

'I can't fake things in life'

Actor SAKSHI TANWAR says she believes in portraying her real self on screen. She talks to DIVYA KAUSHIK about her career choices and believes the negative cameo in *Balika Vadhu* is her best role till date

She claims whatever she has done and achieved till date has been the best and says she couldn't have asked for more. Basking in the glory of success and popularity of her ongoing television serial *Bade Acche Lagte Hai*, Sakshi Tanwar looked fresh and fully charged up on her recent visit to the Capital to launch a tea lounge by the Wagh Bakri Tea group.

Asked if traces of Priya (the character she plays in the serial) are present in her, Sakshi replied, "Some are, some not. I take up characters on small screen that are close to my real life and the ones I can relate with. I can't fake things. I don't want to go ahead for a shoot with two different personalities in mind, only to repent later. I'm really high on my values and as I come from a small town, I know and understand how much the masses believe in these roles and acts you put up on screen. Priya is somewhat like real Sakshi in terms of she is a modern girl who believes in her principles."

The actor, who took a sabbatical of two years after working for eight years in Ekta Kapoor's *Kahani Ghar Ki* as Parvati, considers herself lucky to make a comeback in a completely different avatar. "Whatever success and popularity I achieved during *Kahani...* was enough for me to last a lifetime. Whatever I got now is the bonus and I'm thankful for it. I agree television has a short shelf-life and it is difficult to get the right scripts but I was never in a hurry.



I kept doing small roles like the cameo in *Balika Vadhu*. Though the character had a negative shade, it was very believable. In fact, I consider it the best role I've done. Then I also anchored a few episodes of *Crime Patrol*, something I truly enjoyed doing. I never plan things and take them as they come. I think that really helps," she said and added that keeping in mind the changing concepts and stories on small screen today, *Bade Acche Lagte Hai* is an ideal theme. "In terms of execution almost everything remains the same, but the stories have changed over the last two-and-a-half years. I think *Bade...* has the right mix and the right recipe for the audience," shared Sakshi who is also working in a movie with Sunny Deol.

During the sabbatical, Sakshi also assisted her friend as creative assistant for *Samman Ek Adhikar* on Doordarshan. "She required a helping hand and I offered my services. I must admit I learnt so much during that phase as I was a part of conceptualisation, channel meetings and even costume designing. I realised that as an actor it is so easy to be the face of the serial and walk away with the credit but the end product is the result of hard work put in by so many people of the unit. I think it is important for every actor to go through it," she said and concluded by saying she is looking forward to doing something more innovative in the near future.