



Singer Tulsi Kumar is riding on a good phase. She is having the best of both worlds—a rising career and a loving new family

## Life is beautiful

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Tulsi Kumar is the singer who you have hummed along in *Tum Jo Aaye Zindagi Mein* and more recently *Saiyan Superstar*. Usually known for soft, melodious numbers, *Saiyan* is Tulsi's first foot-tapping, fast, peppy number and if you have enjoyed this, good news is that you will get to listen to more such numbers from her soon. The playback singer who recently got hitched in a fairytale wedding chats up with Life+Style.

### Dream come true

I did have a dream wedding and I have to thank my family and friends, especially my mother for making it possible. We hired no wedding planner, and my mum looked into every little detail. Spread across three cities, I am so glad we decided to have pheras at our home in Delhi. Some 10 pandits chanted the mantras at pheras and then there were traditional wedding songs that

kept the ceremony sacred and sacrosanct.

### Balancing act

Post marriage life is beautiful. I am enjoying this new phase. I still hop between Delhi and Mumbai, for one is home and the other is my work city. And, I am so glad to have found an encouraging husband and mother-in-law. With their support and encouragement, I am hoping to balance both the worlds.

### Turning point

I was very young when my father would hear me hum and tell my mom that I have a sweet voice. I started training at the age of six on my father's insistence. The credit goes to my mother that after we lost dad and moved to Delhi; she made sure that I kept on learning music. This is not something that one fine day you just go and start singing; you have to practice daily for years. I started playback singing when I was barely 20 and slowly and steadily I have found my niche in the industry. *Tum Jo Aaye Zindagi Mein* has been the true turning point in my career.

### Dad's the way

I am my father's daughter. In fact, all three of us—Bhuvan, I and Khushali have taken after him in

being totally devoted and dedicated to the work that we take up. We have seen dad, despite running a huge empire, report to shoots on time. I am religious like him too. I truly consider myself fortunate to be born in this family.

### Career front

I have worked with most composers and learnt nuances of the profession from them. And how to render a song in a particular composer's style has been an enriching journey. I wish to work with AR Rahman Sir. He is truly a great musician. I have recently sung for Meet Brothers in *Junoonyat* and for Kunal Kohli's film *Phir Se*. I have also redone my song *Baarith* from *Yuriyan* with another artiste Arjun. And this year I am also planning to release my new single.

### Homely heart

I do work in the glamour industry but deep down I am a girl next door, totally homely and I love being in my new home. Yes, Hindi cinema is the staple that I live on and I have told my hubby that he must take me out once a week for a film. Professionally, I am giving in my best to win and keep the love my fans have showered on me!

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