

Says actor Shreyas Talpade as he talks about friends in Bollywood, his upcoming projects, TV and more

# 'FRIENDSHIPS IN BOLLYWOOD ARE NOT SERIOUS'

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Be it for the role of Shah Rukh Khan's best buddy Pappu Master in *Om Shanti Om*, the character of the deaf and mute boy Iqbal in Nagesh Kukunoor's film of the same name or the funny man in *Golmaal Returns*, actor **Shreyas Talpade** has always won the audience's hearts with his power-packed acting. The 35-year-old, who will soon be seen playing a peacemaker between two estranged friends on UTV Stars' *Superstar Santa*, is currently excited about his upcoming releases that includes Sajid Khan's *Housefull 2* and Shirish Kunder's *Joker*. We catch him for a chitchat.

## ON PLAYING SANTA

It was a damn cool experience that left me with a very positive feeling. It also felt great to help resolve the issues between two friends, Faisal and Sumit who had not been in touch for long

## ON BOLLYWOOD PALS

The friendships in Bollywood are not serious... they are just acquaintances. It is difficult to have close friends from the industry because there is always a feeling of competition and rivalry somewhere

## ON HOUSEFULL 2

*Housefull 2* is a laughter riot. It'll be bigger and better than *Housefull*. I play a Sindhi character in the film and had to really work on the language. It's more than saying saii and chadiya

## ON HIS ROLE IN JOKER

*Joker* is an adventure drama and I'm very excited about my role. It has been one of my most challenging roles, but at this moment, I can't reveal much about it

## ON RETURNING TO TV

I've been a judge at comedy shows and if something interesting comes my way, I'll surely take it up. Having said that, reality shows in not my cup of tea as I am a very private person.

