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Interglobe Tech Quotient boss is a Bond fan, wants to drive an Aston Martin DB5

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My first car

"My first car was the humble Hyundai Santro, though in the late '90s, it was still a cut above the average. I have sweet memories of that car, especially as we decided to convert our honeymoon into a road trip to the hills. I eventually sold it, so that instead of gathering dust in my garage, it could drive someone else's dream. It was in perfect condition when I sold it."

Marquee wheels

"I own a Toyota Fortuner currently. I love it for its comfort and stellar performance. Another highlight is its commanding design. Since childhood, I have been fascinated by the engineering and design of automobiles. The car I want to own someday is the Lagonda, a British luxury car owned by Aston Martin since 1947. I like it for its sharp-edged styling and acceleration. Classy yet powerful, this full-size luxury car is one of a kind."

Expert advice

"I love talking automobiles with my close friend, Madan Mohan. He is a car aficionado and owns a collection of over 300 vintage cars. He is passionate about them and was honoured with a 'Personal Achievement' award at the Historic Motoring Awards 2018. Whenever we catch up, cars are the one topic we never fail to discuss."



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Celtic sojourn

“My most memorable driving moments have been steering through the rolling plains of the Scottish countryside. Two years ago, I had undertaken a road trip from London to Scotland with a friend and the experience was ethereal. I still remember how we took short breaks during our drive, to just sit and enjoy the beauty of the Scottish countryside. Scenic views, smooth roads and lovely weather made my trip memorable.”

Helpful hints

“Keep your eyes on the road, your hands upon the wheel. Don’t just drive, enjoy the ride; ensure minimal wear and tear to the car, to yourself and to the environment. Treat your car like a baby, make sure it is serviced on time.”

If I had to name my car, it would be...

“Nautilus. In Jules Verne’s words, a masterpiece containing masterpieces. One needs to nurture and value such a masterpiece.”

Playing truant

“I would love to drive an [Aston Martin DB5](#), in true James Bond style. I have been a die-hard Bond fan, and my childhood memories are replete with bunking classes to catch the latest Bond movie screening in town. The scene from Quantum of Solace, where, after capturing Mr White, Bond is chased by two Alfa Romeos from Lake Garda to Siena in Italy, still remains with me. Despite sustaining heavy damage, Bond’s Aston Martin DBS V12 manages to escape, while both the Alfa Romeos are destroyed.”

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