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SACHIN KHEDEKAR



OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO
MARATHI CINEMA OF THE YEAR 2018

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A veteran of theatre, television, Marathi, Tamil and Hindi film industry for around 3 decades now – Sachin Khedekar is an actor of all shades and hue.

But Sachin is not just an exceptional arthouse actor. He has had tremendous success in mainstream Bollywood productions with two successive 100 crore films – *“Singham”* and *“Agneepath”*.

Born and brought up in Vile Parle East, he has been fond of acting since his college days as he was a part of the theatre group in his college. Ever since he stepped into the world of acting, like he said 'he got sucked into the profession of acting' deeper and deeper and has shown us his versatility over the span of a glorious career. Though he has been a big part of theatre, television as well as feature films, he strongly believes that *“theatre belongs to the actor, television to the writers and films belong to the director.”* So as a true actor, the stage will always hold an exceptionally important place in his heart. And his films help him reach out to his audience and give his fans what they want.

Any mention of his recent television show - *Kon Hoil Marathi Crorepati* (Marathi KBC) - easily reflects how well he carries the twin weights of expectations and comparisons while shooting for the show. Sachin is very much aware of the pressure to deliver - since the Hindi KBC show is synonymous with Mr. Amitabh Bacchan. Sachin takes great pride in hosting the Marathi show as he shares an amazing connection with the Marathi crowd being a Maharashtrian himself. He enjoys talking to them and loves to see someone's life change dramatically.

Perhaps more than any award Sachin cherishes his unique experience and joy of working with one of the

pioneers of the film industry, Mr. Shyam Benegal. There's always a hint of nostalgia in his voice as he talks about his beloved role - bringing alive onscreen one of history's greatest leaders, the iconic and enduring Subhash Chandra Bose. Sachin is always effusive in his praise for Mr. Benegal and the influence he has had on his life professionally as well as personally as a guide and a philosopher. He has helped him deliver his roles efficiently and also inculcate the qualities of a character and portray it not only on the screen, but beyond it where it reaches his audience, which is evident in his magnificent movies *“Me Shivaji Raje Bhosale Boltoy”, “Kaksparsha”* and *“Taryanche Bet”*

With his vast experience in the world of cinema, one thing that he would like to change about the Hindi film industry, as he often says that he would love to change the perception of Bollywood internationally, wherein they just think of it in terms of song and dance. He wishes to take it beyond our shores and wants the international market to notice other qualities as well.

It is really incredible to think how the very person who portrays the character of Netaji in a Shyam Benegal Masterpiece – can effortlessly play the characters that he had played in *“Shingham”* and *“Agneepath”*. The unique type of the comic character that he played in *“Shingham”* stood out distinctively amidst the star-studded ensemble of some of the big names from the industry. Whereas in *“Agneepath”* – he played a diametrically opposite role of an antagonist. Currently he is one of the most sought after and respected Marathi actors, as he continues to work extensively and untiringly for the development of Marathi film and television industry.



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