



Iqbal Khan and Jharvi Chedha posing at Hotel Fortune Landmark on Thursday at the promotion of 'Chhoona Hai Asmaan' serial to be aired on Star One. PHOTO:HT

Star One launches *Chhoona Hai Asmaan*

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"LOVE ON different degrees for people and places" is a good message for the society in these "turbulent" times, opined TV actor Iqbal Khan. On a promotion tour of his latest serial 'Chhoona Hai Asmaan' to be aired on Star One, the artist interacted with media persons at Hotel Fortune Landmark in the City on Thursday.

Khan who plays the lead role of Flight Lieutenant Abhimanyu Adhikari on small screen said, "Viewers today are cluttered with all sorts of programmes on Indian television from family soaps to reality TV. Our new serial, based on the Indian Air Force as a background, focuses on relations between the officers and their personal lives. The unique strength of this programme is its message delivered in the tag line *deh se bhi pyar hota hai*."

"My role in the serial is inspired by the character Jai in the immortal movie *Sholay* as he is a natural leader who leads by example. A man of few words he comes up with one-liners and subtle humour

and who doesn't care about others' perception for himself. An expert in guerrilla warfare he is left with Sukhoi-30 fighter aircraft."

New face on the small screen, Jharvi Chedha, who plays the role of Weapons System Officer Sameera Singh said, "My role portrays me as the first Indian female to fly a Sukhoi-30, while in reality the IAF has no women fighter pilots. During the shooting at Jodhpur air base and through the serial itself, it is our endeavour to promote this cause. Our training was for real right from uniform to salute and IAF customs. The show has a different yet authentic look and targets youth looking for an adrenaline rush and honest emotions."

"My character as an efficient navigator is of exceptional skills and bravery. Social bonds are not severe though and feminine qualities of love for values and family stand out, she added.

The serial promises a taste of adventure, drama and emotions and coming as a welcome break from other typical serials will be aired on Star One from Monday to Thursday at 9 pm.