HRITHIK MIL GAYA!

It is one of the most eagerly-awaited films of the year, but the father-son duo of Rakesh Roshan and Hrithik refuse to let the pre-release tension get to them. "Koi...Mil Gaya is a very special film since the subject is so different," said Roshan Sr who is both the producer and director of the film, which is being presented by Indiatimes.com and DT Cinemas.

Sunday afternoon saw a press meet organised at the Hyatt Regency and sharing stage space here alongside Hrithik and Sa Re Ga Ma and Mahendra Swaroop, Times Internet CEO. Talking about the character he portrays in the movie - a grown-up boy with a mind of a 11-year-old - Hrithik confesses to have been "a little apprehensive before the shooting began." Unable to take too much time out to work on the character, Hrithik, just three days before the shoot began, locked himself up in a room and as he says, "looked deep inside me to find Rohit. There is a little of my childhood in him."

Proud dad Rakesh added that PM AB Vajpayee had watched the film a day before and told Hrithik that the young actor had grown up. "It was a huge compliment," smiled Hrithik.

Meanwhile, children from the NGO, Action For Autism, came on the stage to meet Hrithik and the star was seen accepting flowers and greetings from them.

And then it was time for the Roshans to head for the China Club restaurant after which a trip to DT Cinemas, Gurgaon, was on the cards. A huge crowd jostled with each other to catch a glimpse of Hrithik. "All this love and affection is overwhelming," is what he said waving to the crowd. Words of a true star!