

profile

Malayali by birth, Gujarati in spirit



Twenty one-year old Gujarat-based actor Pooja Vijayan is set to play an important role in the socially-relevant Malayalam film *Bodhi*. It might be based on author Lakshmi Narasu's book *The Essence of Buddhism*, but Vijayan intends to add to the repertoire by taking a cue from Kumaranasan's *Chandalabhikshuki* and Rabindranath Tagore's *Chadalika*. Says Pooja, "Though my parents are Malayali, I have grown up as a Gujarati. I was born in Ahmedabad, studied at Gandhinagar's Swaminarayan Gurukul, and learnt kathak at Ahmedabad's Gandharv Mahaviyalay."

Her career in South Indian cinema began when she went to Shree Sankaracharya University in Kaladi to study theatre, Mo-

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hiniyattom dance form and to pursue further studies at the prestigious Kerala Kalamandalam in Cheruthuruthy. "I started modelling for leading jewellery brands, saris, and some corporate institutions, like Asianet Data Line, Oushadha Chandrika Soap, ING Vysya Bank," she says.

The print advertorials, ad flicks and hoardings got her leading roles in the Kannada feature film *Apachi*, Malayalam detective film *Thrill* and Tamil film *Pokkiri Pongal*. Subsequently G. Ajayan's

first feature film, *Bodhi*. Because of its social content—exploring the caste system—the movie has evoked interest and critical acclaim among the thinktank.

But the Gujarati belle remains as simple and unpretentious as ever. A great admirer of Bollywood diva, Madhuri Dixit, she says, "I want to be known as a good actress and dancer. And that's all". Kudos and best wishes.

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