like 'Shh...Koi Hai', 'Aahat' and 'CID'. He is a great guy...someone who is very clear and focussed,' Udita added.

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