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*The longer we listen to one another - with real attention - the more commonality we will find in all our lives.*

Barbara Deming

A very simple statement but which aptly captured the essence of what we understood from the essays written by the 99 O.P. Jindal Engineering and Management Scholars of 2007.

It was interesting and somewhere a very humbling experience to read their view points. The clarity of mind and poise of responses have led all of us involved with the exercise to believe that the future of India is in very safe hands.

As part of the OPJEMS selection process, about 2000 students responded to the question 'Visualize yourself on your 50th birthday. What would you want your critical stakeholders (could be your colleagues, your spouse, children or any such person who you consider critical) to say about you?'

The brightest brains of India, getting nurtured and groomed across 30 engineering and management institutes in the country, responded back to this question with their own distinct style – some essays were short and crisp, while some were long and story like, but all carried a common thread of purpose – to do their nation proud and to achieve something which would benefit the world at large.

As a fond memory for all these scholarship winners and more importantly for all of us who have been involved in this exercise, we have put together the excerpts from the essays of our 99 OPJEMS for 2007.

We are sure that they will do India proud!

Happy reading

OPJEMS Team

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## Reflections

Journey of life lets every human being pass through various phases of growth; from gathering knowledge in childhood, generation of ideas and execution of the same through the youth and finally to look back at one's chosen path, analyze the successes and failures with a view to leave a path behind for the benefit of the world to follow... The dimensions that define me and the people I consider critical to me include my family and friends in the personal domain. In the professional domain it is my colleagues and individuals who I meet and interact with in the course of my work. The last and equally important domain for me is the social domain, which includes my role towards society and my country.

In my personal interactions, I believe I come across as a considerate, rational and responsible human being. I have been fortunate to have a solid upbringing which has instilled in me a strong set of values and I carry them with me wherever I go and whomsoever I meet. In the years to come I look forward to building many more such relationships. I also believe that ultimately relations form the key to happiness and success..

Professionally I have always tried to set my targets high and go all out to achieve them.. In the short run they include completing my MBA degree and gaining practical experience in the industry. In the long run I aspire to be an entrepreneur. I believe that the satisfaction and sense of achievement that is attained in creating something of your own cannot be replicated elsewhere. I have always been an optimist, I believe that you can accomplish the most improbable tasks if you put in the right effort and are committed to the cause. I have always taken initiatives and this is amply visible in the several associations that I have established such as the college alumni association and college placement cell.

Personal and professional life, though important, cannot and should not define an individual. His/Her role in society and towards the country is an equally important reflection of the individual. I have always believed in this and in the next 20 odd years I would like to continue pursuing activities and involve myself to a greater extent in projects aimed for the benefit of the society.. I have another ambition which I expect to mature around the time I am fifty, and this is to play a role in the political decision making of our country.. I would like to use my experience, resources and energies to further the growth of our country.

With regards to ethics and values, I probably would not call myself a saint but I believe my value system allows me to make a correct distinction between right and wrong and I persevere to take the right path in face of any adversities. I would like to conclude by stating that I am on a path to discover myself as well as to create a personality reflective of situations I have already faced and people who inspire me. 



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## *I Aspire*

Critical people are the ones with whom I would be associated with during my journey of life and who would support me in the professional and personal pangs and pleasures in life. I would look at these stakeholders with respect and expect them to share their experiences of having been associated with me in all these years.

I would expect my employees to frankly express whether I had been instrumental in charting their growth and success in the organization. I would want them to share as to what they gained out my experiences and how I could have contributed more effectively towards their growth and journey in the organization. I would want to be acknowledged as someone who has been a good leader and handled the toughest of situations with a sense of confidence. After all the years that I would have spent in different organizations, I would want to know whether at the given age my employees could repose confidence in me and look at me as someone who they could continue to work for and grow within the organization..Over and above all I would want them share how I had learnt things from other employees and co-workers and how this had helped me get closer to the goals that I charted for myself. I would want them to treat me as a friend who has played a crucial role in influencing their professional growth and always been for them.

I would expect my spouse to take pride in all my accomplishments whether professional or personal. I would expect him to be reminiscent of all the times that we have had and how we managed to get our way through difficulties. I would want to be someone who has managed a good life balance and would love to be accredited for the same. I would want my children to feel proud of me and look up to me as someone who has played a critical role in their growth and been with them at every step in nurturing their dreams and aspirations. I would support them in the decisions that they take and would love to be acknowledged as a friend who was a constant source of guidance to them. I would want them to take pride in my all joys and would want to be a role model for them.

I would like my friends to cherish all the good and the bad times that we have had together. I would want to be known as someone who was always with them through their good and bad times and as someone who was a constant source of support and advice .I would expect them to be good critics who would contribute towards laying stronger foundations of improvement and want to be known as someone who made a difference to their life in one way or the other.

I would like to keep up my commitment towards the various stakeholders of my life and be loved by my near and dear ones. 



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## *In their Eyes...*

This Is what my critical stakeholders will say about me -

SPOUSE: "Dhiren has a positive outlook to life and is never deterred by setbacks. His cheerful, compassionate and chivalrous nature helps him make acquaintances easily. He stands by me in all my decisions, which has helped me take risks with a higher level of confidence.. One of his strengths is that after a long day at work, irrespective of the issues at his work place, he can put a bad day or a confrontation with his boss aside and arrive home refreshed and happy..Above all in the past 30 years his sincere conduct, selfless attitude and unconditional love have translated into the enormous amount of respect I have for him."

CHILD: "My father is more of a friend than a father to me. If there is someone that I trust my secrets with, that is my father. I can have a conversation with him on absolutely any topic without any hesitation. We do all the hair raiser activities like the roller-costar rides, etc together and his enthusiasm makes me wonder if he is actually fifty. Learning from others mistakes is one of the qualities that I have learnt from him. He has taught me to look at the brighter side of things rather than being a pessimist. My friends envy me for having the best dad in the whole world."

FRIEND: "Dhiren is like an elder brother to me. We have had a fun filled ride thus far with its fair share of acrimony but one thing that has kept us going is the trust that we had in each other. His clarity of thought and cooperative attitude has helped not only his personal growth but also provided invaluable guidance to me in times of adversity. One thing that stand out the most about Dhiren is his ability to take a tough but righteous stand if he thinks so, which may seem to be a bit intransigent at the moment but over time has led to admiration and respect for his commitment to his ideals."

COLLEAGUE : "Dhiren is visionary who not only believes in his vision but also has a clear cut path to achieve the same. One of the biggest strengths of Dhiren is his resilience and the ability to bounce back stronger from every setback from the companies perspective his aggressiveness has helped in broadening the company's products/services. He develops a sense of responsibility in his subordinates and displays confidence in what they do. He encourages the employees to take calculated risk which in turn has helped the organization in reaching new highs. Like a true leader, at work, he knows his strengths and delegates the rest to experts. His vision, that his company be the most sought after by young talent, is nearing reality."



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## *Means Matter More than the Ends*

I do not know if I would live to see my 50th birthday but truly speaking I do not care because as Abraham Lincoln said,

And in the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years.

I think apart from my family, friends and colleagues, society will be a crucial stakeholder in my life. I would like to contribute to the society in my capacity. I personally believe education and health are the best instruments to bring in social change. I plan to extend quality education and health facilities to all the strata of the society. I would like my colleagues to say that here is a guy for whom means matter more than the ends. He will never compromise with his integrity and honesty even in most adverse situations. He does not like to take unethical short-cuts in life.

They would also say that here is a guy for whom there exist no limits. He is extremely ambitious and truly believes that Impossible says I m possible. If he does not know how to do something, he will learn it from people around. He truly takes his people along with him. His colleagues do not follow him on his way; they walk with him matching every step of his with theirs. No one in our team works for him; we all work with him. All success belongs to all of us as a team, no one in particular.

My friends would say that he is not a party guy who will grace your social occasions to tell you about his foreign vacations and various exotic flavours of wine but he will be the first one to sit at your side when you have a bad day. That is the time when you can really see his patience, his true friendship. I do not think my friends would think of me as a flawless person but they would say he is someone who has always tried to overcome his weaknesses and enhance his strengths. I am likely to be very close to my family. I would spend time at home in small activities like playing with kids in the garden, talking with them or taking them out on small vacations.

I would like my wife to think of me as a caring person who really understands her. Kapil is more of a friend than a husband. Before making a crucial decision, he will always ask me - not for my opinion or views but about my feelings. Yes, in his personal life, he decides more with his heart than his mind. My children would say that Dad is always there whenever we need him. He does not impose rules on us in any matter, in fact he allows us to make our decisions on our own.. He has taken all the care in providing us an environment where we ourselves realize what is right and what is wrong. He has made us believe that we are the architects of our own lives.



## *My Universe...As I see it*

On my 50th birthday, I wish to have the sun, the moon and the planets would be around me. The Sun, my wife, who gives the guiding light to me in times of need, the moon being my children who provide the support in times of trouble and the planets being my friends who share their happiness and joy and come along with me in all my ventures. To be happy is to be content and if I see the dance of the heavenly bodies in my life with perfect harmony, I would consider myself happy.

Success comes from not only aspiring greatness but also in the commitment, discipline and dedication in following one's aspirations. I believe in picking battles big enough to matter yet small enough to win. I am what I am today because of my sheer commitment and perseverance.

I have always believed in giving something back to the society which has shaped me to be the person I am. 'Ask not what the society has done for you; ask what you have done for the society' has been one of my mottos in life. At 50, I hope I have done something in this sphere that I can term worthwhile. To this day, I have tried to play my part as much as possible. I have inherited most of these values from my father who believes in doing a lot of social service. For instance, we celebrated this New Year by visiting a slum near our home and distributing treats to the denizens there. If I am able to inculcate at least half the values, that my father taught me, to my children, I would consider myself to have been a good father.

In the professional area, I would like to be recognized as a dependable person who has provided vision and direction for the company. I would be satisfied if I leave a positive lasting impact in my organization. Most importantly, I would like to have earned the respect of the colleagues and sub-ordinates due to my expertise and conduct. This respect should stem not from my position of power but because of their genuine admiration. I am passionate about teaching. I demonstrated a lot of this quality while I was the placement representative of my class. I was a consistent topper in school and college and have received many awards for the same. I would like to take up teaching after I have earned enough to not worry about my income and about supporting my family. I have actually set a target of leading a corporate life till I am about fifty years and then would like to engage myself in teaching young minds



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## *Family : The Foundation of Life*

My most critical stakeholder at any given point of time in my life has always been and will always be my family. Even at the age of 50, I would like them to be as proud of me as they are today. They should be able to say that over the last 27 years, I have been somebody they have created beautiful memories with, someone who has been their pillar of strength in times of strife

The most valued lesson that my father has imbibed in me is that reaping riches is not the objective; the real happiness comes from being close to near and dear ones. He has been a role model for me; so one of my goals would be to go beyond his expectations of me.. He should feel that I have understood and performed my responsibilities diligently. Ever since my childhood, my mother has inculcated in me the values of honesty and integrity. When I am 50, she should feel that I have tried to follow her teachings.. Yet, she should see me as a person who has not compromised on his life and has not missed the important and critical milestones of the family life. I would want my brothers, sister and their family to say that I have been dependable and trustworthy and have always been there to support them whenever required.

My wife should be able to say that I have always been willing to work as hard as required to balance the various spheres of life. She should feel the same mutual love and affection as at the time of our marriage and perceive me as a 20-year young guy at heart. It is extremely important to me that she be able to say that I have been a good father to our children. I would want my children to say that they find a friend in me, with whom they enjoy spending their time.

Besides my family, the organization that I would be working for - be it an entrepreneurial activity (which I plan to start) or any other commercial venture, should be able to appreciate my contribution over the years. I would want the organization to communicate as to how my involvement has made it achieve greater heights and outperform the industry. I would want my co-employees to share my vision and have faith in my ability and my decisions. They should feel that as a colleague, I have helped them fulfill their personal goals and objectives.

I wish to extend my best support to the educational institutions and other NGOs with an objective of attaining 100% literacy and 0% poverty. One of the most significant contributors in my life would have been the society which would have helped shape me into the individual that I would be. Hence I would want it to believe that I have been instrumental in improving the society in which we live. ■



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## *At the Half of a Century*

By the time I celebrate my 50th birthday, I hope that I would have lived through a considerable part of a fruitful career. Although I feel that by the time reach such a stage, the world would have changed so much that a person at 50 would be nowhere near to giving up active working.

People reach a very critical stage at the stage of 50. There is so much to look back at yet there may be many unrealized dreams. These are the dreams that propel them further. But if a person has to be happy, these years of working must have some amount of satisfaction attached to them. Personally I would like to think that at 50 I would have minimum regrets about the decisions that I would have made up to that stage.

If at the age of 50, I look back at my life at workplace, I would want it to be free of blemishes of mistrust, corruption, lack of credibility, weak character and immorality. I would want my colleagues to look up to me as a somebody who can be trusted to do the work bestowed. In their eyes, I should be a man of character and principles. They should find me to be someone who can stand up for them in times of adversity and need, someone who can be looked up to for support and help.

To people who would be junior to me I must be approachable and be seen as a person who can be believed to give decent advice related to professional life. I should appear just and fair to them and free of prejudices for one against the other. To my seniors, I should be a person who can be trusted to be given a challenging assignment. They should have a positive opinion about my ideas.

To my family, I want to be a caring and loving person. I would like to be regarded as dependable by my spouse and somebody to fall back upon in difficult times. To my children I want to be affable. I would like them to find me as a source of strength. They should consider me as a person to whom they can confide about the various aspects of their lives.

Humans can not be flawless. There would be certain things in me that my family, friends or colleagues would not like but I want those things to not act as a hindrance for them to communicate freely with me. They should be able to discuss things with me without any problem



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## *A Worthwhile Life*

Critical stakeholders at the age of 50 would be my Parents, Spouse, Children, Brother, Friends, Peers, Superiors, Subordinates and the Society. I would expect them to say something similar to as described below:

Parents: I would like them to see me as a caring son, who has dutifully and gladly performed his responsibilities. It would be a great pleasure to see my father taking pride in introducing himself as my father.. My father always claims that I am his biggest investment and I would be overjoyed to see him saying that he doesn't regret, rather he has enjoyed investing so much in me.

Spouse: I would like her to see me as a loving husband who has maintained a healthy work-life balance. I would feel immensely satisfied to see her feeling that I gave her enough time despite all my work pressure. She should see me as her pillar of strength and her best friend and that would make my day. I would like her to feel and say that I lived up to my promises and her expectations at most of the times.

Children: My children should see me as a loving and caring father who was always there for them. I would like them to see me as a father who provoked them to think and provided them enough freedom to choose their career paths. Also I would like them to see me as an understanding father with whom they could share most of their thoughts and happenings in life.

Brother: I would like him to see me as his support system. I would think that I have excelled as a brother if he could respect me at that point of time and still share his worries with me. He should see me as more of a friend rather than an elder brother.

Friends: It would give me immense pride to see at least one of my friends describing me as a friend who lived up to the saying "A friend in need is a friend indeed". I would like them to describe me as a loyal friend and a person who could cheer them up in the worst of the circumstances.

Peers: I would like my peers to describe as a good friend and a person who has been a great pleasure to work with. I would like to be described as a good team player and a person who could handle work pressure with utmost ease and a smile on the face.

Superiors: I would like them to see me as a person who always delivered on time. I would like to be described as a person who could be trusted with the most crucial of the projects. I would

love to be described as a person who not only suggested solutions but also implemented them as and when needed.

Subordinates: I would like to be described as a down to earth and approachable superior by my subordinates.. I would like them to see me as a good motivator, a team player and a person with whom you can spend your spare time without getting bored.

Society: I would like to be seen as a socially aware and contributing member of the society. I would feel satisfied as a human being to make a significant difference to at least one person unrelated to me. ■

Pradeep Kumar Pokhariyal

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## *Life on My Terms*

I wish to be known by my stakeholders as someone who stood his ground in times of adversities and as one who did not compromise on his values. I wish to be remembered as someone who went against conventions to look for other shores. I wish to lead a life which would inspire others to follow my footsteps. As a caring soul who uplifts others as he forges ahead in life. My spouse, family and friends should feel proud to be a party to my achievements and look to me as role model. They should see me as a person who can be trusted and abides by his commitments. As a person who fulfilled his duties to his family, nation and society. They should look to me as a person who not only led a life of principles but also as one working actively and constructively for the betterment of the society. ■



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## *If Life's a Dream : Live on*

I have a dream, a fantasy  
To help me through reality and  
My destination makes it worth the while,  
Learning always while moving ahead  
And adding smile...

