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Opens Up About His
"Bipolar Disorder"

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#### In a simple way, can you educate us about "Bipolar Disorder"?



Answer to 21

"Bipolar Disorder Type 1 and Bipolar Disorder Type 2, is a Mental Health Condition. As it says "Bi-polar", There are Two Poles in Mood Swings or Mood Episodes which are Depression and Mania or Hypomania. It has been stabilized by medicines and therapy."



Answer to 22

"I was in Semester-V of my
Undergraduate Degree in
Electronics Engineering at K.
J. Somaiya College of
Engineering, Vidyavihar. My
Faculty Mentor and my
mother admitted me in K. J.
Somaiya Hospital, Sion. I had
first Episode of Severe
Depression, So no body knew
that it's Bipolar Disorder.
Eventually I spent..."



Answer to 22

"...the entire Semester in the Hospital with the diagnosis of "Major Depression" as a Mental Health Condition. I was released from Hospital. I completed B.E. I qualified for GATE(EC) and got into IIT Madras for M.Tech in Communication Systems. I completed M.Tech and joined Ciena India Private Limited as Engineer in..."



Answer to 22

"...July 2008. Here I had second episode of "Depression Episode". I got admitted in Dr. D. Y. Patil Hospital. It was again diagnosed as "Major Depression" I spent a couple of month here and released in 2009. I resigned from Ciena India Private Ltd, Gurgaon. In 2009, I became..."



Answer to 22

"...Super Excited, bursting with Happiness, Creativity, Imagination. I decided to start a Tattoo Studio and wrote a Book. I put all my savings in it.

My family had shown me to a
Private Psychiatrist after
looking at my Over
Enthusiasm about my ideas
and the way I was..."



Answer to 22

"...behaving.

Then after looking at my past episodes and current condition, Private Psychiatrist concluded, it's not just "Major Depression", there is "Mania" too.

So, in 2009, I found I have had Bipolar Disorder Type 1."

## How has been your personal experience so far, living with "Bipolar Disorder"?



Answer to 23

"There is a Negative Side of Bipolar Disorder Type 1: It has wiped out most of my Technical knowledge of undergraduate and postgraduate degrees. It has badly affected my Cognitive, Comprehensive, and Technical Skills. Also, my Personal, Social and Professional Life have taken a hit! There have been..."

# How has been your personal experience so far, living with "Bipolar Disorder"? (Contd...)



Answer to 23

"...many Career Breaks, Failures, Setbacks and Rejections so far.

The Positive Side of Bipolar
Disorder Type 1: It has
accelerated my Ideation,
Imagination, intuition,
Curiosity, and Creativity

It has helped me to find my Passions:..."

# How has been your personal experience so far, living with "Bipolar Disorder"? (Contd...)



Answer to 23

"...1.) I love to interact with young curious learners over a cup of tea or coffee at informal places like CCD / College Canteen Let these conversations rotate around Relationships, Internships, Career, Co-curricular, Extracurricular, Campus Life and Beyond.

2.) Writing Poems in Marathi, Hindi and English..."

# How has been your personal experience so far, living with "Bipolar Disorder"? (Contd...)



Answer to 23

"...3.) Storytelling

4.) Hackathon Design inspired by Curiosity, Creativity, Imagination, ideation and STEAM.

5.) Solo Backpacking
JOURNEYs ... 6.) Research on
Education & Pedagogy

7.) Mythological and Archeological Expeditions

8.) Advocacy of the Mental Health."

What is it that you are doing (medically & otherwise), to overcome/manage "Bipolar Disorder"? How happy & healthy are you, with these results & effects?



Answer to 24

"I'm on regular medication from a Private Psychiatrist, and I have taken therapy sessions a couple of times. I learnt that, my Past and Future has definitely affected, so I can't really help myself with that. But I could follow "Carpe Diem "I can sieze my present moment and present day, to live with happiness."

# What's your message for others, who are having a tough time because of "Bipolar Disorder"?



Answer to 25

- Carpe Diem 🖐💥
- Acceptance of Bipolar, it's medicines/therapy
- Celebrating One Day at a time

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This initiative is all about gifting the world with the actual lived experiences & real-time knowledge of true warriors, who are proudly "Winning" by successfully defeating/overcoming/managing their "MENTAL HEALTH DISORDERs".

Mental Health Disorders like Bipolar
Disorder, Schizophrenia, ADHD (Attention
Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder), PTSD (PostTraumatic Stress Disorder), Clinical
Depression, Fregoli Delusion, Capgras
Syndrome, Dissociative Disorder, GAD
(Generalized Anxiety Disorder), etc.

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