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Sassy Sassy

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It's dark in here at Kava lounge, Sector 26, but can't get much brighter with the Sassy girl sitting beside us.

"If w'nt ghod khama then u should be rally naice to dhoks." DJ Sassy Pandez repeats that twice. Not all the scribes understand that.

Excuse the strong accent of our Spanish dame, what she implies is: 'If you want good karma, then you should be really nice to dogs.' Somebody says you'll get a lot of chance to that karma here.

The karma, she says, brings her abundant energy. "Yes. That's the reason why I am so high all the time. I am so popular. I don't do drugs, I don't have alcohol. Music intoxicates me..."

"I am a fast girl at the console. I also do a bit of scratching." Scratching?

"Chuck, chick, chuck, chick, chuck, chick..." She makes a sound, something that we've always associated with a train's sound, and breaks into a giggle. "Yeah. I am just too good at it!"

For the uninitiated, Sassy Pandez is an interna-

tional magazines and has shot for brands like Victoria's Secret.

Born in Spain and brought up in the UK, she has been resident DJ at a club in Egypt. But she says her accent, her style is "just too Miami".

"I was spotted playing in

music, more so, the beats. "They are quite soothing."

So what is she playing tonight? "I'd play some house, hip hop and international stuff," she says, as she instructs somebody: "Can you give me the really popular numbers? The crowd really likes Bollywood here," she says, though not sounding very sure.

"People have different tastes at different places. In Europe and China, the crowd likes very high beats per minute. England likes it slow. And in the US, it's more of underground."

And in India? "I have only played in Delhi and Mumbai. It seems only men party in this country. Very few women come on to the dance floors. Elsewhere, believe me, women outnumber men." Sassy signs off.

The artiste performs at Kava, Chandigarh, tonight

Sassy Pandez, 29, who is been DJing for last 10 years is the face of new 'Apple Bottoms' fragrance alongside Nelly, an American record artiste and actor

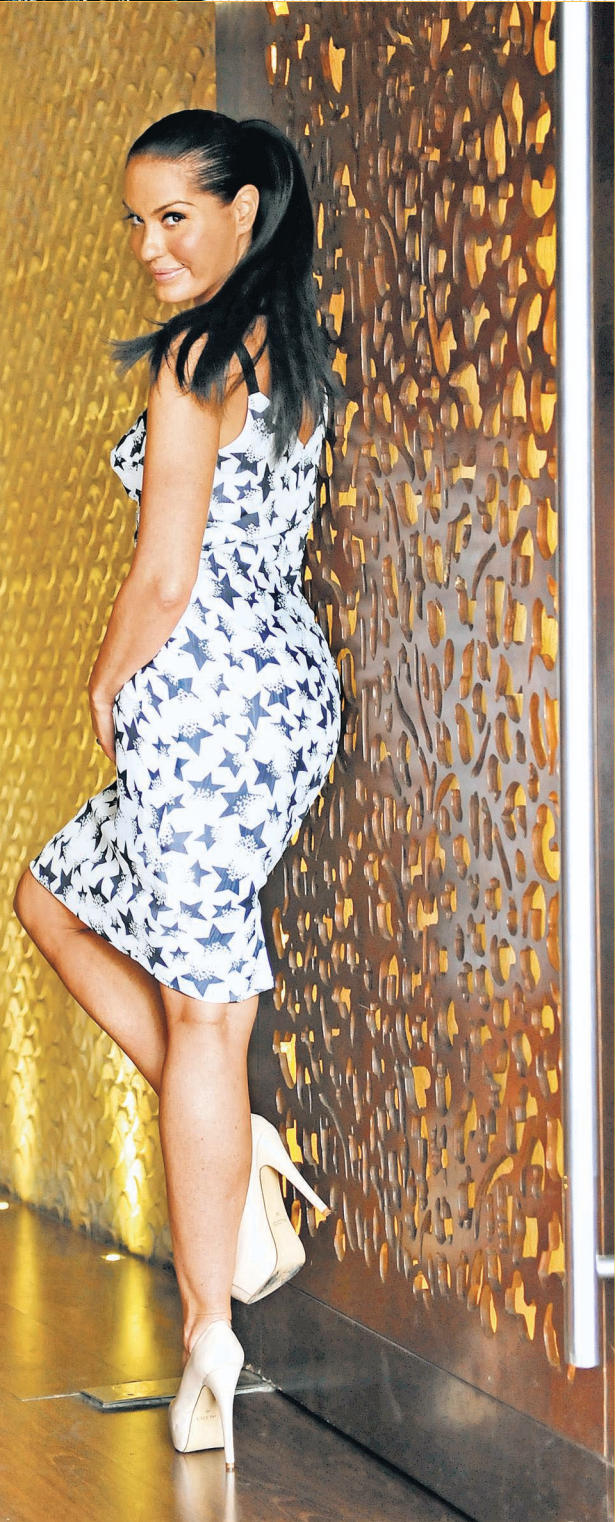
tional hip hop, RnB, reggaeton, dancehall and club classics DJ and model.