The dream is to strive towards excellence in all spheres of individual and collective activities. At the age of 50, I would like the critical stakeholders to have known this through my attitude and activities. I would like to be described as a person with caliber of bringing innovative solutions to problems, be it organizational or personal, and making a positive change leading to breakthrough results..

For my peers, I would like to be competitive and intellectually stimulating and yet being constructive in a team work. They should associate my personality with one whom they can count upon for any activity requiring quick and strategic decisions in the changing environment. Also, they should relate me with a result-oriented dynamic personality ready to deliver timely result with consistency and quality.

As I build my own organization to bridge the gap of human aspirations with technology, I should also be equally responsible to my personal life. This means that my family should stay happy and they should be able to associate the togetherness of family to me as well.. Infact I would like my spouse and children to be with me in all major decisions of my life and similarly I should contribute to their decisions. My parents should be proud of their daughter for what she could achieve with the learning which they imparted in her childhood. Not only should I be able to make an impact on people directly related to me but also through the organization which I plan to build I should be able to affect the lives of all those indirect associations as well in a positive manner. Last but not the least; I would like myself to be known as one with immense motivation to learn new things and continuously improve the skills to achieve excellence. ■





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## *Living Life to the Fullest*

I would want my children to say "Dad might have more work than he can handle, but he has always made sure we are his number one priority. He has proved time and again that family is more important than work and we love him for that."

I would want my spouse to say "I wont say Priyesh has been the best husband in the world. That is not for me to judge. What I can say is that I got into this marriage with some expectations, and he has fulfilled all those expectations and so much more! Most of all, I respect him, not only as my husband, not only as a businessman, but also as a terrific person and an exceptional human being."

I would want my brother to say "Priyesh and I don't show our emotions towards each other much but I know he loves me and would do anything for me. He has totally deserved everything that has come his way and he has been a great influence in everything I have achieved too. I know he is the one person I could always count on. Great brother, great man."

I would want my parents to say "Priyesh has not only been a terrific son, but also an amazing brother, husband and father. Everyday we can see him taking care of everyone around him and making sure everyone has everything they need. We are so proud of both our sons.. We know he cares about us and we care so much for him. We wish him all the best for all his future roles and responsibilities in life."

I would want my colleagues to say "Priyesh is one of the brightest people to have worked in this organisation. His temperament has stood out in times of crisis when we needed to have a calm influence around us. We have thoroughly enjoyed working with him and god-willing, we are sure we would still be enjoying it the same way after another 50 years"

I would want the general opinion to be that.. "Priyesh has lived his life to the fullest: working hard for everything he has achieved but at the same time, he has also enjoyed other aspects of life. His enthusiasm for sports would no doubt be apparent to anyone who has met him and it is this enthusiasm that has seen him dedicate so much time and hardwork to sports development in India." ■

## *Striking the Right Balance*

25-30 years down the line on my 50th birthday I would like to have achieved many things on the personal/professional/social fronts and would like the stakeholders in my life to have the following views about me :-

Parents: She has made us proud in every walk of life. We named her Anamika, because we wanted her to make her own name in the world and indeed she has done so. She has been a great daughter - Obedient, well cultured and respectful. She is a NTSE scholar, recipient of many merit scholarship, made it into NIT, IIM, and many top companies like TCS, Symphony, Cognizant etc. and what makes us more proud is that she has been able to achieve all this starting from a small town base.. Altogether she has accomplished more than we could ask for.

Spouse and friends: Anamika has been a very good companion - trustworthy, very understanding, caring, loving and responsible. Be it good times or bad ones we could always rely on her for rejoicing with or having a shoulder to cry on respectively. She has a very rational way of thinking because whenever she takes some stand or decision she does so after considering herself in the shoes of the counter party.

Children: She is a very loving & caring mother who was always there when it came to taking care of us. She always struck the right balance in her career & personal life. She is the one who helped us stand on our own feet through proper guidance on all aspects of life. If we look up for a role model in life, it is going to be her.

I plan to do some work for the underprivileged and it would be really great to hear the following from them:-

Anamika has been able to bring about a positive influence in our lives. She helped us when all the other doors were closed for us. She made us think that we are no less than the privileged people and helped us gain self confidence & realize our worth.

Colleagues: Anamika has been a very good colleague to work with. One can trust her for anything be it a matter seeking professional help or personal help. She is a people person loved and liked by all of us at the same time she knows how to get the work done in an efficient manner.. This is the reason why she is a very innovative person and also quick in recognizing and respecting the innovative initiatives taken by others.



## *Nothing's Impossible...*

A successful man is one who can build a firm foundation with the bricks that others throw at him. - David Brinkley

The ability to excel in adversity is what I believe should be the key characteristic, which any critic must find about me. This drive to perform against all odds saw me complete my Senior Secondary with unprecedented scores. After surpassing the records of the previous 6 years of the school in my Senior Secondary, the next milestone in my path came when I was selected for admission in IIT Delhi and became a part of its unparalleled emphasis on perpetual learning. Financial constraint against coaching motivated me for self-study and my unrelenting attitude instilled in me a grit to succeed.

The transition from the small and secluded town of Nagar Untari to the fast paced life of IIT Delhi came as a shock to me. The initial days at IIT were an agonizing eye opener to the world that had grown at a pace I had never fathomed while evolving in my natural shell back at home. The initial adverse environment spurred my growth and I performed well in different spheres at my institute. Organizing events and working on team projects filled me with an unshakeable confidence in my ability to grasp, analyze, infer, decide and execute.

I want my children and other family members to have the same passionate and unrelenting attitude and outlook. They should look upto me as an epitome who strengthens the philosophy that passion is a key ingredient to the success in every aspect of life. One should always be proud of the background he has come from. During my final year at IIT, wondering about my future prospects, I was standing on a divide between a prosperous and comfortable life of a company executive and the difficult path of an independent technical consultant for ailing businesses. I chose the second to unravel the mystery that had puzzled me since childhood.

Today, I see my learning curve accelerating with the MBA course I am pursuing. I look ahead to learn from experienced practitioners, fellow students from different disciplines and the alumni of the institute and gain the knowledge and skills necessary for me to be an effective consultant. This will boost the foundation on which I wish to take the difficult challenge to help technologically sick, small and medium scale industries and achieve the commercial viability of such potential firms, in the capacity of a technical consultant. Now, when I visualize myself on my 50th birthday, I see myself realising my dream and I see many determined followers willing to step into my shoes. I want my friends and colleagues and any other person who has known me in any capacity to believe in my zeal to achieve against all odds.



Siddhartha Kanoria

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Indian Institute Of Management - Lucknow

## *The Milestones of Life*

Reaching the age of fifty signifies an important milestone in any man's life. A major part of my initial twenty three years of life, has been spent in acquiring theoretical knowledge; while the next twenty seven years will be spent putting these into practice and gaining experiences of the business world. The manner in which I spend these years will determine where I stand on my 50th birthday.

I see myself as an entrepreneur, a successful yet socially responsible entrepreneur. I see myself at the helm of a professionally run flat structured organization, yet where every employee in the firm feels strongly attached to a single thriving family.

The critical stakeholders for me, at that point in life shall be my customers, my colleagues, my employees, and my family, friends and peers.

I envision a professionally run financial services company. Most of our customers should see us as an associate; and consider it a matter of pride to be a part of this mutually beneficial long-term relationship. My colleagues would be the best in practice and those who have worked their way up the ladder like me. At the age of fifty, they would value my strategic vision in expanding and strengthening the firm; and my customer centric approach towards solving critical business problems.

People from the top to the bottom rung of my organization would feel part of a single family that cares for them as much as they toil for it. Every employee of the firm shall be a part only because he deserves to be, and not because who he is or isn't. Beyond anything else, my family would be an extremely important part of my life. How they feel about me would truly determine how happy I am with whatever I have done. My parents should at that age, feel proud of me and be able to hold their heads high for each of my achievements. I would want to have fulfilled all their dreams and surpassed all their expectations from me as a son.

My spouse would be someone who would not just stand behind me, but beside me as a pillar of support through thick and thin. She should be able to say without a pause, that I have been successful in balancing the diverse roles of a boss, son, husband, father, and friend. My children would see me more as a friend than just a patriarchal figure. I would like to instill in them the same values that my parents have given me, and guide them through the difficulties of life. If, at the end of the day - my family does not love me and see me the way I would want them to, then all the fame and riches of this world would not be able to help me feel anything less than a failure.

Lastly, all my friends and peers from school, college, neighborhood and the industry should see me as a man who had the ability to plan for his future and the dynamism to execute them to fruition. They should be able to say that have seen me work towards converting my dreams into reality, yet at the same time never forgetting with my roots.



Anand Mohan Sharma

Academic Year: 1

Management Development Institute (Gurgaon)

## *Touching Lives with a Difference*

When I read this question for the first time, 50 years old seemed to be an age that was far away. But on deeper introspection, I understood that it was not really that distant because these years in between would determine where I would be when I touch 50. I have always wanted to touch people's lives. I would want to be seen as a person who respected everyone he met and touched their lives, a person who made a difference for people close and not so close to him.

Parents - I would wish my parents say that I was the son they always wanted. I wish I would have realized all their dreams and become a person they always desired me to- a man of unwavering values and strong character.

Wife - I would be successful if my wife says that I always treated her as my equal. That I always stood by her, supported her and helped her progress both on a personal as well as a professional level. I wish she says that I inspired her when she was dejected, humored her when she felt down and was loyal to her every second of my life.

Children - I hope my children say that I was a father who shaped their lives and that they cherish the values that I passed to them from my father. I wish I would be a funny, understanding and caring father; and that I would make my children understand individualism and value independence.

Colleagues - I wish they say that I was leader they always wished to emulate. That I always understood the importance of work, team, inspiration and citizenship.. That I brought about innovation, shaped people's thoughts and made my company the most respected in the world.

Country and Society - I wish my country considers me as a son who never forgot his roots no matter how high he rose, a person who gave back as much as he got because he always believed in creating value for his stakeholders and improving their quality of life..

Lastly, I would just wish I was seen as a human, as person who was humble and that I made everyone feel that they were important , and that I was a person who inspired whomever I met, and after I was gone people felt that they were not really the same that they were before they had met me. ■



Gaurav Jindal  
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Management Development Institute (Gurgaon)

## *Living on in Others Lives*

In the journey named life there are lot of critical elements. The most critical being our parents as they are the reason that we take this journey. Most of us limit our self to our relatives, siblings, colleagues and the people whom we interact directly. I agree with Bauji's philosophy that without the upliftment of weaker and backward sections of society our nation's dream of being a leading nation of the world shall remain unfulfilled. So I would define the whole society as a critical element for my life and would like to work in a manner that people remember me for my work and not my name. At my 50th birthday I would like people to say that I have touched there life in a manner which has had an everlasting effect and that would be success for me. ■

Gaurav K. Agrawal  
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S P Jain Institute of Management & Research - Mumbai

## *Succession of Moments Lived Well*

"Success is not a destination we ever reach, success is the quality of the journey", said Jennifer James. This captures the essence of my idea of success, when I reach fifty.

Family is and will always remain to be my first priority. My spouse should be able to vouch for sincere love & companionship provided by me in all those years. My children should have a caring father, neither too stern nor too lenient. My parents should count on me as a dependable son, who can also be a friend whenever needed. Overall my family must have the satisfaction of having me around whenever there's a need and beyond.

Friends are flowers of life! In thick and thin, they stand by us and bail us out. When I reach fifty, number of people counting me as friend should be higher than those whom I count as friend. I should be able to lend a helping hand, ear as well as shoulder to all my friends.

It's said, if your subordinates respect you, you must really be a decent man! I would like to be RESPECTED at my workplace. My seniors should count on my sense of responsibility, initiative and professionalism. My peers should be able to seek my counsel. And juniors- should vouch for my fairness and walking the talk.

No man is an island! We all live in a society where not everyone is equally privileged. At 50, I should have matured enough to take a dispassionate look at wealth, share my resources, enabling society at large to thrive.

At the end of the day our conscience is our report card. Every will may not be achieved, but there should be a satisfaction of a journey well done. ■



Rahul Ravichandran

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Indian Institute Of Technology - Chennai


## *Dwelling in Hearts... Long after I`m Gone*

A 50th birthday comes only once in a lifetime. It marks the milestone of our fifty years of joys and sorrows, our deeds and misgivings. Rightly so, the fiftieth year is termed as the golden jubilee year.

In my fiftieth birthday, I would like people to remember me as one they could always seek whenever they were in times of need. Instead of someone who has earned a name through financial or industrial matters, I would like to enter people's hearts through my kindness. As for my colleagues, I would expect them to say that I was a person who would treat everyone as his own equal without discrimination. In fifty years, I would most certainly want my friends to remember me as a person who would bring joy to people around him by his mere presence.

For my family members, I expect to do the most, as everyone else does. It just so happens that you are more attached to your family members, to those who have fed you right from day one, those who have seen you grow day in and day out. To them, I am most indebted and would like to give them all happiness possible in this world. I want to create a feeling in their minds that there still lives someone who would be with us even if the entire world turns up against us.

For my children, I would like to be a loving and caring father, who would always be there in times of need and give moral support in whatever activities they venture into. I would like to be remembered by them as a supporting stool for all the good deeds they do in life.

Last, but not least, I would like to be remembered by the entire society, not as an academician, but as a person. I would like to create a home for myself in their hearts so that my name would be etched in their minds as long as civilization continues to stand. 



Acharya Amrit Pratik

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## *A Lasting Impression*

I visualize myself finding my true calling in life by the time I am 40 and hence i would have devoted myself wholeheartedly in pursuing this journey. On my 50th birthday I foresee myself having traversed a significant part of this enriching journey. Looking back over the years, if i do not regret most of the decisions i have made in my life so far, particularly in the last decade, I am positive I will be content, which I hope will extend to all my future endeavors.

In order to achieve this desired state of being, all my critical stakeholders would have played a pivotal role.

I would like my family to have this strong conviction that i will be at their side all the time and especially when they need me the most. I definitely do not want my family to complain that I am not devoting enough of my time to them. I would like my children to look upon me and consider me as their role model and friend. Regarding my better half ,our respect and mutual affection has strengthened over the years and the support which we derive from each other has stood me in good ground and I would like her to share my happiness.

I acknowledge the contribution of my parents in shaping my life so far. I grew up admiring their diligence and their efforts in bringing me up. They have always allowed me to make independent decisions in my life while safely guiding me from a distance. Currently, my friends tell me that people flock to me on the merit of my work and I would like all the people whom I deal with on a professional basis to hold this view in the future also.

My subordinates should consider it as enriching to work under me. My colleagues should consider me approachable and should not get intimidated by my stature

As a concluding statement I would consider myself extremely fortunate if the people around me feel my absence when I am not present amongst them. ■



K Arun Kumar  
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## *In My Process of Becoming...*

In my life, I have always given due importance to the views and opinions of my 'critical stakeholders'. At present, the people who I think fit the bill are my close relatives especially my brother and father, my best friends, my teachers and guides. I imagine that at an age of 50, it would again be my family and friends, but along with my colleagues and juniors. (I wouldn't want to call them sub-ordinates!)

Let me start with my closest relatives. Parents are the pivotal figures in any child's life. So are mine. They always gave me the encouragement to achieve things. Despite the loss of my mother, it is with the support of my father, brother and grandparents that I was able to achieve what I have.. Of course, my father always takes pride in praising my achievements and I want to give him more such happiness. As my tutor and guide, my brother always helps me with his advices, suggestions and criticisms. I would want him to say about my way of life and my outlook towards others. Now, since marriage is something that I have no clue about as of yet, anything that I say about wife or children's perception of me would be purely artificial. So I prefer to sidestep that.

My friends on the other hand could highlight the untold 'secrets' and little things that bring me across as a fun-loving down-to-earth person. Having seen with me through ups and downs both in professional life and personal life, they are best placed to offer a second perspective about me. Insofar, they are the ones who can say most about my professional life. The most important thing I would like them to say is what a good team man I was. Teamwork and coordination with the others are key to success in any collective endeavor. They could also underscore the rapport I shared with them for I believe partnerships aren't a marriage of convenience but rather a commitment to mutual advancement. Then again, my passion in any work can only be understood by my peers and colleagues. For my juniors, I would want to be a good role model. They needn't idolize me but I should be able to inspire and motivate them.

Last but not least, I would definitely be in touch with my teachers. Without them, I wouldn't be what I am. I would give due respect to the words that my teachers have to say about my journey till then and how I was shaped under them.



