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Internationally acclaimed director Shekhar Kapur calls Coimbatore a city with lots of potential

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A chartered accountant by profession and a critically acclaimed, globally-renowned director by passion. That is Shekhar Kapur for you. Recently in the city, he revealed his mystical side when he was seen attentively absorbing a discourse by Jaggi Vasudev at the Isha Yoga Centre in Coimbatore.

Later, he spoke exclusively to DC on what attracts him to Coimbatore.

“There are certain factors that invariably draw me to Coimbatore. A major lure is the history of this city. The manner in which this city evolved, with settlers coming here centuries ago and turning the city into an industrial hub, is unparalleled.

“I am a part of the Prime Minister’s advisory council for innovation and I see Coimbatore as a fantastic source of innovation.

“It’s fascinating to see how the city has evolved into a textile center. It has become the focal point of commerce. With the Coimbatore chapter of a body like the CII (Confederation of Indian-Industries), coming up and working for the betterment of the city, I think there is tremendous growth potential in Coimbatore!”

From the city to the man. What is Shekhar Kapur like, beyond the realm of ‘light, camera and action’? “Oh! I am a gypsy at heart,” he laughs.

“I take in experiences and give them back to where I took them from, with a touch of my own views. And I keep wandering from one experience to another.”

Shekhar gets passionate while talking about his next directorial venture, Paani, an upcoming science fiction movie with a futuristic story about water wars between rich and poor.

The message: how water should not be privatised and should be distributed on the basis of need and not luxury.

And finally, here’s his message for young Coimbatoreans: “Don’t think of yourself as living in Coimbatore. Look at yourself as a part of a global community and that ‘you’ are at the hub of power!”