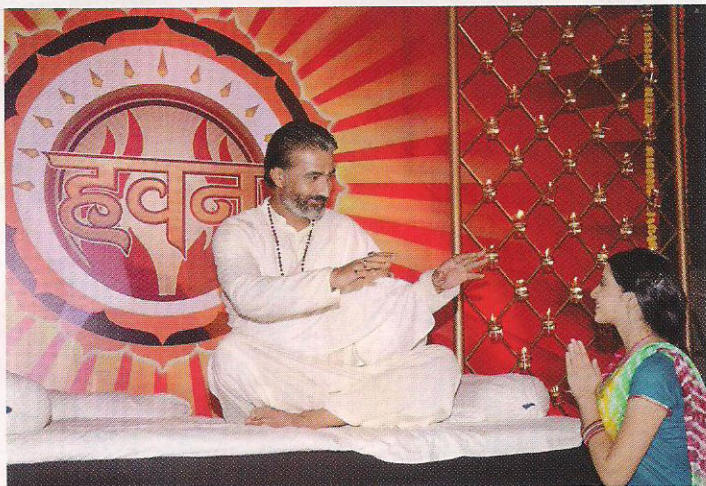


Exploring faith



When we walked into The Club for the launch press conference of the new show *Hawan* on COLORS, we were in for a pleasant surprise, because a hawan was on and the media was asked to leave their shoes outside and sit on the ground on mattresses and listen to Narendra Jha's spiritual discourse. The channel explores yet again a virgin territory with the show *Hawan*, starting September 26, Monday to Friday at 7.00 pm.

Produced by Rajan Shahi, *Hawan* is a tale pegged on the relationship between a 'believer' and a Guru (Baapji) and the myriad of human emotions that exist between them capturing the journey that goes behind people's faith. The show plays on the factoids behind human psychology and the veracity of faith. Baapji, the protagonist of the show is a common man but with unnatural powers who is made a 'Living God' by people. They swear by his remedies and idolize him as an answer to all their problems. A man with a family who lives in the 21st century among mortals and a mortal himself, Baapji is a doctor, a spiritual healer but positioned higher than God!

Says Ashvini Yardi, Head of Programming, COLORS said, "With *Hawan*, we explore yet again a completely fresh concept and foray into a new territory which captures the journey of what goes behind people's faith and beliefs. It is an attempt to understand the human side of the inter-relationships, the conflicts within, the idea of faith and belief and the power of love. It deals with a gamut of human emotions that exist in our society, without getting judgmental about the society or a person in particular."

Rajan Shahi, the founder of Directors Kut Production asserts that *Hawan* is a story about a devotee and God and not a religious show. "The show is purely fictional with many situations playing on human emotions. Every aspect of the story and characters has been well researched and build on the idea of faith making it relevant to the society."

While Narendra Jha plays the main protagonist Baapji, Sahiba plays Baapji's serene wife Janki, Pankaj plays the eldest son Saam and portraying his wife's character is Shubhagi as Trishna. Atul Srivastava plays the role of Baapji's confidante Chaturvediji and newcomer Shrenu plays the lead as Aastha, a staunch devotee of Baapji.