

Pooja Batra



BIRTHDATE
October 27th, 1974

BIRTHPLACE
Faizabad, India

CURRENT RESIDENCE
Los Angeles, CA, US and Mumbai, India

PROFESSION
Actress, host, producer, and entrepreneur

Pooja Batra is an actress, host, producer, and entrepreneur, who was born in India and now splits her time between Los Angeles and Mumbai. She is, in her own words, “lucky enough to still be in the career I love: acting.” Pooja has completed three independent movies, is hosting a TV show, and has been in many commercials. She got her start by winning Miss India, which resulted in a flood of movie offers. Pooja auditioned for two movies, *Virasat* and *Bhai*, and booked them both. The rest is history.

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Reflections

On Success

The secret to my success is a lot of luck, hard work, and belief in myself.

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On Volunteering

I believe in empowering women & children in rural India. I have consistently donated to orphanages and also to institutions that provide free education to underprivileged children, so that they get an equal chance to move forward in society.

On Her Career Path

I have completed three independent movies and done tons of commercials. Currently, I'm hosting my own TV show. How did I get into this business? I won Miss India and was flooded with movie offers. I auditioned for two movies, *Virasat* and *Bhai*, and booked

them both. I am still acting, albeit not as much as I would like, and I am exploring the business side of the entertainment industry.

On Education

I have a BA in economics and an MBA in marketing. Education is the foundation of a person. My parents only condition for me to get into movies was that I finish my studies. That is the only way they would allow me to act. So I did. Education gave me the confidence that a lot of actors don't have.

I was able to fund my education through my modeling work, which began when I was sixteen.

On Childhood

I am was an army brat. My dad was in the infantry and my mom was a cosmetologist. I had a great childhood. We changed cities every two-and-a-half years. I was lucky to have two partners in crime, otherwise

known as my brothers, to keep me company.

There was a lot of emphasis on sports and travel. My parents are the most forward thinking, ahead-of-their-time people. I am so lucky to be their daughter.

On Faith

I am proud to be a Hindu. I am more spiritual than religious. I do believe in one supreme power. My faith in things, people, and myself has increased, thanks to the culture I grew up in.