

BIKER GIRL

Stunt biker Anam Hashim travels to Khardung La at 18,000 ft on a scooty

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Barely 20, Lucknow girl Anam Hashim has performed over 200 stunt biking shows across the country. She added another feather in her cap by scaling highest motorable road in the world — Khardung La (Ladakh) at over 18,000 feet. She owns a high-end biking accessories online company and plans to open one-stop biking store in Pune later this year.

“Professional stunt biking has taken me across the length and breadth of India but I was yet to scale the greater heights of Himalayas. I was really fascinated when a bike company chose me to ride their scooty to Ladakh. I am a biker and riding a scooty was tough for me but I took the challenge. It was one such experience which I will cherish all my life,” she tells HT City during her visit to hometown for Id-ul-Zuha celebrations.

Anam started her journey from Jammu on September 1 and went via Srinagar, Kargil to Leh and returned via Sarchu, Manali and Mandi to Amritsar to end her journey in 18 days.

“Compared to bike, TVS scooty is a lighter vehicle with lesser torque, power and lot of vibration, hence more tiresome. I covered 2,300 kms out of which more than half was treacherous and not motorable at all. But I had confidence in my riding skills and completed the adventure without any problem. It was freezing cold at Khardung La and sub-minus temperature at

Pangong Tso but was great fun,” she recalls during her de-stressing visit.

After completing her education from Lucknow Public School, Anam moved to biking-hub Pune to pursue her passion for stunt biking and further studies. “I was driving my father’s bike even before my legs could reach the ground. I was very fascinated with MTV Stunt Mania and started learning stunts on my friend’s bikes. I got my first 125-CC bike when I was in Class 11 — even before I was eligible for a license,” she tells with a smile agreeing that it was not the right thing to do.

After Class 12 she moved to Pune for B Com but she had something else on mind. “My father supported me fully while my mom was apprehensive. I moved to Pune, a haven for stunt biking and racing with dedicated zone. Here in Lucknow people do stunts on roads which brings a bad name to actual stunt bikers. Soon I realized B Com was not my cup of tea so I switched to fashion designing which I



actually enjoy. Now, I am professionally into stunt biking along with my group consisting of nine bikers.”

She started online retail of high-end stunt biking accessories. “Now I plan to open first-of-its-kind store by this year-end which will have stunt biking gears,

engine and exterior modification, all under one

roof,” she tells. Anam has plan to take up professional racing and is exploring international avenues also.

Claiming to be the only female professional stunt biker in the country, Anam sustained two major injuries while stunting. “Once I had 10 stitches near the knee cap and once I fractured my forearm. During stunts I am heavily guarded with world-class cushioned accessories and my advice to everyone is to be safe and take proper training before going for stunts,” she tells before signing off.



Lucknow-girl Anam Hashim poses with her bike and (top) in an ecstatic mood after scaling the Khardung La top