

## Exhausted Preity Zinta flies off to Cannes

In between cheering lustily for her Indian Premier League (IPL) team and comforting the players, Bollywood star Preity Zinta has taken a few days off to attend the Cannes Film Festival as brand ambassador of Chopard, the maker of luxury watches and jewellery.

'Can't help it,' the co-owner of the Mohali team told IANS. 'For two years now I've been the brand ambassador for Chopard and I've to be at Cannes every year, come what may... ha, ha pun intended.'

The actress, who featured in hits like 'Soldier', 'Kal Ho Naa Ho' and 'Dil Chahta Hai', has several events lined up in Cannes, but no movies.

'There are no movies this year. I'd have liked to bring my film 'Har Pal', but it isn't ready. If Rituparno Ghosh's 'Last Lear' is shown, I'll go for it. But Chopard will keep me busy for the next three days.

'I've a red carpet event. Then a dinner organised by Chopard followed by a picnic in the afternoon. I return on May 17 and head immediately for my IPL commitments.'

Understandably, she's exhausted. 'But I'm also exhilarated. The IPL has been a whole new learning experience for me,' said Preity, who is accompanied to Cannes by her cousin Inder.

What about those who feel that IPL is confusing?

'Not at all! It's such an eye-opener. Players of different age groups and of different nationalities are interacting on one platform. The younger lot is learning from senior international names. Where would they get a chance to do that?'

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