

# STAR-STUDDED AFFAIR

ZNMD director Zoya Akhtar and the film star cast in conversation with HT City

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You have seen male bonding in Dil Chahta Hai, Rang De Basanti and many other movies. The upcoming film Zindagi Na Milegi Dobara presents a woman's perspective of the 'dostana' never shown earlier in any film. This is what director Zoya Akhtar promises you. And the army of stars accompanying Zoya gives her a thumbs up.

Zoya, along with the star cast Hrithik Roshan, Abhay Deol, Katrina Kaif, Farhan Akhtar and producer Ritesh Sidwani was in the state capital to promote the film and award the winners of HT City and Mountain Dew contest at Hotel Piccadilly.

While the on-screen bonding is yet to be seen, the stars are all praise for each other. Hrithik recalls, "From Abhay I have learnt spontaneity. He can forget everything that's happening around him and is totally focused on the dialogue and performance. From Kat I learnt how to be commercial (laughs) while Farhan loves to live every moment."

Kat gives a beaming smile and then takes over from Hrithik. "Farhan is amazing in solving crossword. I just admire him for that. Hrithik is philosophical while Abhay is fun to be with," she says. Hrithik intervenes, "You can be intelligent, you can be very beautiful, most desirable, but Kat is a team player. From Zoya I learned that every individual has at least one unique quality which makes him/her special."

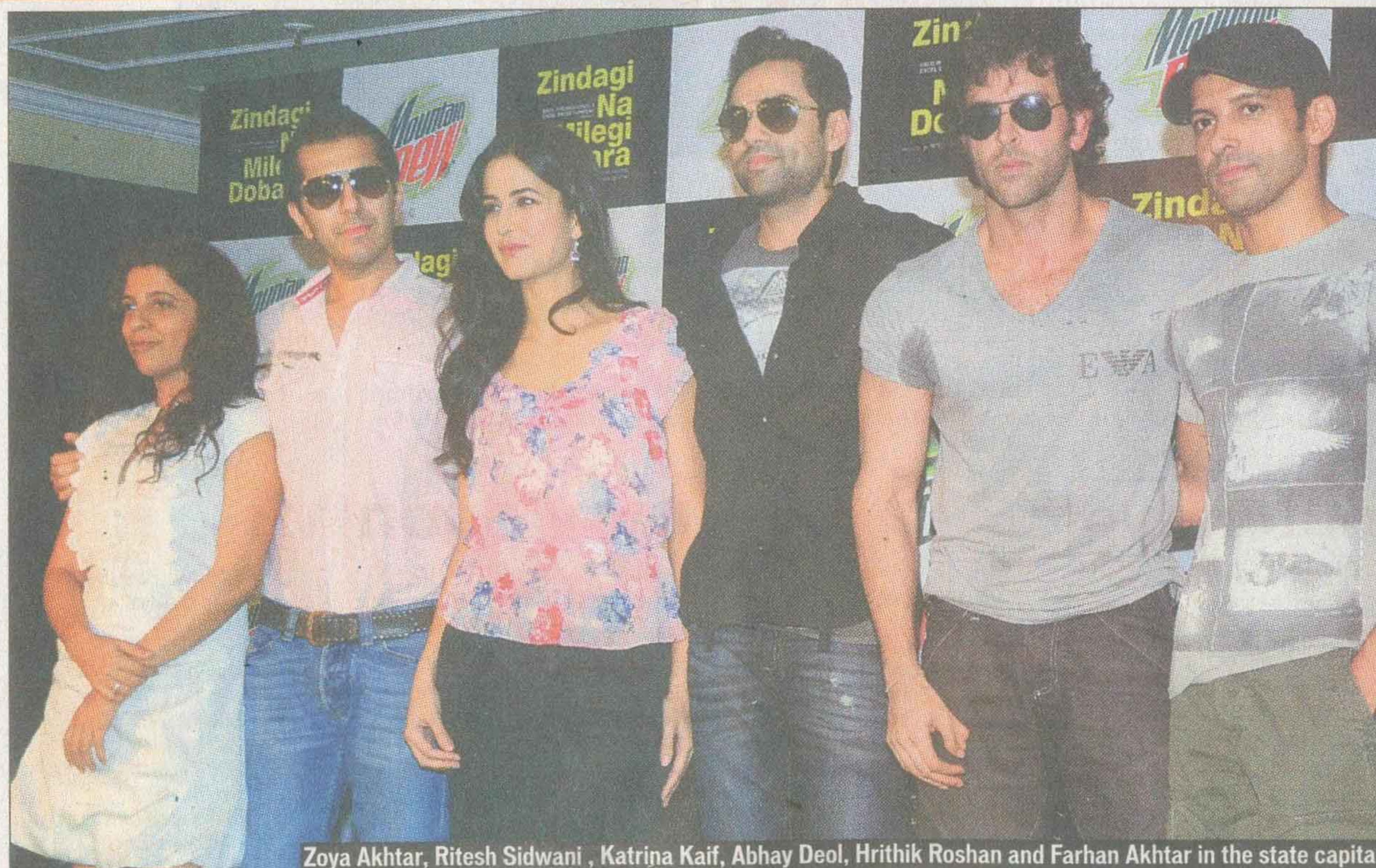
The movie shows three friends overcoming their fears. Talking about their fear quotient, Farhan is honest to admit that he is scared of cockroaches like anything. Hrithik ponders and says, "I can't recall any thing that I fear. You can call me fearless." Deol is the smartest of all... "I am Abhay which means fearless but yes, for a moment I was scared before diving from the aircraft. Probably it was turbulence that I puked all over Hrithik." Katrina's list is

never-ending. "I fear darkness, suffer from vertigo... the list is too long."

