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## WEARING MANY HATS

While actor-host Anu Kapoor awaits release of his film Saat Khoon Maaf, he turns producer of films, TV soaps and reality shows in the year 2011

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What is it about Anu Kapoor's renditions of characters in films that they remain etched in memory? From Chadmi in Chameli Ki Shaadi, Mr Gaitonde in Mr India, Guldasta in Tezaab, Chelaram in Betaab to the debt collector in Raincoat... Actor Anu Kapoor is going strong even after spending more than three decades in the industry. In City host India Divine Journey, an event being organized by international magazine, Tathaastu, on Sunday, we get talking to the actor about the latest up his front.

"I am juggling with a lot of work from host shows to acting to donning the producer's hat for my production company, Amadeus Entertainment, where we'll be making television soaps, reality shows and films," says Kapoor. The year 2011 will see him announce his first feature film, the script for which is ready. But isn't he ready to direct? "I am happy being a producer, which is a very difficult job by the way, and that is the reason why I shall not act in it or direct it," says he.

Kapoor is also hosting reality shows on TV. There're Wheel Smart Shrimati and Idea Jalsa on DD-I. Besides, he has just finished shooting a mega production, Bengali reality music show Gan Gao Taka Nao, which will go on air, on Doordarshan again, very soon.

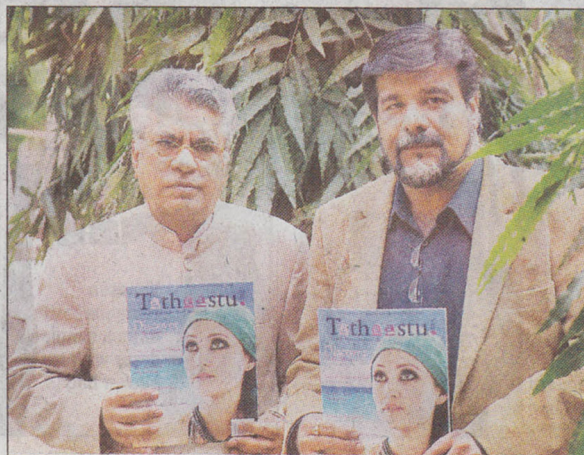
On his forthcoming films as an actor, Kapoor says,



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"Two of my films are ready for release - one is Saat Khoon Maaf, an adaptation of Ruskin Bond's story, where I play one of Priyanka's husbands. Then there is Fakir of Venice where I play the title role along with Farhan Akhtar."

In City, Kapoor will be hosting the India Divine Journey on Sunday. "Spiritualism is important in life and I too practice yoga and meditation. That helps me create a balance in life and so I propagate that everybody should follow a spiritualistic programme in life." However, on his philosophy of life, Kapoor quips, "I am still figuring that one out."



Shri Chamunda Swami, a spiritual healer with Tathaastu, and group chairman Georgy Bhalla, announced the launch of their magazine in India at the Press Club on Saturday.