"I am just too hyperactive. So tough minded that many think I am an Aries. Although I am Cancer (sic)."

That's why she isn't just remixing tracks but has been a cover girl for in-

one the clubs there," she shares.

And we almost mistook her for an Indian. Thought Pandez is hybrid form of Pande! Never mind, she is in love with India. She wants to have a salwar kameez, a sari... wants to visit a gurudwara too. Sassy enjoys Bollywood



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Bono plans Kenya famine concert



U2 star Bono is teaming up with Senegalese singer Youssou N'Dour for a concert to help end famine in East Africa.

The show, to be held in Kenya next year, will raise money for victims and increase awareness about the famine crisis in the Horn of Africa.

The fundraiser concert will follow an Olympics-inspired global relay, which will see a "solidarity torch" carried around the world in support of the campaign, reported *Contactmusic*.

"(Bono) called me to tell me... 'You can count on me because I'm a friend of Africa and I'm going to support you completely.'"

"Initiatives should not only come from there (the West) but also from here. It is also what we need to do to have a little dignity," N'Dour said. *PTI*

Paris Hilton to become a house music DJ



Socialite Paris Hilton is reportedly training to become a house music DJ.

The 30-year-old has travelled the world learning from top DJs to help her

create her upcoming album, TMZ online reported.

Hilton, who is reportedly planning to appear on stage with Deadmau5 at an upcoming gig, is aiming to become the queen of house

music because no woman has ever taken over in that arena.

Paris Hilton is aiming to release a house music album before the end of this year. *PTI*



My break-up made me mature in life: John

He never discussed about the ups and downs in his relationship in public but Bollywood actor John Abraham says his break-up with Bipasha Basu has made him mature enough to deal with life.

John, 38, dated Basu for ten years and the couple split recently. "I have become mature in life. I must say that every relationship helps you to grow in life and makes you mature. If today I am sitting here and discussing about my personal life which I had never done before, you can easily gauge that how much I am enjoying my space and time now," John said.

Actor John Abraham says he is now enjoying his space and time

"I am happy that now I have time for myself and my ailing parents. They are not keeping well and I am devoting all my time to them," he added.

Professionally also John is enjoying the current phase of his career. He believes his forthcoming release *Force*, Tamil remake of *Kaakha Kaakha*, will enable himself to make a mark in the genre of hardcore action.

"After *Dhoom*, I've not attempted any action film. So, my fans were a little disappointed with me. Many

pointed out that I have the physique and strength, therefore I should attempt a hard core action film. And post this film I think people will find me in the action hero slot," John said.

But he says, it was not intentional to join the league of action heroes of Bollywood. "I think it's all a sheer coincidence that I am playing the character of a cop. We had never planned that all of us will play the character of an outrageous cop. But I feel Salman bhai and Ajay Devgn have brilliantly played the character," he added.

John had to undergo strict regime to prepare for his character.

"I had to take special training for this film. When we finalised the film, the director (Nishikant Kamath) had said that he wanted a body which looked international and I had only eight months to prepare. He wanted me to look like Sylvester Stallone," John said.

When asked whether Stallone was the inspiration behind his eight pack abs, the actor said, "Stallone has been an inspiration for me from the time I was in school when *Rocky 4* came out. That is when I had found inspiration from him to be fit like him."

John says his film comes with a strong message. "I am playing an anti-drug officer and personally also I don't believe in drugs. People who are into drugs are escapists."

"Through my film, I would really want our youth to understand that due to peer pressure, people get misled. It just destroys your body completely and this is the message that we are trying to give with this film." *PTI*

Galliano is guilty

British designer John Galliano has been found guilty of racist and anti-Semitic behaviour by a Paris court.

Galliano, who was facing charges of "casting public insults based on origin, religious affiliation, race or ethnicity" by French authorities, was ordered by court Thursday to pay a total fine of £5,200, reports *guardian.co.uk*.

The 50-year-old, who was not present in court during hearing, was arrested in February this year following an altercation with a couple outside a Paris cafe where he used racist and anti-Semitic language.

Following his arrest, Galliano was sacked from fashion house Dior and his eponymous label John Galliano. *IANS*