V. Baradwaj  
Academic Year: 4

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## *Promises well Honored*

On my 50th birthday, I would like to be a person liked by my friends and my family who has by then, carried out his responsibilities in every role taken. As a friend and a colleague, I would want my friends to think of me as a person who is always helpful and a person to rely on and a person with whom someone can share their problems and burdens with confidence. As a husband, I should have carried out my responsibility towards my spouse as a caring and loving husband paying as much respect and reverence to her parents as I would, to my parents. She should find me helpful in every walk of life and find me on her side helping her to my best, keeping the promise I make on the day of the wedding. As a father, I would want my children as one who has taken care of them with all due affection they wanted. One sanskrit saying says a father should treat his son like a king till the first five years, as a protector till the next ten years, as a friend for the rest of his life. I would like my children to see me as one who has fulfilled what the saying says and if possible, be beyond what they can describe me in words. ■

Sameer Agarwal  
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Indian Institute Of Technology - Guwahati

## *Perfection*

On my 50th birthday, the time when I wish I am perfectly settled in life, I wish everyone to know me as am honest, hardworking and determinant person who respects elders and loves young ones. I want my colleagues to talk about the great time we had together at every point of life and that we were always there for each other in difficult and happier times. I would like to feel really special and thankful to God for the wonderful friends I have got. On the other hand, for my parents and brother I always want to be a caring and loving son and brother who will never be able to repay the debt of infinite love and care that he has received from them at every walk of life. I would like them to remember me as an obedient son who always made them proud. For my spouse and children, I would like to be a loving husband and father, guiding my children to walk on the roads of life the same way I had learnt from my parents. In all, I would love to hear that they all love me and will continue to love me! ■



Apoorv Agarwal  
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## *A Good Life lived Best!*

It's so amusing and hilarious to imagine myself as 50 years old. Who knows what will happen in so many years.

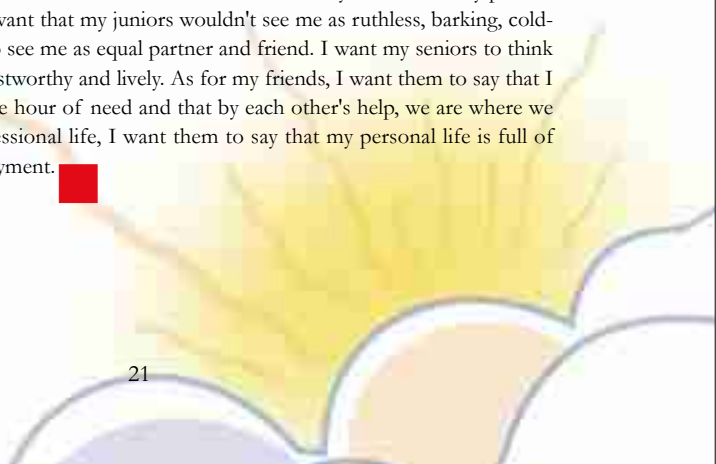
Well; like others, I want myself to be wealthy, happily married, with honorable children at the age of 50 years.

More specifically, I visualize myself (or atleast want to visualize) myself on the post of a top director of a research team working on applications of quantum theory in utilizing alternative source of energy, in prestigious institutes like MIT, Harvard or Oxford.

So far, the major stakeholders of my success are my parents and sister. However, they always say the same things that the only stakeholder of my success is me, myself. Other but not unimportant stakeholders of my success are the school teachers and classmates. They too all say the same thing that despite being disabled, I (yes, I have a hearing loss of 100 dB which in medical terms is severe hearing loss) have managed to study in normal schools instead of special schools for handicapped children and also to top in every class and eventually ending up getting Computer Science in IIT Delhi. I want them to say that I'm very lucky to get a combination of excellent family, teachers and friends who with their joint efforts helped me to achieve a feat which very few disabled persons have managed to achieve.

I want my wife to look at me as loving, caring, faithful and sympathetic. I also want my wife to say that I am able to live up to her expectation as a loving husband only because of her sweet, loving and caring nature.

I want my children to look at me as a role model in much the same way as I look at my parents and sister. At my workplace, I want that my juniors wouldn't see me as ruthless, barking, cold-hearted, formidable boss but to see me as equal partner and friend. I want my seniors to think me as honest, hardworking, trustworthy and lively. As for my friends, I want them to say that I have never deserted them in the hour of need and that by each other's help, we are where we dream to be. Apart from professional life, I want them to say that my personal life is full of energy, liveliness, laughter, enjoyment. ■





Sujeet Kumar Shukla

Academic Year: 2

Indian Institute Of Technology - Delhi

## *What I am or Will be...*

"Aren't we so lucky that we happened to live with and in the age of the greatest physicist this world has ever seen" : These are the words (more or less) I want from them on my 50th birthday.

I don't want them to look at me with various angles of perfection of life. I don't want them saying "he is best at whatever he does." or "see, this guy is Mr. perfectionist ,a genius" or "He is the best father(or friend or husband ..etc) in the whole world.".....etc.

My colleagues who, I guess, will be most important for me will not be making such silly statements. I want them to say something like this "I don't have much interest quoting anything about this guy because I don't have interest in his personality.. He never does research for the development of a subject so called physics. He does this because he feels something about the physical and non-physical world that most of us don't or rather can't feel. But as the matter of fact he achieved this greatness only after converting the answers to those questions into a real physical thing which this ordinary world can feel in real.

I don't know whether he has "enjoyed" his life in the way we define but I do know he has enjoyed every second of his life in his own way. In short I find him to be a talented, hard working pleasant person when I think of him in worldly way"

But at the same time I want my colleagues (even my closest one) to be jealous of me in a positive sense.

I want my family members to think of me as a "simple ,ordinary" person for them who is far away from being "a worldly man" , whom they can live with and part of whose personality other than physics is under there control. I want them to be able to feel the dreams coming true with me at that time. At last, I would like to say one thing. I never expect that inference of any person (including my closest ones) will reveal what I am or will be. I believe on the fact that no one but you can decide what you are. The variables, we understand the world in terms of, are different for every individual and there is no point in seeing ones perspective in the mirror of others inference.

Or simply (rather mathematically) "What I want others to say about me is not always the function of what I want to be" - So at last I would like them to say something that I don't want at all.



Ankita Bajaj  
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## *Greater Success*

It is my dearest wish that, by the time I reach the stage of my life where age forces me to slow down a little, I have reached out to hundreds of lives and made them better at least in some little aspect.. Like almost everyone else, I do wish to achieve great heights in my professional life, to earn wealth, stature and fame, and hence be a success in the eyes of the world. But I would not want this to be the sole goal of my life. I would like this success to be a part of a greater success. The day I turn fifty, I hope to be able to see this success reflected in the faces of people around me.

My fiftieth birthday would be an occasion to share memories and sentiments with all the important people in my life, a list that would include my family, my colleagues from all my previous jobs, and, hopefully, a lot of friends. I would expect my college friends to say that I have not lost my energy, or my ambition, over the years. And that I have been able to stay close to them all through their lives, without ever letting time get in the way. We will make a toast to all the occasions we were able to help each other. My parents would be very proud of me, and would tell me I had fulfilled all their dreams and never given them a chance to regret the way they brought me up. I would like my husband to say that I have been an ideal partner for him, and have believed in him even in the darkest of times. I expect him to say that I have been his motivation through life, always making him better himself. My children would stand closest to me, and thank me for trying hard to find time for them despite the constraints which my busy career put on me.

My colleagues would probably feel a little out of place in such a gathering, but I hope we will be good enough friends for them to still feel comfortable. I would expect them to acknowledge what a fighter I had been all through my professional life, and yet how ready I had always been to help any of them with their problems. But above all I expect everyone to say that it had been a great experience to have known me, and that I had been able to make their lives more enjoyable and fulfilling. And of course, I would expect them all to wish me happy birthday. ■



## *Sweet Dreams are made of These...*

The following is a speech that I would love to hear on my 50th birthday:

"It gives me great pleasure to wish our chairman, Mr. Anand Dureja a very happy 50th birthday. He's a chairman who is very special to all of us; not just because he has helped our company to rise from humble beginnings to the great heights where it is today, but also because he has taken great care of all his employees. He has never made us think that we aren't a part of his very own family.

In his own words, Mr. Dureja 'has done what little he could do to give back to the society what he owes from it'. He has contributed to the country by not just providing cutting-edge technological products that our company is famous for, but has also done his best to assist a large number of people to stand on their own feet. Besides helping the workers, Mr. Dureja has also helped in opening small schools in areas near our factories to make sure that the children there are not denied their right to education. It surprises me how, even with his busy schedule, he even manages to find time to visit these schools frequently.

Besides all this, he has undertaken another venture to create a better environment for our future generations. He has taken great care to ensure that all his units are essentially adhering to environmental norms, and do not contribute to any harmful effluents or industrial pollutants..

It sometimes surprises me how much this man has helped to contribute to the world in such little time and that too without any selfish motives. With that, I would like to ask his wife to please say a few words"

"For me, my husband has always been the perfect family that I had always dreamed of. Despite his numerous responsibilities, he has always taken out time for me and our two daughters - be it for those regular picnics, the frequent outings, of those cozy dinners at home daily.

Whether at home or outside, he has always been a fun person to be. With his thinking that 'the time gone by never comes back', he has always made sure that we all enjoy each moment to the fullest, and never allow ourselves to get entangled in mundane issues of life. I can never imagine what life would have been without him".



Mane Vishnu Rajendra  
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## *An Inspired Living*

Its not sure I'll live 50 years. But let be optimistic. Before I answer critics I should be able to give ans. to self that had I been able to live my life to my expectations? The answer must be 'yes'.

Second most important are my parents (my inspiration) and my wife ( better half of mine, the best friend of mine , good advisor, manager, and best critic). They all should be feeling my presence pleasing. My parents should be proud of me. They shall be thanking god for giving such a son. My wife should say that you are very balanced person. That I am caring, that I give equal attention to my work as well as my duties towards house. She should be reminding me that she is happy and enjoying her life in my company.

My children should say that i am true inspiration for them. That i am best friend of theirs. They should say that i have given all the happiness in the world and the more important thing is the insight to live life, the wisdom and the values which are everlasting.

My colleagues should say that i am very helpful. That I help them out of the toughest moments of their life. They should be saying that I manage all the things magically and that I am too much energetic.

Although everything written above looks so dreamful. But in real life we have to face many challenges. Everyone has to. But the real art is that how we manage to overcome all these. In life always one leg of ours must be firmly on ground and other must be dancing like Lord 'KRISHNA' does. 



Tulsi Ram  
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## *Exceeding Expectations*

At my 50th birthday I think critical stakeholder will include my father, sisters, wife, children and some of my friends. From my father I would like to hear something like this, "When he was studying in college I never thought that he will take care of me so nicely. At that time I always used to say to people around me that just like these day's younger generation he won't be happy to keep me with him and his wife because they will see me as a danger to their freedom. But now everything that I thought has proved wrong. In these 30 years he has given me respect, dignity, luxury and everything I asked for."

From my sisters, "He is like mother to us and nobody can describe a mother in words. But we are really thankful to god that He sent him in our lives. How he managed to handle both his study and us, after death of our mother, is really amazing. Despite all of this he took his career where we think nobody in his condition can do."

From my wife, "It has been more than 20 years to our marriage. But in all these years I never felt that I am living in a male dominated society. He gave me equal importance in every decision we took in our lives. He always kept a balance between family and profession and stood firmly in every phase of his life. His best quality is that he keeps on improving his professional and social skill day par day.

From my any children, "I don't know how to thank my dad for such a wonderful life he gave to me. He gave me freedom without any relaxation in discipline. He never let me wastes money but I never felt lack of anything in my life. From my colleagues, "At 50th birthday of my dear friend I want to tell him that he is my ideal in business. I learned all of my business strategy from him. He has been good friend and excellent business partner. I think he has only few friends but he keeps all of them close to his heart."



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## *A Safe Haven*

To visualize something a long time space apart from the present is like discovering oneself in a different time warp. And when i think of the way future unfurls for me, i wake up with a different fantasy every time. Life is an enigma of its own kind, always waiting for a solution, and that is the way it keeps revealing its beauties to me ,i never craved for a hassle -free peaceful indoor sedentary life. To me the very essence of life is interaction, getting to know the world around us, the way each of our lives is intertwined ,the relation that binds us to our environment ,


So how do i look at life at this moment? Where do the unknown roads lead to? Which doors have been waiting for my knock? After four years would this world have just have another engineer, who would eagerly auction himself to the best salaries available? Another brain getting dumped with a so called good job? And suddenly where possibly could a time leap of thirty-two years lead to? A dump yard? Or a perfectly furnished office? Or truckloads of currencies? Do i see a family around myself? Or just a madman buried in heaps of papers and calculations?

It is a difficult to reach an agreement between orderliness and chaos in this respect. In a world of supersonic dynamism ,where even thirty seconds can change hell into heaven, thirty years seem to comprise an eon.

So where is this fast forward going to leave me? Would i celebrate my fiftieth birthday with the utmost grandeur possible? With all the people around me singing my eulogies? Or would i even have the bare necessities to think of a day named birthday?

The probably surprising thing is that a birthday is nothing special for me. Just like any other day .I belong to a country where so many people cant even afford to even clothe themselves, to keep silent the pangs of hunger, that keep building for days even months, forget a birthday!!!!

I have no idea what will be the condition of my country after thirty years. But certainly as a human being I would rather be a have than a have-not. Lets make things a bit commonplace. An IIT-ian with a stable life is perhaps a safe prediction.





## *Vision 2037 AD!*

A century ago, a man of fifty years would look quite old. Grey hair or a big bald on his temple, a bit of a stoop and perhaps a filigreed tracery of veins on his forehead. Not many of them would be seen on the street anyway.

Today, thanks to science, people do not start ageing before they are seventy, and that is the usual retirement age. They say that life begins at sixty. Of course, there is one thing. We are extremely busy. I stay two hundred miles away from my work place and commute by an air taxi. My apartment is on the two hundred and fiftieth floor and it takes about an hour to cover that journey by an elevator. I need to work for ten good hours and that leaves just nine hours with my family and children. My children do not get to see me during the week days as they are invariably at bed when I go out in the morning or return at night.

My wife also works and by the time we are back, we have very little energy to spend time in dalliance. Thankfully, we do not have to go shopping because of various home services. We also do not have to take our children to tuitions because they get the tutor service right on their computers. But the week ends are still awesome.

I was trying to visualize my life when I shall be fifty and found that it would be worth really nothing but full of monotony. I shall have no time to read books, no time to watch the stars, no time to see my friends, all of whom will have no time for me either. So should I prepare to live this life till then? Should I become an 'also ran' person in this vast ocean of humanity? That is when I decided to do something that will give us back that great intangible 'time'.

I would try to work in an area where we shall be able to have 'time dilation'. Clocks will run slower so that we have more time at our hand. If we succeed, people will get back their leisurely life of the last century. If I can achieve that, all my acquaintances will remember me as some one special and will always remember my contribution.


Sorry, this is also fiction; for I do not think I shall be able to achieve time dilation in the next fifty years, if that is possible ever in daily life. But I shall surely try to do something which will make life a little beautiful. My Father worked as the project manager for the computerization of the Indian railway passenger reservation project, which has changed the way of life for most individuals in the country. He is a retired person now but looks back to his days with great satisfaction. I would also like to do something, similarly epoch making. And I have the conviction that I shall succeed

## *A Life made Proud*

On my 50th birthday, which would be almost 30 years from now, I would have already passed through the most productive phase of my life, transforming from an enthusiastic young man, full of energy and a desire to excel, into a middle aged man who has gained enough knowledge and experience. At this point of my life I would divide the persons who matter to me or my critical stake holders into three different groups as:

- i. My parents
- ii. My wife and children
- iii. My colleagues and friends

I would have spent a considerable amount of time with all the above persons and from my work and achievements, my attitude and behavior towards them, they would have formed an honest opinion about me. In the following lines I will try to describe what I would like these very important persons in my life to say about me on my birthday.

:I would like the most important persons in my life and the cause of my existence i.e. my parents, to feel extremely proud every moment they think about me. I would like them to say that their life was a success for their only child has honestly followed all their teachings and has become a successful and respectable man in the society. I would like them to say that they have the best son, who is not only a good man, a good scientist or a good husband but also a humble, dutiful and obedient son. I would like them to say with their heads high that I realized all their dreams and promises I made to them as a child. 

## *Life at One Step Ahead*

My 50th birthday!!! I never gave a thought about it before and cannot imagine myself being that old. But one day we all have got to face the reality.


