

SPECIAL FEATURE

THE JOY of motherhood

Dipa Khondokar is a longtime actress and very successful in the media line, despite being married for so long. She has recently given birth to her second baby and sits with Star Showbiz today to talk about her sensation and responsibilities of being a mother for the past seven years.

FEELING OF MOTHERHOOD

This is my second baby. I gave birth seven years ago to my son Joy and I have to say, I have been enjoying motherhood from that moment onwards. The thing is when I had my first baby, everything was new and unexpected. With my second baby, I now have an idea of more or less everything, but it's still wonderful. Something we don't notice with the passage of time is that we sometimes tend to forget some of the tough times we face with a baby when they grow up such as how much they cried or how they stayed up at night. So when you have a second baby, you sort of wonder if your first born did the same things and of course they did, but it's just that you won't remember it.

ADJUSTMENT WITH CAREER

I am working a little less now as I have a baby to manage and a seven year old son who needs attention. However, I don't think that this is any kind of a hindrance to my career. Instead I think that work might be a hindrance for my children. I don't need to work every day. If work for a short time, I get to give time to my children and also manage work, all at the same time. I feel very lucky that I can still work despite having two children in my life.

FOCUS ON BABY OR BALANCE WITH CAREER

Honestly, I wish to balance with my work. I can't ignore my children because I love them and I don't want to deprive them of their mother. But at the same time, I don't want to completely leave my career as I have an identity to live and I have to live up to the expectations of my audiences. I believe that work can serve as refreshment for the mind. There are many instances where people who completely leave their career to focus on household matters, eventually become disillusioned with the family completely. I don't want to fall into that category.

ADVICE FOR MOTHERS-TO-BE

The baby should always have a higher level of priority. This goes to all mothers, first timers or not. Our generation is almost halfway done, but our children will be in charge of the future. In order for them to have a healthy life, they need family time, influence and guidance. Instead of giving all your time to your career, balance it in a way so that your children get some as well. My advice to mothers as well as to all members of society is to understand that children deserve our respect as well as elders.



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