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HICHAND GHANSHYAMDAS JAIPUR. SHOES, JIMMY CHOO.  
ON KAREENA: BLAZER, VALENTINO. TROUSERS, ESSE STU-  
DIOS. NECKLACE, BIRDHICHAND GHANSHYAMDAS JAIPUR.  
SHOES, CHRISTIAN LOUBOUTIN. ON KRITI: DRESS, SHOES;  
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Photographed by James Tolich

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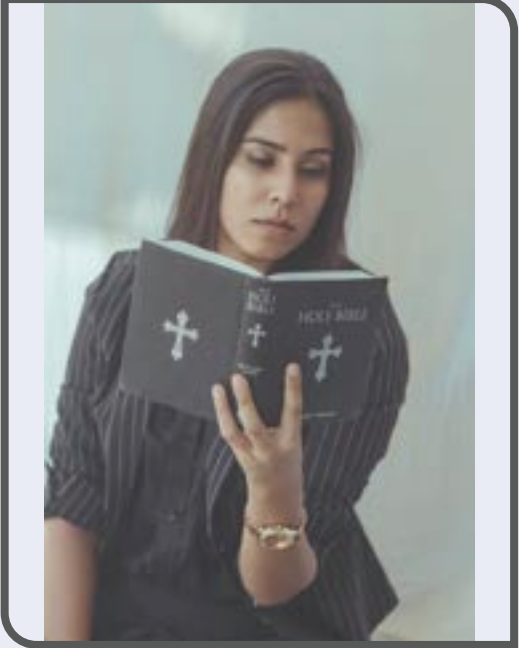


GIRL POWER  
Tabu, Kareena Kapoor Khan and Kriti Sanon  
on the set of our cover shoot

# THE STARS ALIGN

LOOKING AT OUR November cover, three generations of strong Bollywood female leads poised together in one frame, I have to take a minute to appreciate that sometimes, the stars really do align. Mere weeks before our looming deadline for the issue, I sat on Rhea Kapoor's couch in her made-for-Instagram Bandra home and she said, "Let's do this." So we did. Cue photographer James Tolich and racks of timeless, black bodycon silhouettes à la Azzedine Alaïa, Bottega Veneta and Valentino, paired with dazzling jewels from Birdhichand Ghanshyamdas Jaipur as we pay tribute to the combined power of the female form, the movie star and women standing together. While my education into the inner workings of Bollywood is still nascent, I'm so proud to have Vogue India's stamp on this industry-first trio of an all-female cast comprising Tabu, Kareena Kapoor Khan and Kriti Sanon, backed as box-office gold. In an industry where the viability of projects is pegged against the leading hero, this is a necessary step in the right direction. Behind the camera as well, Rhea and Ekta R Kapoor, the trailblazing producer duo, bring this dream cast to life, making *The Crew* one of the most-anticipated films to watch out for. I, for one, cannot wait for the movie to hit screens. On the theme of female allyship, but this time wrapped in big woo-woo energy, I immensely enjoyed the conversation

between singer-songwriters Asha Puthli and Raveena Aurora. The riveting back and forth between the legendary 77-year-old jazz singer, who plays muse to the record-breaking 29-year-old musician, swirls like heady love notes, spanning everything from Indian space princesses and spiritual magic to ancient South Asian wisdom and marrying a gay man. Shriya Zamindar speaks with *Darlings* protagonist and actor-of-the-moment Vijay Varma on his love of fashion, his artfully (read: obsessively) curated sneaker collection and gender neutrality. We round up the Cruise 2023 season highlights and cull the standout trends that will dominate the fashion calendar. And finally, with the festive season fast approaching, we take cues from model and influencer Subiksha Shivakumar's striking makeup looks. After all, it's always the season to express yourself



DOLLAR GILL

**Contractor is one of Bollywood's most sought-after makeup artists whose three decades of experience and expertise has led him to launch his own line of products with M.A.C. For Vogue India's November cover, he works his magic on Kareena Kapoor Khan.**

RAHABI KHAN

A journalist and entrepreneur, Singh Sawhney is currently writing a collection of short stories while also building and running her artisanal kombucha brand, Bhu. In 'Kiss of kismet', she speaks with record-breaking musician Raveena Aurora and legendary jazz singer Asha Puthli who talk about collaborating on the former's latest album.



CANDICE PICARD

An Auckland native, Tolich has refined his artistic sensitivity while working in New York, Paris, London and Sydney, moving freely between photographic modes—a fluency in style that became characteristic of his practice. In 'The gang's all here', he trains a fresh lens on Bollywood stars Tabu, Kareena Kapoor Khan and Kriti Sanon.



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