Imagining that we are 30 years ahead, I want my friends to say, "She is a girl who had cherished her dreams, achieved her goals and did what she always spoke about. When we were young she used to always say that one day she would build a hospital and serve the poor. She used to say that she would become a successful entrepreneur. And today she did it. She has stuck to her principles all through her journey and never deviated from them come what may. Whatever she might be today, she is as friendly as she was. And whenever we are in need, the first person who comes to our mind to ask for help is her"

I hope that my spouse would say, "She has always been my better half, holding my hand in my joys and sorrows, ups and downs...In spite of her busy schedule, she always had time for me and cared for me. She was there when I needed her. Today I am a CEO of a multinational company and she is the woman behind my success. Now, my children would say "she is our role model. She has taught us what is good and what is bad. We share everything with our mother. She is always our best friend, guiding us all through the journey of life. One sweet thing we would like to mention about our mom is that she never forced us to do anything.. She always says "Quitters never win and winners never quit." Though sometimes we feel that she does not spend as much time as other mothers do, we understand that she has got her own constraints. But she always tries to keep us happy.

It's my parents turn now...They would say "She has never let us feel old. Even today, she has given us the responsibilities of her hospital.. She fulfilled our dreams and today we are very happy taking part in this mission. She always dreamt of becoming a doctor, but due to some circumstances we put her into engineering. But she never complained. She successfully got through JEE and became a civil engineer and today the chairman of the largest construction company of India. But she silently nourished her dreams of becoming a doctor. She has built a hospital and sees her silent dreams in them.

I want my staff to say, "We love to work under her leadership. This is the best place for us to prove our talent. She keeps track of our contributions and pays of in the right time. She has never looked upon us as our superior. the happiness and satisfaction that we get here is something we don't get elsewhere."

I wish that my competitors would say "She is invincible. Whatever step we take, she is always one step ahead of us. She is very tough in her professional life. But when it comes to personal life she is a good friend of ours."

And now, I cannot imagine any other roles. May be these are the people with whom I spend most of my time with. I might sound too idealistic in the above passages, but they are my dreams and I want to become what I have been describing so far, that woman who influences and guides others. 



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## *A True Friend is Life's Best Mirror*

Visualizing myself on my 50th birthday and considering to have been minimum successful that I expect to be in life, i.e. be a successful software engineer, here is what I would want to hear from my stakeholder, say my best friend -

" Today we celebrate the 50th birthday of my dear friend . What can I say about Anurag. I have known him for last several years. We were together in IIT Kanpur. We were room mates for an year. We graduated together and now we are working together.

He is a friend that anyone would want in life. His sincerity and time management has been appreciated by all since those days..

He is not only a very good friend but an equally good human. I still remember the night we returning from an office trip by road. A seriously injured man was lying on road side. The traffic was passing by. No one cared about him. Neither did I , but Anurag insisted on stopping the car. We called for the ambulance. Meanwhile we tried to give him every possible firstaid, available in car. The ambulance came an hour later. We drove back twenty kilometers to the nearest hospital in Ahamdabad. We spent the whole night there in completing the medical and legal formalities. He knows the value of life and taught it to several others like me. He took these pains after very heavy working days. I remember , he never hesitated even once in his decision to help the person.

Most of us are unaware of his love for our country. Very few of us know that a highly reputed German company wanted to recruit him. He could have taken his family there and earned much more. But he chose to work in India and for India.

He is very hard working and dedicated towards his work. His talent is evident from the softwares he had developed for our company. This is an example of what I would want to hear. I would want to hear words that come out from the bottom of heart. Whether appreciation or criticism. I would like to hear words that take me back to my past. I have encountered some incidents as mentioned above, and I am ready many to come.





## *A Life Savoured Well*

Yesterday, my children and some very close family friends put together my 50th birthday celebration. It was a surprise party. Me and my wife, we had gone to Mumbai and returned home around 7 in the evening. As we approached the house, I found the entrance a little ajar and we stepped in. As we stepped, the lights suddenly came on and there was a deafening chorus accompanied by a general round of clapping- "Happy birthday to dear Papa".. Do you know?" "Fifty!!", I I worked these 49 years. Painstakingly grooming and shaping the careers of my children. Working hard, earning money and saving a lot. A flashback of my life until now just boosts a Thrilling wave throughout my body. The main stages of my life came with my entrance to IIT-K, of course getting good credits also fetch me OPJ scholarship ,which was an important milestone in my life which help me a lot ,after that passing from IIT ,setting up my own company and finally with lots of hard work becoming a well known and a rich person . Now today, I am a successful person. I have a very good family and I've achieved a lot in my life, but still I have to go a long way. Now what I want from my stakeholders to say about me??? Starting from my colleagues, for them they should think of me as a person who believes in hard work and determination as these are the two characteristics which I have been following right from the beginning of my carrier which have also put me up to this level. In my life, the three fundamental principals which I have followed :-

- 1) I can do it.
- 2) I will do it.
- 3) I did it.

What about my spouse??? For her I should be an ideal husband as I have always been. I have been a husband, who respects her, obeys her feelings, admires her, loves her At last, but not least she should perceive me as a person who have given her and our family a complete freedom and a comfortable living life.

They should perceive me as a father that gives them an ample of time, besides all his busy schedules, as a father who helps them in removing all of their problems. They should perceive me as a father who leads them to the correct path of life.. I have always led them to a correct path, so I want them to think of me as a person who thinks for their best. At the end, beyond all these applause and respect from my stakeholders I would like them to point out my mistakes, show me right path and tell me my bad things.



Subhonmesh Bose  
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## *A Penny for My Thoughts...50 years now on*

I sat down to write the essay. Time was running out as I scooted through my timeline to reach my 50th birthday. Initially nothing popped up. But some concentration took me through the barrier of imagination and I reached the scene.

It is about to be twelve in the night and a soft number from Pt. Jasraj had lulled me into a shallow slumber. That piece of music had been my favorite since a long time, but had been dusting for quite a while behind layers of my busy schedules. Suddenly a soft distant tone of "Happy Birthday" flows in to replace my favorite raaga in the background. A little tickle on my ears wake me up. My dear son whispers in my ears "Happy Birthday dad". My sleep-laden finds a room lit with a few candles when my wife and son bloom forth in all smiles. And that starts my day that marks my 50th birthday.

My favorite piece of music, candles lighting the room, my son coming to wish me and my wife with a nice smile standing behind ... Everything connects in one string. They value my presence. They value my existence. They value my choices. In short they value me. Isn't that all I want?

Yes. That is definitely the ideal start to my 50th birthday. But what underlies that idealism? What do those actions tell me, if not in explicit words, but in the nature in which it unfolded? A son, twenty odd years old with his own college life and probably a girlfriend to spend his time with, comes to me at the stroke of midnight to wish me my birthday. My wife, with her own professional life to handle, gets a coordination going with my son and creates the perfect ambiance for me to enjoy. Isn't that typically what a middle-aged man would want? I began thinking. Am I any different from just a normal guy?

An individual pursues some goals, some targets and some dreams. But somehow he fits into the scheme of a family, a clan and an office where personal goals merge to become a common goal that reinforces his individuality with a broader perspective.. Maybe I just expect too much. But there is no limit to imagination when it comes to extrapolating your life. And neither have I imposed any limitations.

50th birthday is a long way off. Precisely some 29 years and 15 days to go; Somehow the very thought of what people around me would or should react to my presence helped me settle some of my own thought-processes. No clue whatsoever if I would get this scholarship or not, but I do pay you a note of thanks for getting me to think on this topic.



Mohit Bansal  
Academic Year: 4

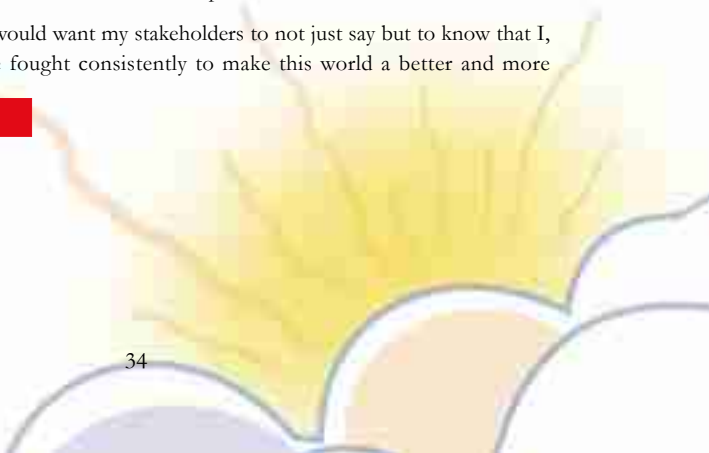
Indian Institute Of Technology : Kanpur

## *A commonplace Dream for a Better World!*

I have always believed that my critical stakeholders are not just my family and friends but the whole society in general, and this is the reason why I strongly feel the need to give back. This is not just something that I want to do for others, but it would give me immense satisfaction too if I can reach a certain position in my life from where I can afford to benefit not just myself but my fellow beings in general. This is why I aim to pursue higher education after my bachelor's degree and plan to get involved in professorship along with research, so that I can impart knowledge and add to the existing domain of science. Down the road, maybe on my 50th birthday, I will have my own research laboratory, as a startup, and will be elatedly and diligently inspiring and providing a platform for the brilliant and motivated minds to prove themselves and contribute to wisdom. Also, I firmly believe that God, my family, my friends and guardians are the source of my will power and determination.

Such an aim in life inspires me not to crave for big salary packages, and not to get complacent by immediately taking up the easily available and lucrative job offers right after my bachelor's degree. I am determined to persevere further so that I can at least make a difference, otherwise life would be a wastage. My motivation gave me reason to reject the high-paying summer internship at Microsoft, Redmond and instead I took the offer from Cornell University. The stipend was sufficient to survive but the opportunity of an Ivy League university research atmosphere was worthwhile and it strengthened my resolution to continue my education so that I can then assist my nation and world's march into the realms of the scientific world. I am sure that choosing the other option would have not allowed me such an important decision.

Hence, on my 50th birthday, I would want my stakeholders to not just say but to know that I, as an ordinary individual have fought consistently to make this world a better and more knowledgeable place to live in.





Manas Joglekar  
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## *A Stainless Future for a Brighter World*

I turned 18 this year and am at the beginning of my adult life. I have many dreams now, but they have not yet been crystallized. I have only vague notions of the future, I am yet not sure as to what I will have done, or would have become when I turn 50. Right now, my parents are my most critical stakeholders. They have played a pivot role in making me what I am now. My sister and friends have also helped and emotionally supported me throughout. I have also been greatly influenced by my teachers, both from educational institutions (school, college, IIT, etc.)

By the time one becomes 50, most of life's struggle is over and the mould of one's character and career is fully established. At that time, what others say about me will depend on what I have done and what they had expected from me. For example Gandhiji was one thing for the nation and another for his son Harilal, because although he did great things for the nation, he did not support his son in doing what his son wanted to do (study law in England), which is not what most Fathers would have done.

When I become fifty, I would obviously want my critical stakeholders to speak well about me, but I want them to be honest in what they say about me. I would definitely like them to describe me as a person who has achieved a lot in life, and has attained great heights of success. But material success is only one of many things. I would like to be described as a person who has succeeded not just materially, but also spiritually. I would like them to see me as a person who has lived with honour and has never compromised his principles, and has always had a clear conscience.. I would, at 50 like to have a past which I should be proud to recall, and feel no guilt while recounting to anyone. I would like them to describe me as a very caring and understanding person, who is always ready to help them and anyone else in need, who was always with them, either physically or at least emotionally.

Most importantly, I would like to be thought of as a person who lived not just for himself, but also for others, every day of whose life enriched someone else's life, and gave hope to those less fortunate than him. I would like them to think of me as a person who did not live in vain, and who made the world a better place to live in, if only slightly, than what it would have been had he not been there.





Prathmesh Prabhu

Academic Year: 2

Indian Institute Of Technology : Mumbai

## *Tiding over Odds to Win & Enrich Lives*

The most important thing that I would like the people that matter to me think about me is, here is a man who lived his life by his own means and guides, that mediocrity in his own eyes is something he never knew. I have aspirations, and those are something I hold dear, but what I value even more are the principles I've inherited from baba and that have constantly evolved to take a solid shape. 30 years down the line, I know I will be a person worth looking up to, not merely because of what I know I must achieve but because of the way I do it. I want my people to know that I was in my life always driven by a mad urge to keep driving, and of course those 50 years is no age to even think of retiring.

I must confess I'm already a workaholic, and I just hope I'll always remain one. Working for the work's cause is something I'll always abide by. I'd like people to know how I enjoyed work. you lose many a battles thus, and win a few, but I want them to know that I took every challenge life had to throw upon me with a stubborn face. I want them to know that never, once, did I flee. I know life isn't cruel, it just keeps you on your feet, and I, for one, never ever want to sit down.

True, I've never felt the need for a reason to work, but to work aimlessly is even worse than naught. If I were to look for a reason, a justification of my actions, I would search within. I would like my parent, my wife and my children to know that they've always held the first position in my eyes, and I've tried and hoped above all to be in theirs. The softer processes of life must back all the harder times. Besides, Indian values are something I've luckily always respected and over time, this respect has only grown. the values that our culture inherently has are so concurrent with the ethics I've come to love over time that I can't help loving it out of sheer logic. Among all other things, the one thing that Indian culture has most to offer is gratitude. Before all is over, I have a strong belief I'll return to this society all it has helped me with and more, and effectually help it grow.

Finally and more importantly than any of the above, I would never want them to "say" any of this. Not because of magnanimity or anything of the like. Simply because I feel I couldn't stand it. I'd be more ashamed than anything. In the end, I picture myself as a happy old man who can look back at number of times life tried to take him in and probably think of retirement from it all one day, just not yet.



Khadilkar Harshad Dilip  
Academic Year: 3

Indian Institute Of Technology : Mumbai

## *In Happiness lies Success*

At 50, I would like my critical shareholders (family being the most critical) to say the following about me:

He has lived his life without ever shrinking from his responsibilities, and without ever being shaken by outside pressures taking him away from his path. He has lived life on his own terms, by his own principles, and the result has been highly successful. It is proof that it is not necessary to follow the herd to succeed. If you can find happiness in what you are doing, your life is successful. His ability to lead people, and to keep them together despite their differences, is worth noting. If ever a life has been lived without compromise on principles and quality, this would be it. ■

Bharat Kumar  
Academic Year: 2

Indian Institute Of Technology : Roorkee

## *Son of the Soil*

I would like to be recognized as a person who is caring, kind hearted to everyone & understands his responsibilities towards his family, society & nation. I would like to be called a nation serving technocrat taking upon all the difficulties which I face in my carrier, with my hard work & dedication. Apart from this, I would like to be known as a good human being bestowed with good qualities & a social worker. My only wish is to do the things by which anyone is benefitted & to serve my parents, nation with my good works & qualities. I would like my children to say that our father has been the best guide for us in our life sometimes loving us & sometimes scolding us whenever we were wrong. I would like my spouse to say that my husband was always with me in good days as well as in bad days. He has considered me his better half at every point of life. I would like my colleagues to say that our friend always used to shoulder with us. He has been a good inspiration for all of us. ■



## *Making My Mark*

I do not know in certain terms what my primary profession would be. A retrospect of my life would depend entirely on the nature of my profession. I am going to put down some basic points which I would wish to be true whatever course my career takes.

- That I am a happy person. I have with my strength and will power tackled every situation in life with ease and with intelligence and shaped it the way I have intended for it. I have experienced every joy of living in this world. I have been faced by a plethora of situations and learnt from them and also enjoyed what life has to offer.
- That I have made a success out of every enterprise. I have through planning and careful thought achieved success in everything that I set forth to achieve. My thirst for seeing every venture through to the end has made me perform to my greatest ability and I have, without once losing hope, worked, thought and succeeded.
- By success in every enterprise, I also mean success in personal relationships. I have learnt to appreciate the best in every person around me and love being with them.
- That I have strived to gain more knowledge all my life and at 50, still look at new things with curiosity. I try to get a complete understanding of the working of everything.
- That my life is inseparable from my work. I have lived through every moment of my career with commitment and passion for my work. I have not thought of my work as "something to be done" but have been involved with it and put my heart and soul into it.
- I have thought on philosophical issues and achieved some insight into abstract questions like what life and happiness really is. My understanding of life and the appreciation of its importance has made me rise to a higher plane where I am not affected by trivial, day to day, mundane problems and unhealthy feelings of insecurity and jealousy.
- I have made my mark / am on the way of making my mark in the world. My life has made some difference to the people whom I have worked with; I have been able to touch people's lives. I have been able to improve the quality of life of at least some section of the world.



Vikesh Khanna  
Academic Year: 1

Indian Institute Of Technology : Roorkee


## *A Beautiful Birthday... A Great Life!*

Visualizing myself on my 50th birthday is itself an exhilarating experience. First of all, I would give a grand party for spending a life so beautiful and cheerful till now.

