

CHIT-CHAT

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Can you describe yourself in three words?

I would probably go with confused, curious and impatient.

What is your favourite childhood memory?

Probably going to the airport with my grandfather. My grandfather used to be in the army at the time. So, we used to walk from Dhanmondi to the old airport. We used to go to the viewing deck, and he would show me all the different planes and vehicles.

If you could have any superpower, what would it be?

I would choose to have *Zen*. I would like to have the power to be happy whenever and wherever I am. I think that it is a very underrated superpower; something I would want.

What are the first three items on your bucket list?

Firstly, I would like to write a novel. Secondly, I would like to go to the Everest Base Camp. And lastly, I would love to act in a really good role in an international film.

If you could work with any international artist, who would it be?

I would have to go with Daniel Day-Lewis.

Who was your first celebrity crush?

It was Gabriela Sabatini, the tennis player.

What is your favourite food?

It has to be *Khichuri*.

What is your favourite place to visit?

Well, it probably is Nagarkot, Nepal.

What would you do if you won the lottery?

I would give some of the money away to charity. As for the rest, I would put it into my savings account.

What kind of music helps you relax?

It actually depends on my mood. I do know which kind of music doesn't help me relax: heavy metal. It always gets me pumped up. Classical music helps me relax. Zen meditation music and Tibetan music also help me relax.

What is the first thing that you do after waking up?

I would really like to say I drink two glasses of water, but as soon as I wake up, I drink my morning coffee.

What is your favourite movie of all time?

I would have to pick *Sonar Kella*. But, it is rivalled by the *Lord of the Rings* trilogy. I have watched each of the *Lord of the Rings* films about thirty times, and that too, the extended version.

If you could be any animal, what would you be?

I would be a lion, because my wife loves lions.

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PEEPING TOM



Watch out for Annabelle!

Good news for horror movie fans as the spooky doll has come to life again! Another spinoff of *The Conjuring* universe is about to hit the theatres this year on June 28. The latest installment of the *Annabelle* franchise, titled *Annabelle Comes Home*, is directed by Gary Dauberman and produced by *The Conjuring* famed, James Wan. The supernatural horror movie features McKenna Grace, Madison Isemen and Katir Sarif, among others. Starring alongside them are Patrick Wilson and Vera Farmiga, reprising their roles as the real-life ghost-hunters, Ed and Lorraine Warren. A recent poster of the film has stirred up numerous fan theories. Posted by James Wan on his *Instagram*, the poster depicts Annabelle on a shelf, locked up amongst the accursed antiques of Ed and Lorraine Warren. On top of the showcase, rests a warning sign and beneath Annabelle, sits a scary clown, sneaking a peek from inside a jack-in-the-box. Rumor has it that the sinister doll not only finds its way out of the sealed shelf, but also activates the now-dormant evil of the room. In jest, Wan terms the situation as "basically *A Night at the Museum* with Annabelle!" This time, presumably, Warren's ten-year-old daughter, Judy falls victim to their mischiefs. The first two prequels of the upcoming film, titled *Annabelle* and *Annabelle: Creation*, were released in 2014 and 2017 respectively. Previously, *Annabelle* was seldom seen in the films; but this time, Wan promises to give it more screen time. The film is set to be released in four languages, including English, Hindi, Tamil, and Telugu. Fan anticipations suggest that the upcoming film will surpass its predecessors in terms of thrill and fright. Beware of the jump scares!