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**Nath** mentions "When writing the script, the ideas were just flowing to me. I did not have to stumble at any time and getting everything in the story connected and happened naturally. I guess when you write about a subject that you are so excited about, writing becomes like vomiting, you cannot control what comes out"



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**LA Splash:** What prompted so many taboo subjects in one movie?

**Rahul:** "It is not like I went out of my way to make sure the movie was a shocker, again all the ideas were just falling into place. I already had the idea that the doctor and the husband were going to be previous lovers, but I wanted to give the impression to the audience that the doctor was in love with Radhika. Luckily at the screenings that is the feedback that I got. In terms of the HIV transmission, again I knew from the word go that I wanted that in the movie and it seemed logical to have this as a connection between Radhika, the doctor and her husband"



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**LA Splash:** How difficult was it acting and directing in the same movie?

**Rahul:** "Much easier than I anticipated. Credit goes to my cast, especially the females in the movie, Puja who plays Radhika, Shruti who plays the mother in law and Ananya who plays the sister; they had everything down before the cameras got rolling. For me the most important thing was finding the right actress to play Radhika. At casting we saw over 70 girls and most were great, they just did not fit what we were looking for. But when I saw Puja I knew that she was the one, but still carried on looking just to confirm to myself that I had found the right actress"