Although I am an insatiable sort of a person but I always try my level best to satisfy to the best extent possible, all my near and dear ones. I try to fulfill all my duties to the best I can. All my responsibilities always get the best of me.

Its one day when I will expect all my critical shareholders. Whether my wife or my children, each one of them, to say frankly what they feel about me. More importantly, I would expect them to say frankly about how successful I have been in keeping them happy and contend. I believe that it is more important to know your weaknesses and about your failures than to revel in the bask thinking of your successful moments. It is the duty of these people to reveal the banana peel-offs I could not see in my path, to tell me about the milestones i had missed during my life. This will help me achieve greater milestones in the time to come.

"We can never reach the stars if we haven't seen the wrath of the earth" ... I want these people to make me aware of this wrath that lies all around me.

Besides all this, I would, of course, expect them to sing a beautiful BIRTHDAY song for me. 



Sanjay Kumar  
Academic Year: 3

Indian Institute Of Technology : Roorkee

## *A Guide, Friend & Philosopher*

At the age of 50, I would have definitely made a mark in the scientific community of my discipline at least. I am sure that I would be working as a research scientist and a professor in a premier research institute, innovating and improving various processes related to chemical engineering in particular and other fields in general. I would also be teaching students and lighting the candle of education especially higher studies amongst young students. Though I cannot say that at the age of 50, I would have achieved everything but I would definitely be living a life full of satisfaction.

At this critical juncture, I would want my critical stakeholders i.e. people who have helped, motivated me in my work to say something about me and my work, its nature and my general self. My critical stakeholders would be my wife and my best friend. Of course, in my early days till I found my path, my parents were the most influencing and encouraging person.

First, I would want my soul mate to say something about me. She too like me would be a research scientist working in same or slightly different discipline and teaching students. I would like her to remark about my character, nobility, and temperament both as a husband and research partner. I would like her to say about my role as a husband, father, research scientist, teacher, citizen of this country and about all a human. I would like her to elaborate on my hard work, dedication, sincerity, moral and ethical sense of responsibility, innovative skills.

My second stakeholders whom I would consider next only to my wife would be my best friend. He would be a successful business authority owing chemical plants of his own. He would be a successful entrepreneur, smart businessman and a descent person. Though his field of work is different, I would consider him to be critical stakeholder because of his constant motivation, support and participation in my activities and academic work in particular. I would like him to remember my contributions, which includes suggestions, design of new process and equipments, latest technology for his chemical plants. I would like both of my critical stakeholders to advice me on my future course of action. I would want them to tell something new for my future work and any recommendations and suggestions from them is warm welcome.






## *8th September 2035*

### *The Life so far*

'In life, it does not matter how many years you live but what matters is the life you put in those years'. Right now, '50' seems far away. What do I envision myself as, at the age of 50? In our everyday life, we tend to ignore the larger purpose and perspective of our lives.. Looking ahead, on 8th September 2035, what I clearly see is the presence of my family which has always been on the top of my priority list. My parents - the two pillars of strength in my life, who have been my ideals all my life, my husband - my coach, my partner, my critic, my guide, my brother - my partner in crime in all those childhood pranks and a great support system now, and my children - those wonderful extensions of ourselves which make life all the more meaningful by their mere presence.

On a personal level, my yardstick for measuring success is very different from the ways in which I measure achievement in professional life.. As far as my parents are concerned, just knowing that they feel loved and respected in my home, are proud of the person that I have become over the course of my life, would be good enough for me. As for my spouse, I wish my husband would tell me that he has been very happy with me. I want to make sure that the support he lent me through past years is never taken for granted.. Regarding children - every parent wants to give them the best he/she can - the one thing I would want them to acknowledge, is that I have taught them to value the right things in life, to understand points of view different from their own, in short, to be open minded and responsible human beings. If I can inculcate such values in them besides being their friend, confidante and mentor, I shall consider myself a good parent.

On the professional front, I hope to follow the philosophy of 'Personalized Professionalism'. I want my subordinates to be more than just surnames and I.D. numbers to me. I should be more than just a profit making machine for an organization. I hope some years from now, my colleagues will acknowledge me as a motivator and a go-getter but with a set of principles and ethics that define my methods, and some one who strives for excellence in all her endeavors..

I have always held the belief that one must try to give back to the society as much as is within one's power to give. I want to bring about a change in the way people think, a change in the society that I have witnessed since childhood. It is the only way I know, of giving our society a positive makeover. And the biggest tool for this change is educating the girl child. I plan to devote a lot of time and energy to bring this about Though it is difficult to extrapolate as far into the future as I'm trying to do, I hope that all things I hold dear will stay with me in my quest to achieve personal satisfaction and help me, in the process, to understand myself better. And I hope 50 will not be a rest stop but rather just a milestone on the way to a more meaningful end. 



Abhishek Gupta  
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## *Love & Life @ 50*

Life is the most precious gift of God. It must be enjoyed by everyone to the fullest. We are currently in the age when we don't realize the importance of the sacrifices our parents have made to make us capable of studying in such a reputed institute. They have fulfilled our every wish. But we forget that very soon we will also be in the same position. After all the higher studies, we will get into a job and after that we will be married. Ultimately we will be in the same situation as they are now.

When it comes to me, I would want my wife to be helpful, caring and supporting at every step of life. Wife is the most influencing character of the family. She is the one who inculcates all the good manners and etiquettes in the children. Kids are very innocent. They learn from what they see all around and what they learn in early age they follow those principles the whole life. I would want my children to give the due respect and love i deserve. Lot of things depend on my nature as well as what they feel about me. But from my side i would always try to help them at every step of life.

On my 50th birthday, the first thing I would want is that the whole family must be present there to celebrate my 50th birthday with me. Their blessings, love, respect is all one would always expect from his critical stakeholders. I would want them to introduce me to all the guests about my good and bad and every little thing they feel about me from their heart.

I am very well aware that in the current era this kind of support is not seen much from the family. Everywhere you go the story is same. The old age people suffer all the negligence and humiliation from the family; they listen all the tough and rude words from their family.

I could not imagine this kind of treatment being done to me even in my nightmares. Rather I would like to see them greeting me with all the warmth and love even after my 50th birthday. From my colleagues I would like to hear about my work in office; whether I fulfill the needs of the company or not; about my punctuality; regularity etc. I believe that every man would want this kind of treatment from his family. Because 50 years is the age when you need the full support from your family.



Abhinav Dube  
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## *A Journey well Made*

Dreaming of future is the easiest escape from the bitter realities of present times but it is to be a dreamer and visionary than to be a chronic pessimist.

Today is my 50th Birthday, so a grand party has been organized by my family. It is a big public gathering with every arrangement for entertainment with delicious food ready to be served. In these elating moments, some memories of the past are emerging in my mind. I hail from a very humble background. After passing class XII with 87% marks, I thought of being an engineer. Then after hectic preparations, I passed IIT-JEE examination and did my B.Tech in Electronics engineering from IT-BHU. After completing B-Tech, I worked for 2 years in one of the premier software concerns. But this was not enough to satisfy my ambitions.

I prepared for management stream and did my M.B.A from IIM, Bangalore. I had always wished to be an entrepreneur, so I started a small company for preparing micro chips with one of my colleagues.. Today, it is one of the leading companies in this market.

Parents are next to god and they have been a source of inspiration. They consider that I have proved myself as a worthy son of theirs. They advice, that whatever hiccups come in my path, I should not deviate from my path and instead face it with greater grit and determination than ever before. They give blessings to me and wish me greater success in coming future. The most important stakeholder in my life is my wife. She is a household lady. She has a multi faced personality & has a rare understanding of human nature. She is also a critic for me.

My elder son is doing M.B.A from a foreign university. He is an introvert personality but always ready to expand his horizons .He is a product of western culture but gives full respect to elders. My younger is a collegiate lad. He is an extrovert and enthusiastic. They feel proud to be my children and are grateful to me for providing them, the best of education and helping them to stand on their own feet. Another important stakeholder is my partner. He is very generous and humble. In professional world, he is very sincere and focused but on personal level, he is thoroughly outspoken and cheerful. I feel satisfied with what I have achieved throughout these years. I have tried to be a good father, caring husband and a hard-working professional. This illuminant occasion has infused renewed vigour into me to crave for higher goals in future. ■



S. Vignesh  
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## *50 & Going Strong!*

I would love it if the following is what my stakeholders would have to say about me on my 50th birthday.

Right from his childhood, Vignesh had the basic qualities of a good leader; he was honest, generous, straight-forward, one who always led from the front and one who always knew how to solve your problems. A multi-tasker, he was always a good time-manager, one who could get involved in any number of activities, take any number of responsibilities and yet, not falter in any of them..

As an employee, he was always eager to learn key managerial aspects; he was always focused in his dream to start his own company. He was an aggressive worker, with a drive to perform, who took the initiative in taking up new responsibilities and projects. He was a ruthless competitor; it was very difficult to beat him even at something he did badly. His pragmatic approach helped him in overcoming the various hurdles he faced when he started his own company, which has since grown into one of the biggest in its field through hard-work and innovation.. He has always been a great motivator for all of his colleagues, and his management of team-dynamics underlines the understanding of people that he possesses.

He is a calculated risk-taker, he has never been rash, rather, he based his decisions on sound rationalisation, also lending an ear to intuition.. His employees know him as a great leader, who is also a guide who understood their difficulties, one who helped them to solve their problems themselves, who has shaped their careers and lives along with his. He had his shortcomings, he was rather short-tempered earlier on in his life, but rather than ignoring them, he had the ability to look into himself, and overcome them.

To his wife, he has been a caring and loving husband, one who has supported her as she him. They have helped and supported each other and have grown in stature together. He has always been able to balance professional with personal life, and has been able to spend time with his family. To his progeny, he has been a caring father, and has brought them up imbining in them the important virtues and values, To his parents, he has been a wonderful son, making them proud through his deeds, taking care of them as they took care of him, with love and affection. He has been a good and responsible brother as his sister would readily testify, and has always been a source of support for her.

In short, Vignesh is and has always been a person who has reached for the skies with his feet firmly on the ground. Fifty and going strong for another half-century!



Sushant Mittal  
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## *For My Roots, To My Nation*

I would want my family, society, and colleagues to say these words about me after 30 years:

As you reach a momentous milestone in your life, we would like to compliment you from the bottom of our heart for the life you have led. Ever since you have been associated with us, you have been a real source of inspiration for us because of your work ethic, integrity and humility and am sure will continue to inspire us. The compassion and transparency that have formed the cornerstone of all your dealings has ensured that it has been a smooth ride leading to all the great times that we have spent together.

In this day and age, when individuals, especially those who come from a rich educational background care only about hitting the jackpot in quick time, you stand apart because of your primary concern for the development of the nation. The way you have continued undeterred by all the obstacles in your way in your relentless march towards your objective should set an example for all individuals. Your dictum of "giving back to society as much as you gain from it" has been reflected in all your actions especially in your efforts to eradicate poverty not to mention the tremendous employment opportunities you have been able to generate courtesy your ideas.

Your constant endeavor to bring the semiconductor revolution in the country, despite having so much trouble in your path, has been and continues to be a constant motivation for all of us. The competitors in your path were at their best, in the beginning, your progress trampled their way and they are far behind their best now, again courtesy your innovative approach and ideas.

The dignity and poise that continues to be part of your day to day conduct is indeed an example to be followed and what truly sets you apart from other luminaries of this nation is how accessible you continue to remain for all of us. The objectivity with which you have handled all our problems and the consoling voice that you have been during some of our difficult times means that most of us shall remain indebted to you.

I can only hope that you continue to live a hearty and healthy life and are able to contribute and guide us forever. People like you are unearthed once in a lifetime, and we can only pray that God continue to offer all that you want from life so that you can continue in your pursuit for the betterment of society and upliftment of the nation. May your vision of a happy and happening India be fulfilled!





Alok Chaurasia

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## *The Godfather!*

Currently I am a student of B.Tech first year, computer science and engineering branch. I have a keen desire to do innovations in this field especially in the field of Information Security. So on my 50th birthday I expect people to say about me that Look, He is the Godfather of his field whose innovations have changed the way in which people think. He is the one who has lived a balanced life. He never allowed his profession to disturb his family atmosphere. I expect people feel proud to relate my name with them. In short I can say that I visualize myself to be a milestone of my field. ■

Manoj Kumar Yadav

Academic Year: 3

Motilal Nehru National Institute of Technology Allahabad

## *An Unbiased Perspective*

I would like my shareholders to talk about how I am, what I am or what if was, rather than what I would be or what I will do. I will like them not to expect anything or forecast anything about future but to look in present or my past. I will like them to feel what they have taken from me, what I have given to them and how I have been with them throughout my journey and to elaborate out anything that they find should be known to me.

I would like them to be judicious in selecting their words, not considering whether they hurt me or not and to be true for me because "We are all humans, and we are selfish." ■



Zaid Md. Abdul Wahab Sheikh  
Academic Year: 2

Motilal Nehru National Institute of Technology Allahabad

## *A loving Man of Principles*

What I would like my colleagues to say about me on my 50th birthday:

That I am a man of principles and that my trustworthiness is beyond question. That they respect me for my ideals and that I have influenced them to be morally upright in their daily life.

What I would like my wife to say about me on my 50th birthday:

That I have been an understanding and a caring husband who has always tried to see her side of things in matters where our opinions differed. And that by this time (my 50th birthday) we have reached a state of mutual understanding that precludes any quarrels between us. That I have always cared for my children and have been a good father to them.

What I would like my children to say about me on my 50th birthday:

That they love me. That I am the best father in the whole world. That the ideals I have passed on to them have helped them brave through troubled times in their lives. That they have been able to derive strength from the unwavering love of their parents. That I have been instrumental in making them appreciate the importance of a united family. That I have left no stones unturned in ensuring that they have the best education money can buy. And in securing their future in every possible way. That they have no complaints or resentment against me.

I would also like my younger brother and my sister to say that I have always extended my help, support and advice to them selflessly. That I have always endeavoured to keep ourselves from drifting away from each other. And that I have fulfilled their highest expectations as far as being a good person is concerned. Finally I want them to be proud of me. ■



Vikas Singh  
Academic Year: 4

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## *A Spirited Life at Best*

The stage of my 50th birthday seems to be exciting because at that time I already pass through the earlier age of survival in the competing world. As I always believe in present that's why with my experience till now for the briefing of my story of these glorious years I think my stakeholders will be my colleagues. Regarding to my background I always used to here the stories from my grandfather, who is a farmer, about my father of their journey to success that how he faces the challenges and grown up from scratch to these heights. Even from the colleagues of my father I heard that how my father faced the critical situations. I also want to have the same spirits that my father have and also same energy at the age on my 50th birthday. I have been provided all the luxuries from my parents but they always used to tell me that I am son of a farmer that's why I want that my stakeholder instead of saying my physical earnings in terms of dollars, he should stressed about my earnings in terms of values and how I keep them alive that I receive as a priceless gift from my parents. I am a man of social values thus I want that my colleagues say about my contribution towards the development of our country. Definitely at the stage when I have grown enough our country already become a developed nation but I want to be part of that process not only as a citizen but as a responsible technical person. Whatever I have achieved till now is satisfactory to my parents and quite fruitful to our country as well but I want to add the ramp of success further with increasing slope.

According to Denis Watley there are only two ways to live, either just watch what actually happening in life or be a part of that and have courage to change the wrongs. I believe in later and always want to be involved with deeds. I should be remembered for my knowledge because only knowledge exists, other than that our lives are not more than 'footprints on the sand' will wash away in the next rising tide. Due to these facts I expect nothing but live frugally on surprises.

I believe that at the stage when my stakeholder brief about my earnings of life then it wouldn't be so long because I agree to the fact of Bheem Rao Ambedker that 'Life should be great rather than long'.



Ankita Pant  
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## *Golden Jubilee Celebrations!*

Ah! Today I have completed mine golden jubilee birthday anniversary!!!.....I am leading a happy life with my family, which comprises of my 20 yr. old daughter, Bhawna, who is pursuing her dream course in IIT DELHI, and my 15 year old son studying in Delhi Public School, and of course my husband.

