

Industry has treated me well

Iqbal Khan and Shraddha Arya in conversation with HT City

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suave, dapper and highly talented Iqbal Khan and equally talented and pretty Shraddha Arya come across as actors full of life who are ready to take on the world. The two were in the city to promote their upcoming serial Tumhari Paakhi which is going to be aired on November 11. Here Iqbal Khan gets chatty with HT City:

Are you satisfied with the kind of recognition that TV gave you?

Yes very much!! Everything has been superb for me so far. This industry has treated me very well. I am a better person now. And it's because of the kind of people I chanced upon when I came to Mumbai to start a career in showbiz. I got to learn a lot here.

Have you read Sarat Chandra Chatopadhyay's novel Navvidhan, since your show Tumhari Paakhi is based on it?

I am not a voracious reader. I've not even read Archies (laughs). I feel emotion has no concept of time or space. So when Shashiji (Shashi Mittal) came up with the script to me and Shraddha and gave details about the project, we completely wanted to go by her sensibilities.

What's this serial about?

Basically, there are a few topics on which all the serials and movies are made hence the story is similar but what makes it different from others is the characters, their performances and execution of the story. I am really lucky to be associated with this show because it has live characters. Hope is the core emotion that runs through

the story ...an emotion that runs through all our lives as well! It is a simple yet gripping story that traces the journey of a naive yet strong, down to earth girl waiting for her husband to resurrect their love.

We've heard that the show is quite expensive. Is that true?

Yes it is true. We have shot in locations like Panchgani, Udaipur, Chittor, Shimla, Satara and Mumbai. The sets are beautiful and have Rajasthani flavour.

You are working with Shraddha for the first time. How was it like working with her?

Fabulous! Shraddha is an awesome co-star to work with. We get along very well and when you see the show you'll praise our chemistry, which is

amazing. She is not only pretty but also a very competent actor.

