

## Small screen, big presence

Iqbal Khan loves the small screen



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In television shows, which are on day in and day out these days, it is not easy for an actor to hold on to viewers' attention for long. That way, Iqbal Khan, who has done serials like Waaris and Kaisa Yeh Pyaar, seems to be a lucky man. He is seen these days in Zee TV's Sanjog Se Bani Sangini. Loosely falling in the bracket of a chocolate hero, Iqbal, though, claims it is tough to act in tele-series. "Television is a very demanding medium. Whatever we are shooting today is going to be televised tomorrow. Long shoots and very little time for rehearsals and very little space for retakes." Yet, Iqbal is both successful and happy with his stint on television.

Iqbal was specifically approached for the role of Rudra in Sanjog Se Bani Sangini. Says Iqbal, "Rudra is unlike what I am in real life, and that makes it a challenging job. But I really love my character and hope my fans like it too."

Iqbal spoke to the media on the sidelines of the shoot at Mud Islands in Mumbai. Taking time out from the shoot, Iqbal claims he is happy being on television now despite his brief stint with films. He has earlier done films like Fun2oosh and Bullet but Iqbal says, "I have done some films, but I love to work on television though it is more demanding and the shooting goes on till late in the night but I am very much satisfied with working on the small screen."

And he does not miss the stardom which comes with films; rather, he is happy with the limited fame he gets for the work on television. "I am quite comfortable with people asking for my autographs on the boat on my way home or wherever I go. I consider that one of the perks of the job."

Iqbal is choosy about the serials he is associated with and has had the guts to turn down Bigg Boss. "I was approached for Bigg Boss Season-I but I refused, as besides money I want work satisfaction, which comes first for me."