

Dev Anand releases first look of *Chargesheet*



Yashpal Sharma, Denzil Dias, Devshri Khaduri, Naseeruddin Shah, Dev Anand, Divya Dutta, Anish Vikramaditya and Chirag Patil

In its sixth decade, Navketan Productions is back with *Chargesheet*, which is written, produced and directed by Dev Anand himself. The veteran launched the first look of the film at Mumbai's Novotel Hotel recently. Present on the occasion were Naseeruddin Shah, Jackie Shroff, Divya Dutta, Yashpal Sharma, Denzil Dias of Warner Bros. Pictures India that is distributing the film and newcomers Devshri Khaduri, Chirag Patil and Anish Vikramaditya. The film, which also has politician Amar Singh in a role, is slated for release on September

30. A suspense drama, it has Dev Anand in a pivotal role.

Talking on the occasion, Shah stated how he had earlier acted with Dev Anand in *Swami Dada* and the veteran said the actor agreed to do *Chargesheet* as soon as he called him for the project. Jackie was also all praise for the veteran with whose *Swami Dada* he debuted in films. "He is *bhagwan* for me. I am glad that I have his blessings. With this movie, the circle is complete," stated the actor. Divya Dutta came dressed in a red outfit. When asked why, she said that it was because she wore a red outfit the first time she met

Devsaab. As for the newcomers, Devsaab announced that "in my heart they are stars."

Devsaab insisted that *Chargesheet* is an original script and even his next will be a novel story. He recalled how he never went to any acting academy and that his only education in cinema came from Hollywood films, so he was grateful that Warner Bros are handling his movie.

Finally he thanked his son Suniel Anand "without whom this film could not have been made."

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