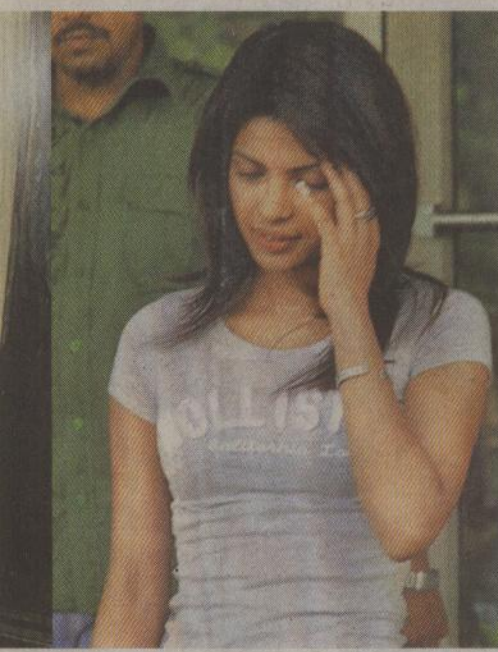


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(Clockwise) Aishwarya Rai Bachchan, Priyanka Chopra, Shahid Kapoor and Deepika Padukone

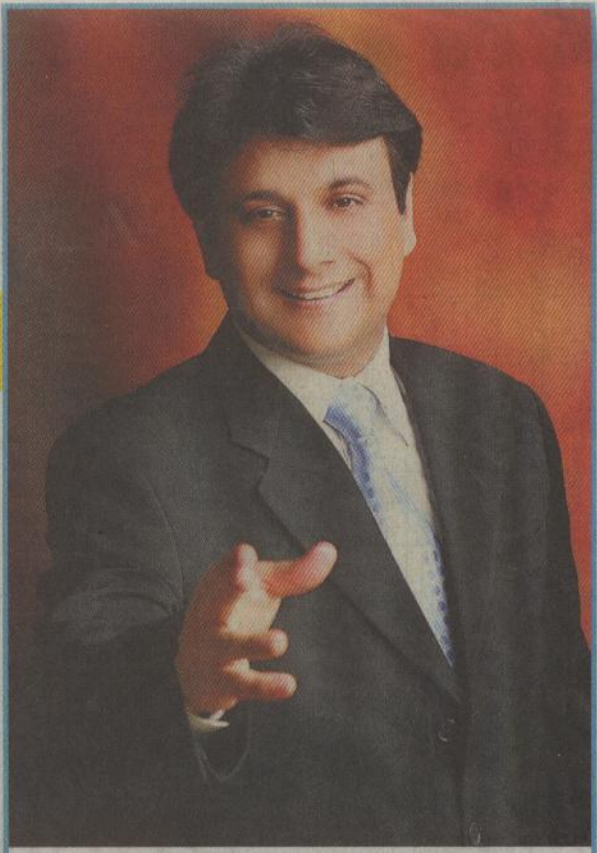
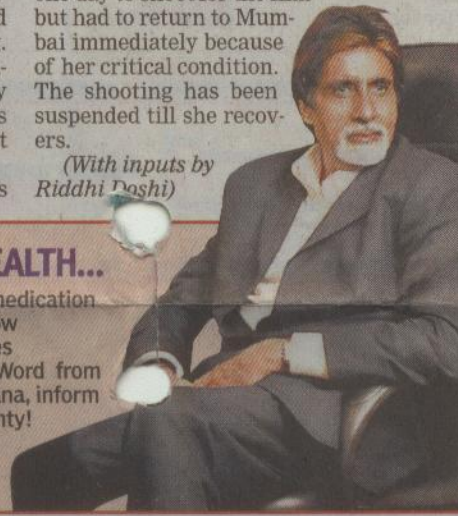


missed his shoot since last Tuesday because of high fever. "His eyes are red and the doctor has told him that he has also got an infection in the stomach. He has been put on antibiotics and the doctor has advised him bedrest," says a close friend.

What's interesting to note is that around the same time, Priyanka Chopra also fell ill with viral flu. Now, could this be a case of getting too close for comfort? "She tweeted that she was feeling unwell," says a source. "But it was amazing that she didn't request her director to let her off early even when she was not feeling up to it." Though she is feeling better today, sources say that Priyanka is still feeling weak post the flu.

Deepika Padukone who was shooting for *Housefull* has been diagnosed with malaria. While it was earlier assumed that it was viral fever, now reports have confirmed that it is indeed malaria. She went to London for one day to shoot for the film but had to return to Mumbai immediately because of her critical condition. The shooting has been suspended till she recovers.

(With inputs by Riddhi Doshi)



Minocher Patel,
motivational speaker

'It's a nice city to live in'

I have a special bond with this city as I have been born and brought up here. Wherever I go, after some time I start missing Pune. Many years ago I had a choice among three places where I could settle, Mumbai, Dubai and Pune but I had no second thoughts about choosing Pune as my permanent place of residence. There is a certain tranquility and peace, which is so special of this city. There is something magical about Pune. In spite of problems like pollution, bad roads, bad traffic (though in the recent past quality of roads in certain parts have definitely improved). It is still a nice city to live in.

and the difference between Deccan and Camp. I came to understand both psyches - and it was quite a revelation!

Pune has become a great place for a professional. The way the city is growing, it is only getting better. The only thing to worry about is the increasing pollution and crazy traffic. When I was in college, the air was definitely more clean and fresh. The mornings were especially beautiful. The evenings, fortunately, are still good. The variety of restaurants and choice of food offered in our city is amazing.

.hello Pune.

I am fortunately blessed to have my office and home close by. They are just 10 to 15 minutes away from each other that is only possible in a place like Pune. I have chosen it that way. It is a blessing when you manage to reach home quickly after work. In a way, Pune has a small town feel, but also has big city experience, with its big malls and nightlife.

As told to Kavita Kané

role was incredibly long — she had to sometimes wear the wet outfits for over 10 hours. The last few days have been incredibly bad for her health and she's now on medication."

The insider adds, "Mani (Ratnam) really wanted her to take rest but Ash insisted that she would like to continue shooting. The reason being she wants to quickly finish her work and dash back for Sanjay Leela Bhansali's *Guzaarish* that also has Hrithik Roshan in it. She also doesn't want Mani to undergo any losses."

Shahid Kapoor, on the other hand, has

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Navya Naveli settles down well without medication and some semblance of normalcy, but now her brother and the younger Agastya goes down with high fever. And that's not all. Word from the forests of Kerala and the sets of *Ravana*, inform us that Aishwarya is down too. Uncertainty!

Amitabh Bachchan -
Singapore, July 28, 2009