

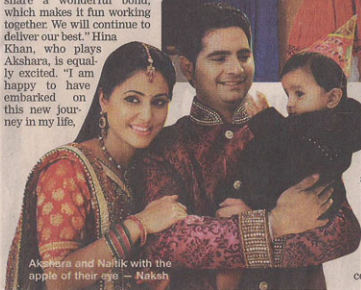
1001 REASONS TO CELEBRATE

Yeh Rishita Kya Kehlata Hai celebrates completion of 1,000 episodes tonight

Naitik and Akshara Singhania of *Yeh Rishita Kya Kehlata Hai* have many reasons to celebrate. To begin with, it's their son Naksh's first birthday. And then, their show completes 1,000 episodes. Actor Karan Mehra aka Naitik says, "We have become one big family and share a wonderful bond, which makes it fun working together. We will continue to deliver our best." Hina Khan, who plays Akshara, is equally excited. "I am happy to have embarked on this new journey in my life,



The cast of the show cuts the cake



Akshara and Naitik with the apple of their eye — Naksh

I am thrilled to play a mother. Along with Naksh's birthday celebration, we will also be celebrating 1,000 episodes of the show. It gives us a lot of satisfaction that our hard work has paid off," she said. Suzana Ghai, fiction head of the channel, says, "These 1,000 episodes have shown Akshara and Naitik growing from being strangers to companions, lovers and

responsible parents, celebrating their beautiful bond at each step. Their journey has been captured in a very realistic manner, which makes the show unique."

Producer Rajan Shahi is delighted. "This is a great moment. The show has helped me make an everlasting mark in the industry."

Join the celebrations on *Yeh Rishita Kya Kehlata Hai* tonight at 9.30 on Star Plus.

Little known facts

1 *Yeh Rishita Kya Kehlata Hai* is inspired by the song *Inn Lamhon Ke Daaman Mein* from the film *Jodhaa Akbar*, says Rajan Shahi.

2 Hina Khan, we hear, is extremely close to the one-year-old tiny tot on the show, who is actually a girl. It is believed that the child prefers to spend more time with her on-screen parents than the real ones.

3 The show, a family drama, has been one of the few shows in recent times to have completed 1,000 episodes. It has enjoyed the number one slot on TRP charts for the longest time.