

ADITI MODY

THE YOUNGEST DAUGHTER OF FAMED LEGAL AUTHORITY, ZIA MODY, IS A FORCE UNTO HERSELF. HELLO! CHATS WITH A BUDDING YOUNG ACHIEVER

THE EARLY YEARS: “I was the 4th generation in my family at attend the J.B. Petit High School For Girls – my mother was Jasmine house captain so ‘JB,’ for me, was always like home. I then moved on to the Dhirubhai International School and Jai Hind College. NYU Tisch, where I currently am, is a totally new experience – the film makers I’ve met here (whom I call my peers and classmates) have been some of the most interesting people with the most interesting perspectives yet.”

INSPIRED: “Currently, I am really inspired by the new season of *Planet Earth*. Watching some of the behind-the-making scenes left me in awe of these pioneers of wildlife documentary filmmaking who are struggling against all odds to show us parts of the world with ecosystems that we would never see otherwise. It has inspired me to try to do the same in parts of our illustrious country, which I’m sure have gems in hiding, just waiting to be found.”

INDIA SHINING: “I love India’s honesty and the way it functions in its quirky, chaotic way. My generation is trying to find some sort of balance and stability in this madness... finding better ways of communicating and bridging a gaping hole between all the different classes and kinds of people in our booming country.”

#THIS: “Accounts like @blackjaguarwhitetiger are my favourite, they talk about wildlife conservation and the banning of all circuses and zoos. They post videos of all the animals they have rescued at their foundation.”

GOALS: “I think I’m blessed to have the opportunity to be studying what I love and learning from, and with, people I would otherwise never have the chance to. It’s a journey and I have no definitive goal.”

FAMILY FIRST: “My father is my Life Guide and friend. My mother fills me with awe and

inspiration. My sisters Anjali and Aditi have taught me about fearlessness and authenticity as well as stability, irrational rationality and thoughtfulness respectively.”

WHO ARE YOUR HEROES IN REAL LIFE: “My dad, for sure.”

HAUTE SPOTS: “I just went for a shoot to a small town called Money in Mississippi. It’s always exciting to visit new places.”

ON REPEAT ON YOUR IPOD? “A lot of Bon Iver, RHCP, Bonobo and Nicolas Jaar.”

STYLE ESSENTIALS: “Nice tight denim jeans from Necessary Clothing and mascara.”

LOOKING FORWARD: “I’m looking forward to graduating and coming home (to India) to explore the different subjects of documentary film-making.”

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