

Iqbal returns to television as *Devdas*

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THE ASIAN AGE

Iqbal Khan is back on television after a long hiatus of two years. And now he'll be seen sharing screen space with veteran Bollywood actress Aruna Irani in a serial titled *Sanjog Se Bani Sangini*. Shot extensively in Haridwar, the show also stars Sudha Chandran.

The story of this serial is inspired from the superhit film *Devdas* and Iqbal will be playing the lead protagonist. Speaking of his comeback, the actor says, "Yes it's been a long gap and I am more than happy to be back in serials. But I won't call it a second innings really. I'm



Iqbal Khan in a still from *Sanjog Se Bani Sangini*

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pretty much continuing from where I had left off."

However, he does admit that shooting for *Sanjog Se Bani* has been a hectic ride. Ask him about his experience of working with Aruna Irani and he says, "It feels great to be working with her. We have a lot of fun on the sets.

She's so full of life."

Iqbal has flirted with Bollywood too, albeit briefly. His early films *Fun2shh* and *Bullet* did not do wonders to his career. But the spirited actor says, "Films are a tricky bargain. There are big films with huge stars that flop. One can never tell. I'm not from a film background. So it's not easy for me. And anyway, I'm not thinking of getting into films now."