

On a dramatic journey

Shashi-Sumeet Mittal are working on four different shows for channels including ZEEL's upcoming GEC, SET, Life OK and Sony Pal

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Known for their heart-warming family dramas like *Diya Aur Baati Hum*, Two's Company owned by Shashi-Sumeet Mittal is currently on a super active mode. The production house that churned out *Ek Rishta Aisa Bhi* for Sony Pal recently, has four other shows lined up that will be aired across channels, the immediate next being the tentatively titled *Dil Deke Dekho* on Sony Entertainment Television starring Jhalak Desai, Fawad Ali, Darshan Zariwala and Bobby Perwez. "There's *Mera Nikhattu* on Star Plus after that. It may go on air sometime in October," says Sumeet Mittal about the show that stars actors including Amita Khapkar, Madhuri Sangeet, Neha Kaul and Akhilendra Mishra. He also talking about another show — a family drama based in Bengal — that will be telecast on the upcoming general entertainment channel (GEC) under the & brand of Zee Entertainment Enterprises Limited (ZEEL) that may go on air by the year end.

"The brief from the channel was to come up with a concept with which we are comfortable and something that the audiences can relate to," says Mittal confessing that he understands family dramas the best. "But we bring a lot of novelty to our shows by capturing varied shades of different relationships," he says as he talks about his recent show *Ek Rishta...* that features the relationship of a man with his wife's family, especially sisters. "If a sister can be like a mother, why can't a brother-in-law be a father figure? We wanted to explore this angle," says Mittal as



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Fahad Ali

he further talks about the show *Dil Deke Dekho* that is a story about two immature lovers (Jhalak and Fahad) whose relationship matures as they grow older.

"*Mera Nikhattu* is again a love story set in a small town," says Mittal.

The production house has also been in talks with Colors for quite sometime and a new show may be on the cards soon. "However, we have already been commissioned a love story by Life OK which will go on air once our show, *Tumhari Paakhi* on the channel, goes off-air," says Mittal, who has got a lion's share on television and is soon looking to tap the other mediums like the web and films.



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