

When I had to wait for two years to find my Sangini

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Two years is a long time, at least for someone who is used to working 16 hours a day. And it has been two years since I have done something on television! Naturally, I was very excited when I started *Sangini* on Zee TV.

In the last two years, everyone – be it the media or my fans – has been asking me about my career and what my plans were. But since I was not doing anything new or significant, I did not feel like sharing it. I was waiting for the right opportunity to come and it finally came in the form of *Sangini*.

In the last two years, a lot has changed in television. It has become more rustic, the flavours are more regional and driven by particular languages. Unfortunately, I am not very fond of that and do not want to see myself doing that.

Most people I interact with often ask me why I opt for romantic roles and my standard answer to them is that God has been very kind to me. All my characters from Angad (*Kaisa Ye Pyar Hai*), Shiv (*Karam Apna Apna*), Abhimanyu (*Choono Hain Aasman*) and Shankar (*Waaris*) have been well accepted by my fans. Though I have done few shows, I have done good quality ones and I strongly believe that *Sangini* will also have the same impact.

I feel the television industry is controlled by the content and not by actors or stars. If some actor thinks a show is successful because of him, he is not right. Content is king here.

Though most of my shows have been successful, I must also say that the biggest learning came from the failure of two of my most ambitious projects – *Fun2ssh* and *Bullet*. Both these films flopped and the struggle I had to undergo after that was unimaginable.

I am very lazy by nature but when it comes to interacting with my fans, I am proactive. My wife Sneha checks my mails and social networking accounts regularly and keeps me updated about everything that is going on. I am lucky to have her.

I feel if you are honest with your work and give it your best, you should not worry about anything.