Till now I am satisfied and content with my job and my family. I am presently holding the post of IAS officer in Delhi and my husband is a well known Software engineer in the country. I believe that up till now I have fulfilled all my responsibilities of an obedient daughter, loving and faithful wife, caring sister and mother, and of course a responsible IAS Officer. I have gained a lot of respect from the society and my colleagues. People often come to me with their problems and worries and I offer them as much help as I can, In fact I feel happy and gain peace of mind after that. Being an important government position holder, I often get the opportunity to meet several VIP's, ambassadors and foreign delegates .My children also respect me, but along with that I am one of their best friends with whom they can share all their feelings, pranks and of course their "secrets". My parents are also very happy with whatever I have achieved till now, In fact whatsoever I have become now is due to their hard work, blessings and their unfailing support. I often have to go on tours to different parts of country and abroad and I must say that this has given me a lot of exposure and experience about the outside world. I have met a variety of people and have come across several cultures, their values, morals, principles, traditions and their lifestyle. After 10 years I will retire and after that to I want to be Independent. I have lived, am living and will live life which comprises of my own principles, values and morals. ■



Shrutendra Kirty Harsola  
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## *A Holy Life enriched in traditions Jai Jinendra!*

Jai Jinendra!

First of all I would thank God because of whom I am able to see the 50th spring of my life with my family. Rather than organizing a dance party in a hotel, I would like to organize a religious function on my 50th birthday and invite all my friends, relatives, elders, children, neighbours etc..

I would not forget my elders and tell everyone that it is the blessings and advice of elders because of which I am able to reach this height and live life peacefully even at this height. Still I am progressing because of their blessing and proving to be an ideal for our family. After that I would thank my friends, colleagues, relatives and all those who have directly or indirectly helped me. I would also like to thank those who were jealous to me. They were also a main factor in my success because it is said that "Nindak Neare Raakeeye" which means that a person always finding faults in you should be near to you. In my life I would try to be friendly with everyone in all situations. It is said that there is a woman behind every successful man. So I would give the credit of my success to my wife also. She has left her home and is living with me, so I would thank her also. I belong to a traditional family of high values. So, certainly my marriage would be arranged marriage rather than a love marriage. But I would certainly win her heart by my behaviour.

I would tell all children not to go astray. Their family is very keen about their career, so they should not disappoint them. They should work for their overall development. Continuing I would say that we should not forget persons who in some way helped us. At last I will sit alone and remember my grandfather who has left me alone on 14 November 2006. I can't forget him. I would again thank all those who in any form directly or indirectly helped me in any form.

At the end I would again pray God. Thank You!





## *Leading ahead with Inspiration*

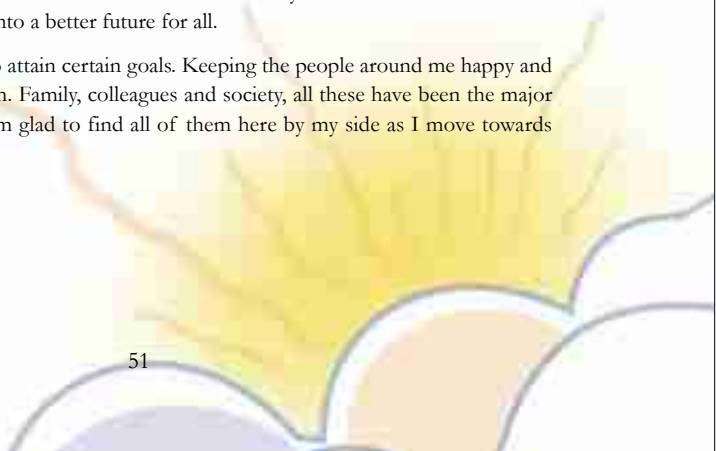
Being an environmentalist was never a choice, it was the only thing I could think of being. Looking back, it does seem all this would not have been possible without certain important people in my life:

Mom had always been an inspiration. Seeing her struggle through financial and domestic turmoil, yet retaining the capacity to love and laugh, I learnt the first important lesson in my life right at home: Never Say Die. Although, most of the times we fail to come to a common consensus over family matters, she does admire the way our relation has outgrown our ideological differences.

Me and my husband never thought we were possible of this relationship which has made us both better individuals in many ways. Today, at 50, he still considers me as an important part of his support system. He has seen me as a responsible wife and an efficient worker. Of course, he has his qualms about the fact that somewhere work comes above family in my priority list and that many a times I have been too pragmatic in my approach towards our relation.. Nevertheless, he knows I love him and my family and it is because of their support that I have been able to come this far.

My colleagues claim that I am a person who has the unique ability to deal with a wide variety of people. They know that I can always be counted upon. Although they say that sometimes I am too adamant, they still maintain that for me differences in opinions are secondary, getting the job done always comes first. Today the society has recognised me as a proactive individual, one who is eager to address environmental and social issues. They see me as someone who can lead them out of troubles and into a better future for all.

Over the years, I have strived to attain certain goals. Keeping the people around me happy and satisfied have been one of them. Family, colleagues and society, all these have been the major stakeholders in my life and I am glad to find all of them here by my side as I move towards newer horizons.





Bhupendra Kumar Mishra

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## *A Successful Leadership*

As my age will be 50 years I have already faces so many hurdles of life and I am sure I have passed them successfully so I want that People know me as a humble and polite person, a person who always help others and last but not least as a very successful Manager. I want that People say that my creative ideas in reality not only make my Organisation invincible but it also helps the society a lot. I want people say about me that I fulfil my duties toward my Organisation, toward my family and toward my Society, faithfully and accept me a very successful person in this regard. I want to hear a phrase from my STAKEHOLDERS that "I am very successful Team Leader" and I build my Success story based on this Leadership Quality. I Want Stakeholder know me as good Decision Maker and always remember me as a man who had taken very difficult, critical and controversial decisions successfully and make his organisation ahead from its competitors. They know me as a man who had cleared the boundary between workers and top level hierarchy and make an organisation where individual benefits are of no importance and only organisational benefits are in the eyes of the work force. They will know me as a good struggler. They know me as a scientist (innovator) and they appraise me for my innovative and creative ideas and last but not the least they should say me as:

"MANY MANY HAPPY RETURNS OF THE DAY" 



Manish Jain  
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## *A Picturesque 50 Years!*

50 years is a long way from now and there would be many critical people in my life therefore I would like to mention how they picture me in these long years:

I would like my colleagues, who were my all in all through my years of education to remember me and back me up as they used to do in my difficult times. I would like them to be connected with me even after my prime years and advise me through the small hiccups of my life as they used to.

When it comes to my life partner, even through dark and stormy times or through bright and sunny days she would consider me the light of her life and the pillar of her strength. She should consider me as precious now as in our early years of marriage.

My children would never feel alone in their difficult times through which I had guided them even through my busy schedules. My children would consider me as their role model and would not be able to even think anything against me. They would have nothing to hide from me and would always come to me for advice even through their hardships.

My sister who is my little angel will always be right beside me through all my years. She would provide me her brotherly love like she used to and for the years to come. She would always teach me the small lessons in life that I might have not done well with.

Parents are the light of my life and would always be proud and happy to have a son like me and would never let me down in all the years of my life.

Though the journey of my life has been filled with obstacles and hurdles, I came out with flying colours and now I'm a satisfied, happy and proud man. This is not merely my words but of all the people who know me and like me for who I am.



Puneet Pamecha  
Academic Year: 3

Malaviya National Institute of Technology- Jaipur


## *A Benign Soul & Valiant Spirit*

First of all, I would like to thank god for being along with me for the past 50 years. I hope all the critical stakeholders will think the following about me...

COLLEAGUES- Mr. Puneet, a kind and benevolent man, is a man who can be relied upon and lends a reassuring arm to the need of any person in any circumstance. His achievements speak of his actions... His commitment and dedication towards his work has always been unquestionable and this is much evident in the way he has brought out latest versions of his own technology which has revolutionized the sales of the company.

SPOUSE- It's been 25 long years and his childishness and sense of humour continues to be the same. In spite of being in such a high position he has managed to strike a right balance between his work and family. He has mantled the role of a father as well as a husband with guile and has got a definite way to sort out his priorities.

CHILDREN- Whatever we are now is attributed to his efforts and he has always remained caring and affectionate. He has been our philosopher and guide and has directed us towards right goals and has assisted us in achieving each of those. He has always encouraged us to take our own decisions and has respected each of our views by which we have learnt to stand on our own foot and have learnt to be independent. ...

BEST FRIEND- It's been 30 years since we have been friends and there has been no change in his attitude ever since. His tensionless and careful approach to any problem he faced sets him apart... True friend. He has always been in frequent touch and has remained open to sharing any views with him . Overall, he has remained more of a brother than a friend to me... 



Gaurav Choudhary  
Academic Year: 4

Malaviya National Institute of Technology- Jaipur

## *Good Work Done*

27 Years is a long duration of time. I want to be Successful in many aspects which include my career, my social life and my personal life as well. I gave very much importance to my family values and follow them from the deep of my heart. After working for so many years I wish all the people associated with e in any regards shall be happy with their life. My juniors should respect me, not because I m senior but due to the reason that I guided them well for their future and helped them when they needed. My family should be well satisfied. I should be financial so strong that I am able to fulfil all their wishes. And also I wish to deliver my family values to my children.

If I did something wrong to any one than on that day I would like to apologize to that person so that there are no more ill feelings in him/her. People should remember me for my good work and my family should be proud of what I have done for them and society. ■

Pranshu Tewari  
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## *A Satisfactory Passage*

At 50, I would like myself as a self dependent, and self sustaining personality, I wish my stakeholders know me as a reliable person and can avail my services to a satisfactory degree.

On my 50th birthday I will love to hear from my stakeholders that whatever I had done for them in so many years was satisfactory for them or not . Moreover I would be glad to know about my weakness and the things which they don't liked about me.

50 years is a long time period each person pass from different phases in such a long period it is a dream of every person to hear from his critical stakeholders that whatever he had done for them in such time was beneficial for their growth and success. I also hope to hear the same on my 50th birthday. ■



Shruti Sahay  
Academic Year: 2

National Institute of Technology - Durgapur

## *The Happiness in their Eyes... a Memorable 50 years!*

50th birthday of mine, I completed fifty years of my precious life. Being an engineering student in the Biotechnology field, after fifty years I see myself as a successful Biotechnologist. My critical stakeholders, the people who have been a major part of my life for these fifty years are around me today. The first among them whom I would like to say something about me would be my parents. The happiness that one gets by seeing the happiness in ones parent's eyes are one of the biggest things in life. If after fifty years of my life my parents are happy and satisfied with the way I have worked and led my life then that would be the biggest thing for me. I want my parents to say that I have proved myself as a good daughter and have not let them down. This would be the best complement I would have ever received from anyone.

I am a career oriented person. I am practical but not materialistic. At each and every stage of my life I make sure that I do not lose my sensibility. So, at that point of my life I want my parents to judge me and tell me whether I was able to become a good human being, a good friend and a good professional. I think they would be the best people to judge me because they have seen me growing from an infant to a child to a girl and then finally to a woman.

I know that being an engineer I would have to devote a lot of time and concentration to my work but still I do not want to be known just by my professional work , instead I want to be also known as a family person, a good mother, a good wife, a good daughter and a good friend. I feel that my children would be my best critics. They would be able to tell me whether I was able to become a good mother, a good home maker. I would like my husband to say that he is proud to have a working lady as his wife. I would want my friends to say that even in the toughest times they found a true friend in me. All this would fiftieth birthday the most make my memorable one for me.





Rohit Mehta  
Academic Year: 3

National Institute of Technology - Durgapur

## *2038 A.D. - 50 years Young!*

I guess this perhaps is one of the most difficult and at the same time exciting essays that I'm going to write. Difficult, because I personally feel that exploring one's own personality totally, is an impossible task and exciting because I have never dreamt of myself at the age of 50! Anyways given the job of doing so, I must make a sincere attempt.

2038 A.D. - Mr. Rohit Mehta, a proud father of two children and a reasonably successful professional in his particular field of work, For me, a single life can never be enough to perfectly fulfill all the fantasies of a human mind. So while we do have a life, why not enjoy it as much as we can and obviously enjoyment is synonymous with the "teen spirit". In short, I would not age with time.

Secondly, I consider myself to be extremely practical and blessed with a proper common sense, oblivious to many nowadays! And I have always and will always follow my instincts (which are usually right!). Anyways, my colleagues will always appreciate my arguments in any conversation and will always think of me with a smile on their faces for the uncountable funny as well as happy moments we will have shared in the office-space. Well, coming to my future family, well what can I say! I guess I would be a really loving and loyal husband and that my spouse will always look up to me for support and advice.

As for my children, I would have seen to it that they got the best education and principles that any father can give his children. I'll also make sure that they are always close to me, at least at heart, if not in person. I think, 30 years from now, my children would be pretty well settled in life and would still love their parents.

I guess this being my 50th birthday, calls for a great celebration. There would be a grand party organized by my family out of their love for me. There will be my school and college friends as well as my colleagues from my workplace all having a gala time in the memory lane, perhaps going back into the best days of our lives. I Perhaps this is going to be one of the best days of my life.

Apart from these people, I would like to make here a special mention of my parents and my sister. Hopefully my parents would still be hale and hearty, so too my sister and her immediate family. I do not think it is essential to elaborate on what they would feel about me after these 30 years; they would probably still think of me in the same way they do now. ■



Sweta MS  
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## *Make this world a Better place to Live in*

In the modern era, where technological advancement and globalization are paving way for the fast alteration of the face of world, it becomes difficult to predict the situation twenty-nine years down the line. When I visualize myself on my fiftieth birthday, I wonder about the kind of ideologies and social environment I would be surrounded with. It is then, that I realize the essence of the basic scruples and ethics of life. Reliability, honesty, duty are not mere words of a dictionary but are virtues which form the foundation of our world. Being a part of this world, it becomes the responsibility of every individual to think for the unprivileged class. Compassion for our fellow beings is and will be required in all ages. 'Working in a way, which would make this world a better place to live in' is something that I aspire for.

Twenty-nine years hence, I would want my stakeholders to consider me as a trustworthy and dependable citizen equipped with an eager aptitude for knowledge and total commitment to my work. I want them to know me as an individual who firmly believes in actions more than words, someone who has toiled hard to become established in life. I would like them to realize that I always had the courage to accept success as well as failures in life and had never escaped from rectifying my mistakes or accepting the consequences of my actions. Lastly, on my fiftieth birthday, I would want my critical stakeholders to say that I had always followed and honored the principles that my parents instilled in me and had drawn inspiration from their honest and hard work. ■





Aniruddha Gupta  
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## *The Gifts of Life*

I think birthday is one of the most important day a person can have in a year and that to if the birthday is the fiftieth birthday ,it is of great importance .I cannot even express the overflowing feelings of my heart. I am full of surprise because my family members along with my colleagues, my boss, my relatives have planned a surprise party for me .

When I returned from my office I was surprised to see my gracefully dressed waiting to greet me at the door of house. She touched my feet and offered me sweets to eat and flowers. Even before I could bear this surprise I was given a full bundle of surprises when I was surrounded by my son, my daughter, my boss and my friends.After some time the darling of my heart my heart, my daughter came towards me. She touches my feet and says to me "dad you are the greatest father a child can have .I always thank god for showering so many blessings on me by giving me a father like you.

I went quietly where my wife was standing and kissed her forehead. She kissed me back and again wished me happy birthday. She told me "I cannot believe how these years have quickly passed. I think you are the most loving and caring husband in this whole world. Though I have a complaint that you are a bit miser but then also I can proudly say that you are the best husband anybody can have. I am lucky to have a husband who cares for me even more than my father. "I thanked her for such remarks

And said "you being my wife is the biggest gift for me.

My boss and my colleagues praised me for my hard work and sincerity. 



## *Contented Achievements*

On my 50th birthday, I would like my critical stakeholders to be contented with me and I would like them to comment on the following points about me:-

1. SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY:- They should say that till now they have found me as a responsible person (caring father for my children, good husband for my wife, nice friend for my colleagues or whatever relation I have with the critical stakeholder) and they have full faith on me in future also. In all difficult situations also I could manage to carry out the workings very nicely and kept all of them united under one feeling of mutual understanding and cooperation.

2. SATISFYING:- They should say that I have been able to satisfy them and their needs to the optimum level in every respect. I live up to their expectations. In turn of their participation they would be satisfied that they are getting the best results. Everyone feels that his/her role is important.

3. DYNAMIC:- They should say that I have a dynamic personality. I never stick to the old rules, ways and techniques. With the demand of time I have always been changing and updating to sustain in that situation.

4. MOTIVATING AND SETTING EXAMPLES:- They should say that I have been motivating others to be at par. I have been sympathetic towards them whenever needed. Whatever rules or regulations are framed I have been following them strictly so that I can set examples for others.

5. PROGRESSIVE:- They have been able to progress and live peacefully in my association or under my jurisdiction. All stake holders find their progress up to the mark and no one feels neglected.

