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Dhaka's winter personas: Which one are you?

The Blanket Hermit The BBQ Tycoon The Wedding Hopper The Over prepared Penguin The Pitha Connoisseur The Dust Fighter

Winter is more than simply a season in Dhaka; it's the big unmasking. When the temperature drops and the city sheds its constant sheen of humidity, people start to change, leaving their summer survival modes to expose their most genuine — and frequently ridiculous — winter selves. All of a sudden, the streets are crowded with people wearing jackets, excessively excited hosts of barbecues, and "sun worshippers" who are basking in the warmth as though they were on a tropical beach trip.

Curious about which winter persona you embody? Dive into these hilarious archetypes and see where you fit in Dhaka's seasonal drama.

Catchphrase: "One more minute under this *katha* won't hurt!"

You are without a doubt the champion



of warmth. You spend your wintry days cocooned in cosy socks and a blanket, only coming out for potty breaks, tea and biscuits. You can't be persuaded to stop your Netflix binge even by the promise of a rooftop barbecue.

Signs you're a Blanket Hermit

You've perfected the art of eating biriyani without leaving your bed.

Your blanket has become a second skin.

You've turned down at least three wedding invitations because "It's too cold to go out."

Catchphrase: "Have you tried my secret marinade?"

Your moment to shine is in the winter. As the self-described king (or queen) of rooftop barbecues, you transform every get-together into a spectacular display of expertly cooked meat and striking smoke effects. The quantity of Instagram stories that use your cuisine as a tag is how you gauge success.

Signs you're a BBQ Tycoon

You've hosted more BBQs than you've attended weddings.

You own at least two grilling aprons with



cheesy slogans like "Grill Master."

Your marination recipes are top secret; your mom doesn't even know.

Catchphrase: "Ajke kothay holud? Kalke ki reception?"

For you, winter equals the wedding season. Your calendar is filled with back-to-back *holuds*, receptions, and *gaye holuds* of cousins, friends, and that one colleague you have only spoken to twice. Your wardrobe



is a rotating reel of dazzling sarees, tailored suits, and just the right amount of glitter.

Signs you're a Wedding Hopper

You have a mental map of every wedding venue in Dhaka.

Your social media is flooded with wedding hashtags like #ShuvoBiye2024.

You've developed a sixth sense for finding the kachchi corner at any event.

Catchphrase: "I do not like being unprepared."

You are the one person who takes Dhaka winters way too seriously. At the first sign of a cool breeze, you whip out gloves, scarves, and enough layers to survive a Himalayan trek. People may roll their eyes, but hey, at least you're not shivering!

Signs you're an Overprepared Penguin

You own thermal wear. For Dhaka.

You carry a thermos of hot water wherever you go.

Your wardrobe is winter-ready from November, even though the temperature is still 28°C.

Catchphrase: "Only *bhapa pitha* from roadside stalls, thank you very much!"

Winter, for you, is synonymous with *pitha*. Whether it's *bhapa*, *chitoi*, or *patishapta*, you make it your mission to sample every type of rice cake Dhaka has to offer. You have also probably tried making *pitha* at home, though your results remain, shall we say, "Experimental".

Signs you're a Pitha Connoisseur:

You know which *pitha* vendors are the real deal.

Your Instagram is 90 per cent photos of steaming *bhapa pitha*.

You've attended at least one *pitha mela* this season.

Catchphrase: "Who opened the windows?! Close them right now!"

Winter dust is your mortal enemy. Armed with masks, air purifiers, and a near-military cleaning schedule, you're on a one-person mission to keep your home (and lungs) dust-free. Your winter vibe is less about warmth and more about waging war against Dhaka's infamous *dhula*.

Signs you're a Dust Fighter

You've considered buying a hazmat suit.

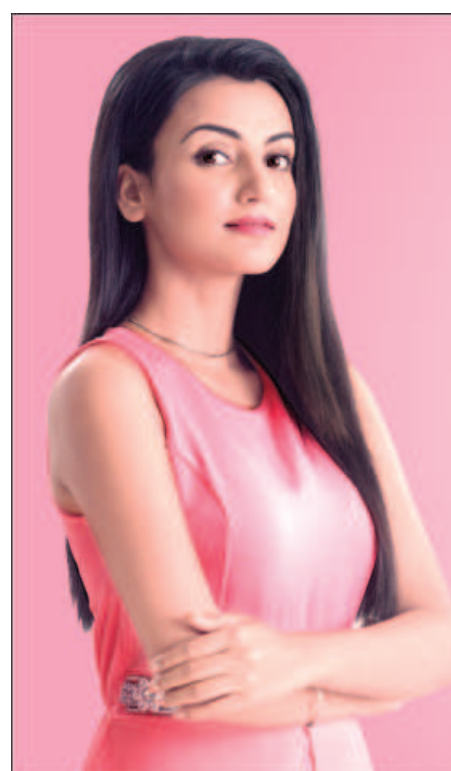
Your home smells like Dettol and lavender.

You've yelled, "Stop bringing dust inside!" at least three times this week.

Whether you are the Blanket Hermit or the Wedding Hopper, Dhaka's winter personas add a delightful layer of chaos to the season. So, embrace your archetype, laugh at the quirks, and enjoy the fleeting winter magic before summer comes back to ruin everything.

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