

‘The Guy next door’

When initially we had fixed an appointment to meet Mr. Rohit Reddy, the young promoter of **Touch and Era restaurants**, we were expecting a guy who would be totally composed, reserved and sport very corporate attire. We had a pleasant surprise when we met him that evening. The first thing that passed my mind when we met him was the statement “*The Guy next door*”. He was totally cool, calm and sporty.

When we touched him about his achievements at such a young age, he was blushing and didn’t know what to reply. Then after a minute came the reply “I think I imbibed it from my family. My mom and dad are entrepreneurs. I derived a lot of inspiration from their working styles. They are my first set of friends, and nothing goes without being discussed with them. We have very good dinner sessions and they share a lot of business tips with me and shape it in the manner I understand them. I don’t think there will be many parents who consider imparting business skills to their kids at a young age. Thankfully, my parents were considerate enough to consider my interest and groom me”. He went on to say that apart from his parents his friends circle also helped him to interact with several kinds of people which helped him comprehend the nuances of entrepreneurship. He spends the major part of the day with his friends. This shows that friends form a very integral part of his life. There’s nothing worth the wear of winning than the love of friends and this he has in abundance.

When asked if he would further pursue his education, he says with a smile “I want to do an acting course from *New York Film School*. It has always been my passion to do an acting course”.

About his leisure plans, he is crazy about bike rides, Horse riding and plays Polo with his friends on Sundays. He seemed a young globe-trotter as he loves to travel a lot and his dream destination is Mansarovar. Dubai has been his favorite hang-out place and he just loves shopping there. He immediately adds to it saying “Hyderabad has been the best place I have ever visited. Home is always Home right!”

He says he has been looking for some real young leaders to take entrepreneurship to greater heights. “After ten years India will be a totally different nation, enabled with the zeal of young leaders to be the change they wish to see. I wish to be at least a small catalyst to the change, in the way I can.”

With people like Rohit taking small and steady steps, we are sure there will be a boost to the young spirit which will be able to transform a series of changes, for the nations benefit.

ODE wishes to see more people like Rohit to take flight and churn their passion into great professions!

- *Surya Adavi*