6. PLANNING AND FRAMING STRATEGIES:- They should say that I have been the best in planning with the available resources and harnessing them in the most optimal manner. Apart from that, I have been reasonably effective and efficient in implementing those plans and strategies which I develop in a complete diplomatic and democratic atmosphere.

7. MAINTAINING GOOD RELATIONS:- I have been maintaining good relations with them in all situations. Even to point out the necessary corrections in them I use a way that would not hurt them by using impersonal terminology. While dealing with any stakeholder I take care of their interests, concerns and customs.



Priya Jain  
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National Institute of Technology – Jamshedpur

## *Perfection Personified!*

Priya Jain, (at times you don't find words to express some one) very sincere, very talented, smart, helpful, genius and yet has no attitude problem... (remarkable!)

She easily makes someone her friend but there is a problem with her too ...at times I feel that she is too obsessed with her work! ...she is also little careless towards herself....I am FAN of her simplicity; this lady has truly proven herself worthy of her name. Priya means "loved by all" and our Priya is loved, respected and admired for proving herself "a PERFECT successful lady". Life wouldn't have been easy without her. Her sincerity, dedication and zeal to be "the best" at whatever she does created in me an immense respect for her.. Her laughter energizes all of us. Her three "D's": dedication, determination and devotion have led her all through and made her achieve whatever she desired. Life for her was not always easy but the way she dealt with it is really appreciating. She is a mamma's girl, very attached to her ma who I think is (was) her strength. I have known her for a long time and have seen her go through bad times and good and she's been a winner all through. She is someone who can share her joys but cant share her problems-she insists on solving them on her own. Has ignited mind and creative hand. Born with eidetic memory and love for computers. Discipline, rules, duties define her best. The words PERFECT and PRIYA JAIN are synonyms. Ambitious and would never say die for her dreams. Her dreams have led her to this place today and I am sure she is a ROLE model for many young hearts now. She is no less than to be placed with the respectable ladies of India like Pratibha Patil, Indira Gandhi, Ashwariya Rai, etc who made INDIA proud, and she is making all of her friends and relatives proud of her!!



Deepti Agrawal  
Academic Year: 4

National Institute of Technology – Jamshedpur

## *Half Century of Bliss & yet More...*

It was just another morning for the nature and the sun rose in its usual brightness. But the day was made to feel special to me by the first act of the morning from my husband. A soft whisper in my ears wishing me on my 50th Birthday made me feel that years have gone by

My husband has always stood by me in all adversaries and I believe I also had been equally cooperative and sharing when he needed my shoulder. He has always said this that I had been a source of his strength. True, I had been. Whenever he felt low I was the first one to ask him to just trying and that I was always with him in any circumstance. So I think I deserved this. We have our times even now but those days were different. He must recall the excellent partnership we forged not in an overall way by counting the way we managed our time, the way we managed our family, the way we shared our dreams of serving the society by working for Tata Steel Rural Development Society as volunteers.

Amidst all the crisis of time, I took it seriously to give sufficient time to my child and on this occasion he/she acknowledges that I had given all the love in the world to him/her and that he/she had always been very comfortable to talk to me on any issue concerning anything. He/she understands that it had tough on me to manage things out of my tight schedule of my job but somehow I had managed it nicely enough so that he/she doesn't feel in anyway that I had distanced myself from him/her to achieve only the career goals and ignore him/her. It gives me an immense sense of achievement to have fulfilled my duty as a mother.

My Father in law has always said that he had been proud to have me as his daughter in law and that he regards me as his daughter. My Mother in law had been very homely and she feels that I never make her feel that I was "The general manger" in my office and that I knew more than her. She says that her time with me had been very friendly contrary to the usual.

My colleagues present on this occasion talk about my devotedness to my career. They admire they way i have been passionate towards my office work, still never neglecting my family. One of my colleague points out some they difficult projects that have been completed under my guidance .Some admire the way in which I win the hearts of people, be it my friends or my office-mates or my clients. I have always been honest in my dealings. How I was always particular about time and gave it more value than money. My subordinates have always thought of me as a person very serious about her responsibilities, still so friendly and unimposing. I have always been considerate and approachable for them. I am proud to have lived a half century of fulfilment and still striving to achieve more out of my live.

I know I can't ever be satisfied because it kills the growth of a person. ■



Shravan Kumar

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National Institute of Technology - Kurukshetra

## *A Friendly Guide & Achiever*

I want to be a very successful person by the time I celebrate my 50th birthday. I would wish that all my colleagues, children, family and all the other persons who are very close to me to look at me as though they consider me as a guide. I want to choose the right track and the path which I choose should not only be correct in my point of view but also to all my stakeholders they should not think they are being driven by some force, but should think they are doing things by their will. I want all my stakeholders to say that I am a very friendly guide, who can understand their needs and help them in any situation to the maximum possible extent I can. I would love to hear that they are very proud to be with such a person like me. ■

Nitin Kumar Jain

Academic Year: 3

National Institute of Technology - Kurukshetra

## *Lived to be an Example*

On my 50th birthday very first thing I will wish for is that all my loved ones and my colleagues should be there with me. I want that they should feel proud of me as someone who has been an exemplary and most hardworking person in whatever field he has committed to.

I would like them if they appreciate my attitude of never say die however harsh the conditions may be. They should speak of my honest and humble attitude towards life and the struggles faced by me to rise from such a small place with no facilities to such a remarkable position which will provide motivating force for all of them to march towards success in life. I would be happy if they feel me as a very approachable person and an efficient leader who has always been ready to discuss the problems of subordinates an empathetic enough to reach a proper solution

Further they should be realistic too not eulogistic to tell me about the desired qualities I lacked in life and to notify the wrong decisions if any taken by me so that if anyone asks me for any kind of guideline I may not deviate them towards wrong way. ■



Shruti Kamra  
Academic Year: 2

National Institute of Technology - Kurukshetra

## *Going on to make History !*


By God's grace, if I m here on this earth on my 50th birthday, the first thing I would like my stakeholders to say about me is that I gave the best in me all through these 50 years of my life in service of my family and my nation. I wish my colleagues, my family and my nation to set me up as an epitome of courage and determination for the upcoming generation... Another thing they all are surely going to say about me is that i have been not only a successful woman but also a true human being who has always served humanity.... My stakeholders will also complement about the significant contribution I made to the development of my nation may it be in any field...

They are also going to talk about the various great losses and failures i incurred during those 50 years and how tactfully I managed to balance myself though those situations and still worked with the same zeal as I worked in phase of success. My family-my parents, spouse and children will surely support me in all situations... Surviving in the world today with the kind of thinking i keep like working for the society and not for my own self, the selfless attitude I have, will surely create problems for me, i may be taken advantage of, by other clever elements, but still with experience I'll be able to withstand all consequences without leaving my optimistic attitude towards life.

I wish my children to learn the way of living of a true human and do better even than I did by following my footsteps and then climbing the top. I wish them to set my example among their friends. I wish my spouse to say to me that I have always been a support to him in worst of situations and that I had been perfectly made for him. I wish my colleagues to say to me that I had been the most actively working member among them intimately not as a colleague but as a family member sharing my tact and knowledge with them without any envious and grudge feelings.

On the whole I wish all my stake holders to say that...

"She is a human being worth remembering for years and years and whose contribution to the world cannot be forgotten. Her name is going to be written in golden letters in the history and carved in the minds of each and everyone known. She is going to have a proud meeting with the Almighty and heavens lie ahead for her...May God bless her and be with her always as he Has been throughout her life..."

Hope I be what I want to be with heaven's bliss...Amen... 



Anurag Goyal  
Academic Year: 4

National Institute of Technology - Kurukshetra

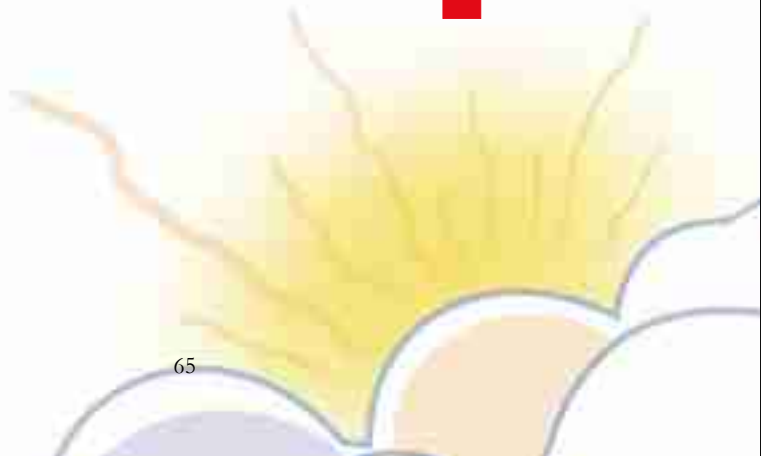
## *A truly Happy Person*

On my 50th birthday, more than being a successful person, more than being a rich or famous person, I would like to be known as a person of integrity, honesty, and dedication. I would want my friends, family, and colleagues & family to love me & respect me not for earning good money or working in a top firm, but for the hardworking, sincere and moral person that I am.

I believe that successful person is not one who has a place in the list of the richest people in the world but one who has a place in the hearts of all those who are critical stakeholders in his or her life. And that is exactly how I would like them to visualize me as a person who occupies a special position in their hearts for the bonds; I am able to create with them whether they are friends or colleagues. It is true that I wouldn't want to be known as a person who hasn't been able to create a name for himself but at the same time, at 50 I would like to be known as that person who has not only made a name for himself but also has earned a name for the company he heads for, name of the brand he endorses and for the ideal lifestyle he lives.

It is true that I wouldn't want to be known as a person who hasn't been able to earn enough money to give to his family a comfortable life but at the same time at 50, I would like to be known as that person who has never compromised on his ideals, his morals, his ethics and on hard work to reach that position.

In the end, the one thing of paramount importance & the one perspective that I would want all the critical stakeholders of my life to have of me would be - he is a happy person. A person who has seen lows and highs and has managed to survive it all with a smile on his face, and has made sure throughout the life that the loved ones in his life would never lose theirs as well. If I could achieve this at 50, I would truly be the 'Happy person' I dream to be. ■





Niranjan A Viladkar

Academic Year: 1


(Visvesvaraya) National Institute of Technology Nagpur

## *A true Mentor & Proud Indian*

First of all I would like my parents to say about me as--" Niranjan, a son which we wish would get to every mother and father, we are proud of ourselves, that we have such a precious asset. We remember those slaps that he had.... we remember those slaps that made him such a good citizen. He has both sides of a coin....but he turned his negatives into positives."

Then I wish my colleagues, my friends would say about me--" We just not only see a person celebrating his 50th birthday, but we see a 50th anniversary of a helping hand..... a 50th birthday of a hand that taught us how to hold us a tennis racket, a golden jubilee of a hand that slapped us when we were wrong...He is such an influential person that his presence only gives us a lot of inspiration."

I would like my wife to say about me--" The person whom I know the best in this world is here..... celebrating his 50th birthday anniversary.... I think he is a complete person; he was always there when he was needed. He is a stalwart in his field yet he is enough humble. He has a lot of power but he uses it in a very proper way for the development of the country. Memories with him are bliss of solitude for me..... I remember the day when he refused a foreign company's offer just to work for his country....he is a true INDIAN"

And my child--" My closest mentor is celebrating his 50th birthday... he always helped me...Scolded me when needed... and guided me infinite times...he is the best dad ever..." 



Virendra Vijaykumar Karappa  
Academic Year: 2

(Visvesvaraya) National Institute of Technology Nagpur

## *A Special Birthday a Gifted Life!*

50th birthday, oh! It's very much exciting to think about it. Young or old I think birthday is a special day for every person. It is the day on which I always look back in the previous year for faults and visualize the coming year to improve. Actually, happiness lies within hearing the words 'Happy Birthday' from my family members as the day starts at 00:00. First of all, they would congratulate me for completing my half century. I want them to encourage me to complete my century the same way making everyone smile. I would like them to tell me if I have hurt them anytime or made any mistake that has touched their heart. Then I would try to make up for it. Also, I want them to tell what they expect me to do in the coming years. I want them to remind me about my pranks, or jokes or some style of doing an ordinary work in way that made them laugh. I would not like them praise me but still I want to be person to whom they would say that I have been staying with them as a best friend for these years and sharing their happiness and sorrows, helping them out in their problems and that they love me very much. Even though it is my birthday I want them to tell me what gifts they want from me and I would gift them. That is all, I expect them to say.



Ajay Agrawal  
Academic Year: 3

(Visvesvaraya) National Institute of Technology Nagpur

## *Dreams Fulfilled!*

30 years from now, I would like to be a visionary who has strived for excellence not only in engineering but also for his society. I would like to be a person, who when looks back at his life is satisfied with the challenges he faced and the progress he made; a person who delivered for his family, society, country and the world when it was required; a leader in the true sense of the word; a role model who exudes inspiration to the younger generation to what they can achieve with strong will power and planning for a cause close to their hearts; a dedicated researcher and a pioneer; an avid innovator and problem solver and involved in research in the frontiers of technology.

30 years from now, I would like to be an entrepreneur, world leader in technology and originality of thought; leader of an organization which has both satisfied employee and consumers and strives for excellence still. Moreover, I would like contribute for the education to underprivileged children..

My biggest achievement would be if my stakeholders are proud of me and believed that I was one person that they always knew was with them in times of emotional, personal need.

I know that it would be a really tough job to convert my dreams into reality but I am ready to work hard for it and have faith in myself. We cannot stop dreaming only because there are some hurdles in our path. ■



Divesh Rakeshchander Sawhney

Academic Year: 4

(Visvesvaraya) National Institute of Technology Nagpur

## *A Common Life - Uncommon Way*

On striking 50...!!

Whatever I may become, I will always remain a down to earth person not loosing track of ones roots. I envision myself as an essential cog in corporate world who on the backs of tremendous experience in the field has ability to influence the decisions that would be of prime importance for our country. I would want my colleagues to look up to me as a friend, philosopher and guide who would always stand by them in the gravest of situations.

Having had a successful professional life I would have started pumping resources and hard work into my brainchild which is a no profit no loss organization dedicated to the cause of rural infrastructure development since I believe that we can only sustain our countries growth by reaching to every corner of our country and providing it with the essential amenities like schools, hospitals, roads, railways etc..

I would strive to create an environment in my house which would be able to sustain any eventuality. Every person on my family would retain his individuality and would be free to pursue his dreams fully aware of the fact that I am there to support their endeavours. My children would know that they can fall back on me whenever they need me hence they would venture to fulfil their dreams. My wife would always look upon me as her best friend and a person who loves her most. My parents would surely be proud of me and would still pamper me as they do today and in return I would like to take care of them, give them all the joys they ever desired, make their life feel like heaven after all they gave me my life. I.

My colleagues, friends and all the people associated with my life would be my second family. I would earn their trust so that they would be able to share their joys and sorrows with me and would even be able to discuss their personal problems with me. They would feel energetic and lively when they would be around me and I hope to bring a smile on each and everyone's face.

The above may sound like a farfetched, almost a Utopian dream but I believe that "Aim for the moon at least you will land up on stars". The only thing I aspire that when I turn 50 and I look back at my life I feel satisfied with whatever I have achieved and realize that with achieving everything else I was also responsible to influence others peoples life ■



Gunjan Dixit  
Academic Year: 2

National Institute of Technology - Raipur

## *In Retrospect*

A birthday is something that you highly anticipate as a teen; celebrate as a youth and mourn as an old soul.

On my 50th birthday, I would like to be surrounded by all my family members, relatives and friends, not for what i may leave behind for them in my will, not out of any social or moral obligation...but out of sheer love and warmth for me.

I just want them to be with me-physically, mentally, emotionally and most importantly spiritually.

I wish to celebrate my birthday in a very simple yet meaningful manner. By meaningful manner I mean a manner which is not marred by any artificiality, any sort of false pretence and glib-talk. I simply want my children to say a few, yet frank, words...to me, only to me. I want my 20 year old daughter to tell me how it feels like to be my daughter...to express all those unexpressed expressions.

And then I would turn to my husband whose only most laconic words would be:

"It seems like yesterday! I STILL love you."

And that will be all. The best birthday ever to be celebrated by anybody.....AMEN!!





Pallav Chatterjee

Academic Year: 3

National Institute of Technology - Raipur

## *Making Life Happen*

"I Pallav Chatterjee " chairman of "Indian atomic energy association" & "defence advisor to the prime minister" pledges before u all to steer India on the path of success, sustainable development & completely eradicate the power problems of this incredible country. I am indebted to my parents, teachers, friends & very importantly the critics who always infused in me the feeling to reach the sky & therefore are the real credit holder for my success."

