

# FLIP SIDE

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## Play day dreams

Thought of going to the moon inspired by Neil Armstrong

## Any role model?

Nelson Mandela. When young, he was the favourite with the South African freedom struggle

## Entertainment

Movies. Watched Charulata seven or eight times. And Gregory Peck-starrer Roman Holiday. Music of the 1950s, 60s. Like to listen to Hemant Kumar, Kishore Kumar, Lata Mangeshkar, country music

## Most terrifying moment

When the Japan earthquake happened. My son was still there. He was taking his high school exams after I had returned. When the news came, there was this 15-20 minutes of horror. We were very terrified

## If you were to start all over again

I would pay more attention to my studies

## Life after retirement

I hope to keep myself mentally active. I would like to read, analyse and write about elections more from a statistical point of view

## Political belief

Anything which is good for the country. Talks about peace and prosperity are my political belief

## Believer or an atheist

I have faith in something above me, which has control over our lives. I like to go to temples, church because of historical reasons and not because I am spiritual

## Unfulfilled desires

When I was young, I wanted to write novels and articles

## Next vacation

Northeast of India. We have not explored that part of the country

## Work-life balance

It is about enjoying time at work and at home

## Childhood's fondest memory

Football matches played in school and time spent on the playground



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