

CHILD PRODIGY

## Hamari Iccha

MAKING WAY FOR SEVERAL LAURELS AND AUDIENCE APPLAUSE, SPARSH KHANCHANDANI OF 'UTTARAN' FAME IS A MULTI-TASKER OF SORTS, AFFIRMS **NIKITA MITHARE**



Age doesn't really matter when one has immense talent and enough potential to display his/her skills. Here's presenting, Sparsh Khanchandani, the star kid of 'Uttaran' - a popular show on Colors. Barely eight years old, this wide-eyed bundle of innocence is the talk of the town. Sparsh, the new kid on the block, plays the lead protagonist 'Iccha' who, with her outstanding performance rules the audience's hearts and the Channel's TRP's as well. Sparsh, a Std III student of Kendriya Vidyalaya, Ambernath excels in performing skills as well as in her studies.

### Making of the Star

With tremendous acting potential and amazing screen presence, Sparsh started receiving acting and advertising assignments at a tender age. She starred in Sahara One's show 'Mera Sasural' sharing screen space with television biggies. But it is her portrayal in the serial 'Uttaran' that has won applauses for Sparsh from the young and old alike. Besides the various television assignments, Sparsh is currently shooting for an upcoming movie "Red Alert" co-starring Sunil Shetty, Naseeruddin Shah and Bhagyashree. Sparsh has also acted in several local advertisements and some major commercials.

### On the dance floor...

Sparsh has a passion for classical dancing. She's currently being trained in Bharatnatyam and has successfully passed Level I & II. Besides, she has participated in several dance competitions, of which the Smart Kids Dance Competition and the Doordarshan Solo Dance Competition were the major ones. Sparsh stood first in the Smart Kids Competition in the Solo dance category winning applauses for her performance. In

the Doordarshan Solo Dance Competition, which was a talent cum dance-based show, organised by Doordarshan Kendra - Sahayadri Channel, Sparsh reached the Finals. Besides winning several such dance competitions, Sparsh performed at the prestigious International Peace Conference at Prajapita Brahmakumaris in Mount Abu.



### Balancing Act

Despite so many things on her platter, Sparsh also excels in both academics and extra-curricular activities. For her outstanding performance in the School curriculum, Sparsh was awarded as the Best Student of the year 2007-08. The Rotaract Club of Ulhasnagar (E) - Youth Wing of Rotary International awarded Sparsh the 'Naaz 2007 Award'. This award is an honour presented to prominent personalities of the town who excel in their respective fields.

### Leading her way

Sparsh is all praise for her parents and all teachers of her school who have encouraged her to outshine in her respective fields. Usha Shukla, the Principal and Neelam Khanna, the Headmistress of Kendriya Vidyalaya also deserve special mention as they stand as pillars of encouragement for Sparsh helping her with academic exposure which she at times misses out due to her shooting schedules. But ask Sparsh about how she balances her various acts, she replies in just two words, "I manage..." With this precision and positive attitude at such a young age, Sparsh is definitely a delightful kid star to watch out for!

QUIZ  
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## Q&A

Where is Angel Falls located?

- Ecuador
- Venezuela
- Colombia

Which sports brand uses Jaguar as a symbol?

- Puma
- Reebok
- Adidas

Which number was supposed to have been used by the Olmec civilization?

- Ten
- Zero
- One

Which dwarf planet will the Dawn mission explore?

- Ceres
- Charon
- Eris

Which acid combines to make a protein molecule?

- Acetic acid
- Formic acid
- Amino acid

Other than yellow, which other colour pigment is present in chromatophores?

- Blue
- Red
- Green

Which gas fuels the burner in a hot air balloon?

- Methane
- Propane
- Ethane

Chikoo is believed to be a great source of which Vitamin?

- Vitamin A
- Vitamin B
- Vitamin C

By what other name is Narcissus known as?

- Daffodil
- Tulip
- Daisy

The Banganga Tank traces its origin to which Hindu God?

- Lord Krishna
- Lord Rama
- Lord Vishnu

Which organisation did Raja Ram Mohan Roy found?

- Arya Samaj
- Satyashodhak Samaj
- Brahmo Samaj

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

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OF QUIZ 56**  
Kushal Mehta  
Karan Mangtani  
Manal Shah

ANSWERS OF PREVIOUS QUIZ

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