And what about the Tomatino festival? Wasn't it fun? "It took us two days to shoot the scene. We had tomatoes all over us. After few hours tomatoes would harden and stick on the skin. Moreover, it would stink. Hats off to Zoya to think about it and shoot it at the real location during the festival." Zindagi Na Milegi Dobara, so what's their philosophy of life? Farhan has a desire to have a musical band of his own, Abhay and Kartina want to direct.

Zoya wants to do something for her city — Mumbai.

Before signing off, Hrithik says, "It's only in Lucknow that I see such smiling faces." Later, Hrithik gave awards to five lucky winners of HT City's contest. The winners were Utkarsh Mehrotra, Vivek Priyadarshi, Pradeep Singh, Devesh Kr Tripathi and Shaurya Kumar.



Zoya Akhtar, Ritesh Sidwani, Katrina Kaif, Abhay Deol, Hrithik Roshan and Farhan Akhtar in the state capital



## THE LUCKY WINNERS

He is my fav actor and I am so privileged to have met him. He posed with me for a click. I can't believe it. I am still shivering.

Meemansha Singh



I gave Hrithik a small idol of Lord Ganesha and he really liked it. I wished him all the luck for ZNMD. He looked great.

Pradeep Singh



I still cannot believe I got a photograph clicked with Hrithik. He is my favourite actor and I am so thankful to HT City.

Utkarsh Mehrotra



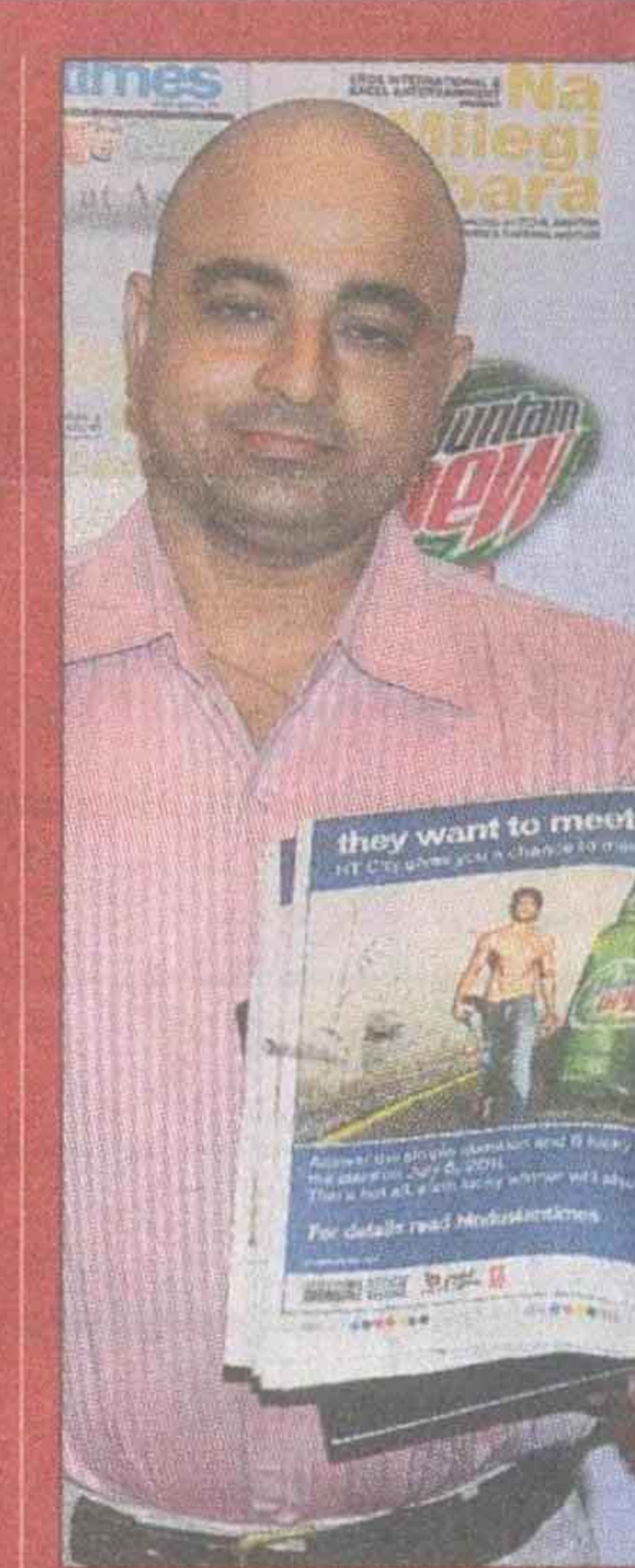
I wanted to ask him many questions but when he shook hands with me I forgot everything. This is the best day of my life.

Vivek Priyadarshi



I am so happy to meet Hrithik. He gave me an autograph that I will cherish forever. Overall it was an amazing experience.

Shaurya Kumar



It felt as if Hrithik had just come out of the screen. The whole experience was like a dream come true for me.

Devesh Kumar Tripathi