

Biography of Actress Nagma



Miss Nandita Arvind Morarji, better known as “Nagma,” is an accomplished Bollywood actress with tremendous versatility and skill. Entering the film industry at a young age, Nagma is probably the only actress of her kind to have played a variety of roles in over 100 movies spanning 10 different languages, which allowed her to travel extensively to shooting locales across India and the world. This kaleidoscopic exposure to different languages and cultures has helped significantly broaden her horizon as an actress as well as a human being.

Nagma made a high impact debut in the Indian film industry in 1989, playing the lead role in the widely acclaimed movie “Baaghi,” where she was paired opposite heartthrob of the nation, Salman Khan. The debut film made waves at the box office, jumpstarting her career.

Her eagerness to travel and experience the “real” India subsequently led her to regional films. A fast learner, she quickly acquired fluency in Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, Malayalam, Bengali, Bhojpuri, Punjabi and even Marathi, in addition to being already well versed with Hindi and English. Nagma belongs to an elite category of Bollywood actresses, with a career spanning close to two decades during which she has appeared alongside both mainstream and regional superstars, covering the length and breadth of the Indian film industry.

To name a few, Nagma has worked with superstars like Amitabh Bachchan, Hema Malini, Shah Rukh Khan, Salman Khan, Rajnikanth, Sanjay Dutt, Akshay Kumar, Ajay Devgan, Govinda, Karisma Kapur, Chiranjeevi, Nagarjuna, and "Major Chandrakanth" NTR Mohan Babu. Some memorable movies in which Nagma starred in include Feroz Khan’s Yalgaar, where she was paired opposite Sanjay Dutt, Inder Kumar’s Suhaag, opposite Akshay Kumar, Rakesh Roshan’s King Uncle with Shah Rukh Khan, Sawaan Kumar Tak’s Bewafaa Se Wafaa opposite Vivek Mushran, Hasti with Jackie Shroff and Naseeruddin Shah, Baasha opposite Rajnikanth, Kaadalan opposite Prabhudeva in Tamil, Gharana Mogguddu with Chiranjeevi and Warsuda, and Allari Alladdu opposite Nagarjuna, Kurrban Rani opposite Shiv Raj Kumar, Ravi Mama opposite Ravi Chandran, Chathurangam opposite Mohanlal in Malayalam, Ek Jind Ek Jaan in Punjabi, Porinaam in Bengali, Thamb Lakshmi Thamb in Marathi, Ganga in Bhojpuri with Amitabh Bachchan, Hema Malini and Ravi Kisen, Raja Thakur with Shatrughan Sinha and Manoj Tiwari.





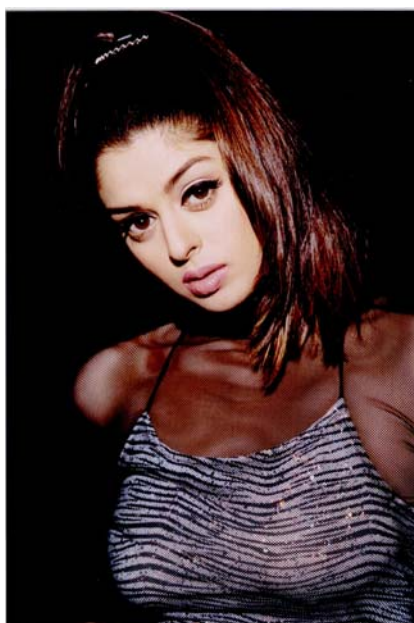
For over a decade, Nagma ruled the Indian film industry as the “Queen of the South,” delivering one hit after the other, and later assumed a similar leadership position in the northern Indian film industry. Thanks to her amazing career, Nagma is today instantly recognizable not just across the nation but the world.

Born on the 25th of December, on Christmas day to a Muslim mother and a Hindu father, Nagma has grown up in an extremely liberal atmosphere respecting traditions and cultures of all religions. Nagma’s ancestral roots can be traced to the widely respected Morarji family—her grandfather, the late Shri Dharamse Pratapsingh Morarji,

was an established businessman, running a diverse business with interests mainly in pharmaceuticals. Her immediate family has been a part of the Indian film industry for over half a century, making significant achievements in both film production and direction. Sister Jyothika has been a successful actress in the southern Indian film industry as well.

Thanks to her cosmopolitan upbringing, Nagma has always been inclined towards subjects such as travel, religion, spirituality and world peace. She is also an avid reader, having read the Qur'an, Bhagavad Gita, and the Bible. Under the guidance of noted spiritual reformist and Guru, Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, she successfully completed her Art of Living course and later took up the mantle of teaching the same course to others. Nagma is a passionate observer and writer, and a philanthropist at heart. Affiliated with leading sociable causes and charities, she strives to bring a change in the lives of the underprivileged and economically challenged sections of society.

A true patriot, she believes that each individual should have a burden to serve their nation and not just pursue their individual dreams and aspirations. Setting an example from her own life, Nagma has continuously been involved with social causes despite her career engagements.



Besides being an acclaimed movie star, Nagma has also dabbled in clothing, launching an exclusive boutique in 2003 on Bandra's Hill Road called "Nagma's." In her free time, she enjoys teaching on subjects of spirituality and humanity, as well as swimming, horse riding and badminton. Volleyball remains one of her favorite sports, which she played at an inter-state level during her school days.

Nagma did her schooling from Mount Mary Convent, Bandra, Mumbai, India, and subsequently graduated in the Commerce stream from National College, Bandra. She is currently single and lives in Bandra with her family.