.....These would be my lines 50 years from now with the same determination & energy to do something for my India. I am somebody who's not been supported by the riches of his/ her ancestors but by the hard work of my dad & by the love and affection of my relatives especially my mom.

I definitely wish to hear volumes of appreciation from my family and friends as a common man does but the thing that would please me the most will be when they introduce me to their acquaintances as their friend & not as a chairman of IAEA. The happiest moment of my life would be when my family greets me and ask me to continue the work of progress for the country.

I would like my college to remember me as it is my dream to improve the condition of my branch and I pledge to serve my college in the best possible way & by the best possible means possible.

"Work hard party harder" I'm a firm believer of this fact so I would definitely throw a party to all my relatives & friends celebrating the day (golden jubilee celebration).

At the end of my life I would like to be called as a man who believes in making things happen for them rather than waiting for the opportunity to strike their doorsteps".

"There is a lot of problems in the world because of workers who do not think & thinkers who do not work"

So I would be working hard to lead my country towards prosperity.....





Ruchi Dixit  
Academic Year: 4

National Institute of Technology - Raipur

## *The Right Compass to Model Life*

Well the number 50 has got great importance, whether be it the GOLDEN JUBILEE, the HALF CENTURY or be it the 50th Birth anniversary for that matter, all being signs of great accomplishments of glory and a time of benchmarking one's progress, it's a sign of relief showing that things are half done and get rejuvenated for the next half. At 50 I see myself as the manager of a very successful firm working with great competence for my company. This would be the most important milestone that I wish to achieve in my life..

Well today, I would like to watch my life in retrospection.. I believe it is the values that are your compasses in your life's journey I revere my parents for providing me with the right compass. It was during my school that I have realised some of my skills. STEVE JOBS the founder of APPLE COMPUTERS is one of my role models. His story of life is a great motivator of mine, I believe so much in his philosophy and at 50, I see myself achieving similar great heights.

You can only be satisfied with your work if you love your work and this will be true only if you do your own work. it really makes me feel great noticing my colleagues trusting me, acclaiming me of being hardworking co-operative, supportive as a real manager possessing the leadership qualities in true aspect had has always been enterprising though I had to pay for this at times. Being a working woman my biggest challenge is to strike a perfect balance between my personal and professional life this would not have been possible without the support of my spouse, the better half of my life. He trust's of my competence in every field gives me the energy to help me accomplish all the work with added enthusiasm. Children are the ones who help the parents accomplish their long cherished dreams; they always want their children to be the epitome of perfection but as a parent had never wished both these two for my children I'll like them to lead their own lives to walk their lives in their own shoes and not someone else's. Finally today I wish for one and all that let each one realise the purpose of their birth, the mission for which they are born you need to decide the race, for which you are suppose to pass the baton. May be at times you may not figure it out, don't give up..



Ravi Baid Jain  
Academic Year: 1

National Institute of Technology – Rourkela

## *Noting Achievements*

Stakeholders just don't mean the family, spouse, children, friends and colleagues. But any person to whom one has met once in his life and he received much from hi. According to me anyone who points out our good and bad, success and failures, belong to us and holds a high position in our life. Because by their considerations and observations only, one can walk on the ladder of life. Their observations and advices provide us guidelines and path to progress ahead in life.

I would really like my stakeholders to talk about my achievements which I achieved all of these years. The words of praise and respect fill oneself with a new source of energy and he gets inspired and overpowered to do more in the life. I would like them to say about my sincerity towards the responsibilities of mine, whether it is related to the family or to the profession. I would also like to know from my family to say whether I had been able to be a perfect family man like being as a professional man. I want them to say about the legacy(not in terms of property but in terms of values and character) which I had maintained and made it more better as like the legacy passed on to me by my parents . I would like my spouse to say me whether I was successful in giving my time to my family as I gave to my profession. I would also look forward to hear whether I was successful in inculcating the morals and values in my children. I would also like to hear from my children whether I was able to match upto their expectations.

I would also like to hear from my colleagues about the way I led my professional life till now. They must say me about the way I dealt with my clients, my officers and the staff of the office. They must say me where I got wrong and where I went upto their expectations. Apart from this they must say about the changes which came in me in these past years.

I feel that at the age of 50 no one would love to hear anything wrong about himself; But I would like that anybody who wants to give me the best gift on my birthday then he must come forward to me and share my achievements and most importantly make me aware of my shortcomings and my failures so that in the remaining part of my life I could get through them and reach to the level of their expectations.



Nikhil Kumar  
Academic Year: 2

National Institute of Technology – Rourkela

## *A short note @ 50*

Today at my 50th birthday, oh I am 50, still I can't believe. Still I have got lots of things to do and achieve. Today when I close my eyes I find myself in those days when I passed my B.Tech and joined a MNC.

At that time I used to dream to be an entrepreneur; although I joined a MNC which was my first step in this corporate world. I learned a lot from that experience which helped me to fulfill my dream of becoming an entrepreneur. But still I have to do a lot and for me sky is the limit. In these past years all my stakeholders hold an opinion of their own in my point of view. First of all I am starting with my colleague (again this time its my office first). I started my own company with my colleague who was there with me in that MNC. Every time he says that I am very patient, He used to consult me in all his projects. Although it was his work but I used to help him. One thing he also says that I am very diplomatic.

My wife has been always with me in all times. But she always says that I am not looking much to my family. I can understand this but it is very difficult to cope with office and family affairs simultaneously. That's what my son complains too. My son doesn't share much of his life affairs with me. And the reason he says so because I did not have given much time to him.

But what I pray to god is that by the time my next birthday I want to step on the next step of my ladder of success that's what really matters to me.



Mousmi Mohanty

Academic Year: 4

National Institute of Technology – Rourkela

## *Balancing it Right*

"Happy birthday to you, happy birthday to u !!!" .... I woke up on a fine December morning with these joyous strains flowing into my ears. It was my birthday. My 50th birthday! I looked around myself and found my husband, my twenty two year old daughter smiling at me.

The first realisation that dawned on me was that I had completed fifty years of my life. God! Fifty years!! I could not help but smile at my glorious half century. All through these years, I had had a steady and fulfilling life. But before I could delve deeper into my thoughts, my mobile phone rang. On the other side of the phone was my dearest mother wishing me a wonderful life ahead. Then came my father and brother. After that there was no stopping. The mobile phone kept on ringing and my colleagues, friends and relatives wished me .It gave me a lot of satisfaction to realise that I had such a big community of well wishers..

Now it was time for me to rush to my office. Then as I entered my room I winked at the name plate on the door, which read "Mousumi Mohanty, Managing Director, Marketing." Then I saw a number of files neatly stacked on my table. Again get set go for a day's work. This tenure in my office had been a wonderful experience for me. Each and every moment there were challenges and needed lot of hard work and deliberation to win over them.. The act of balancing family life with professional life was not a cakewalk.

Of course the support of my parents and husband mattered a great deal too. I always thought that when u have a lot of passion for achieving something, others would always help you achieve it just like the motif that echoes in the famous book "The Alchemist" by Paulo Coelho.

Then I moved into the office cafeteria where I heard my colleagues discussing about me. It gave me great pleasure to feel that they thought of me in high regard and honour. I had always been people's person and believed in working with the people and for the people.. After a long day at office I drove back home to my family. As I entered the hall they came on and in front of me was a beautiful chocolate cake waiting for me. How I loved it! It was always a matter of joy to be with my near and dear ones and spend precious time with them. ■



Kim Kurien Joseph  
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## *The true Me : On Hindsight*

In the words of the famous author, philosopher and mathematician Bertrand Russell: "Be wary of opinions which raise your self esteem". I would stand by this undeniably right statement to the end. After having travelled around the sun for 50 years, I would, with no doubt, want to hear from my stakeholders of where I fell short.

My family, friends, colleagues and my business associates who I would have made over various walks of life would be greatest assets. They would be a mirror to me, differing from the glass mirrors in the fact that they reflect my personality completely, but ironically, in the most diverse way. With more than half of my life over I would certainly want to rid myself of these repeating mistakes, my stakeholders being the key to it.

With my genuine shortcomings being presented before me not only will I be able to wash away those lasting mistakes but also be prevented from having an excess of pride in myself. I would rather have the mud of genuine accusation be thrown on me than the flowers of false praise. Accepting ones mistakes is one of the toughest, but inherently most critical acts an individual must perform to move ahead in this roller coaster ride called life. It is the cornerstone to becoming a true individual. Thus when the fingers of genuine accusation are pointed at me, I would want to humble myself and listen to their words and correct myself. Living in the shadow of the past would be a gargantuan mistake, costing me severely.

To conclude, I would say again that on my 50th birthday I would to wash away my previous mistakes and a sense of pride with words of criticism of my stakeholders. This would thereby empower me to benefit the world as a whole. ■



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## *Etching Milestones on the Way...*

Being in the present and predicting the future doesn't seem to be easy, but yes, if it's something which I expect to be like, I think it's worth trying. On my 50th birthday, I see myself as a son, husband, father and friend of many.

I think my parents who would have known me for 50 years by the time would be the foremost critical stakeholder in my life, I wish what they will say about me on my 50th birthday is- "Son, responsibility is the virtue in you for which we adore you more than anything else. You have always proved yourself a responsible son and in general a person as well. We are very much happy about the achievements you have attained in the life. I think my wife will be the next critical stakeholder in my life. I wish what she will say about me on my 50th birthday is- "We have been married together for almost twenty-two years. Probably, I think I have understood you a lot and of course would love to tell you something I feel about you. You have been very loving and caring all through the years.. It was always nice to listen to your colleagues and your boss praising your work, your skill and your intelligence...."

Talking about me, you have never let me realize that I have been far away from my parents as you were always there beside me at all times. Also spending sufficient time with our kids, playing and teaching them and helping in bringing them up nicely with inculcated values is also something which makes me proud of you. I hardly remember that you ever let your temper loose even in harsh situations..

The other thing which I really like in you is that analyzing your own actions/deeds done to others, finding the faults and admitting them and making sure that they should be done away with.

My kid will also be an important stakeholder in my life. I expect him/her to say on my 50th birthday is --" Thanks Dad!...I don't know for how many times and for how many things I should thank you as they are countless. But thanks for helping me to become a well-educated and self-dependent man/woman. I should mention that you are the best dad of the world. You always have been my mentor and my role model. Happy birthday again papa...May you live forever!.."



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## *Making Dreams True*

While I have many dreams for myself as I approach my 50th birthday, there's one, however, which seems to predominate. In this one, I see myself as the head of a software company. I will attempt to explain who my critical stakeholders are and what they would say about me in the following essay.

### The Head of a Software Company!

I dream of setting up a software company in India, which would follow a different business model from the ones today's software powerhouses seem to be following. I would envisage the shareholders of my company, my colleagues and employees, my business partners, academic institutions, and my wife to be critical stakeholders from a professional point of view. My wife, children, mother and sister would be critical stakeholders from a personal point of view.

### Colleagues and Employees


My colleagues would respect and admire me for my integrity, courage of conviction and professionalism. I would want my colleges to say that I am a person who is really passionate about his work and is really good at it. My employees would say that I inspire them and lead by example; and that they really buy into my vision for the company. By this, I mean that they would not look at their work as a routine job, but a journey, a chance to do something wonderful and grow personally and professionally..

### My Wife

My wife would view me as a very good person and a sincere and hard worker. She would be part and parcel of both my personal and professional life. She would view marriage as nothing short of its highest possibility, the perfect union of two minds.

### My Children

My children would say that I am a fun father. They would testify that I am a man who taught them that one must not settle for anything less than the best from life, in work or in play. They would view me as a combination of mentor and friend. I will aspire to be all of this for all these stakeholders, and if at 50, I am indeed able to say this, then I would have achieved something.

"Ah, great it is to believe the dream as we stand in youth by the starry stream; but a greater thing is to fight life through and say at the end, the dream is true!" - Edwin Markham 



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## *Warmth in the Eyes, Confidence in My Steps*

A person close to me would probably have this to say- when it comes to work she is passionate, diligent and responsible. She has good people skills and she is quite affable. Her zeal to reach deadlines and present a perfect work keeps her working round the clock if it requires. Also she is frank enough to speak up about any issues that her colleagues or she herself face at work or otherwise in a demeanour that is suitable for the same. On a personal front she is caring, responsible, loyal person and a strict follower of good habits and has inculcated the same in the family. She manages her time well enough to be able to spend her time with her loved ones. Adventure sports, travelling, books and music remain her passionate hobbies even to this day and being involved with SPICMACAY for all these years she has been instrumental in maintaining the chapter and help its smooth run. Her innovative ideas about the same have been instrumental in bringing more people into the movement. Her perseverance in music has brought her a long way from the day she began. Her varied interests and the zest to experiment is the reason why she has never a dull moment. With her warm smile, and confident talk she has won many friends over the years. She is loyal, charming, and a caring friend to have who is truly a friend in need and deed. She can go over the hedge to rescue her friends from difficult situations. She makes new ones everyday and sticks on strongly to ones she already knows. ■



Abinaya S  
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## *Making a Difference in My Small Way*

I would like to, as everyone else, have been a very loving mother, a very good wife, and a very amicable person to be with. I would very much like them to say I was not only a motive power for them but also an inspiration, someone they did look up to be in some way, be it academic, social, or entrepreneurial.

I would want my colleagues to say I was a very friendly person to work with, who could make them feel very much at ease, who could make them come forth with their views, ideas and suggestions without any misgivings. I want my subordinates to have felt I was a great leader who paid heed to their views and made them feel important. They should say prosperity has not robbed me of my disrespect for conventional wisdom, my spooky ability to see around corners, and my feral determination to be perfect at all costs.

On the domestic front I should have made my family say I was very loving, understanding and caring. Someone they could go to when they most needed a shoulder to lie on. I should have been someone who stayed with them through all their ups and downs and supported them in every way possible. I would want them to say I was the person who not only sympathized with them but also the one who could empathize and give proper solutions to their problems. My career and professional life should not have affected them in any way. I should have made them feel my success and growth as their own, something, which they would be proud of, rather than an obstacle to their personal lives and mine.

Finally, I would very much want everyone to say I made a difference in their lives, however small, which made them a better person in the society and the nation at large. 


## *A Sum of All*

On my 50th birthday, I wish to be a successful Professor of Computer Science at some esteemed engineering college in India. At this point in life, the people I would consider critical would be my colleagues, my students, my spouse, my children and my friends.

At this stage of my career, I would like my colleagues not only to love me but to respect me.. I would be happy if my colleagues find me reliable and trustworthy enough to be frank with me. It would be very nice if people find me a responsible worker who could be trusted with any kind of job.

The most important part of my career would be my students. I aim to be one of the teachers my students would remember in their life, for the right reasons. My students should not only respect me but also be inspired by me.. I aspire to be a friendly professor so that my students feel free to discuss anything with me. At the same time, I would want my students to understand that I am a no-nonsense person and that I would not tolerate misbehaviour.

My personal life is as important to me as my career. Naturally, the pillars of my personal life would be my husband and my children. I would naturally love to come across as a loving, caring and understanding wife and mother. I would like my husband and children to love me unconditionally and I would do the same for them. After all, it is only from close family that one expects to be accepted as oneself with all pluses and minuses. I.

I would like to have made a good number of good friends by the time I am 50. It is with friends that one can be anywhere between silly childish to serious. I would like my friends to see me as a person who is fun to be with, and one to whom they can always come to when in trouble, either for help or even mere solace. To sum up, when I am 50, I would like to be the sweet, sensible, reliable co-worker, mentor, wife, mother and a friend to ALL 



Sree Vani Amara  
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National Institute of Technology – Warangal

## *Woman of Might*

On my 50th birthday I would like to be recognized as one of the best administrators by my colleagues. I want them to consider me as the role model. I would like to be called the best in whatever I do and wherever I go. I would be happy if they think that I'm highly talented and capable of solving any problematic situations whether it is at home or in the office. I would like others to praise my services. I would be happy if people think of me as woman of might. I would like to be thought of as one of the prominent social figures. ■



Nikhila M  
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## *Life is just not One Thing*

As a person celebrating my 50th birthday, I would just not be alone but would surely carry certain amount of dignity. The years that have passed have played a major role in my life and each year's contribution was to such an extent that made me stand with self respect before everyone..

My colleagues would be my greatest critics as they are the ones who have seen me growing from my initial state, they who have advised me and so whose words matter a lot to me. I would certainly want them to be proud of what I have done all along in my life. During my life a part of it was shared by my spouse, the support offered to me was immense. Of all I would like my spouse to be happy with the relationship we share and this would mean the most to me in my life.

Children are the silent observers who learn from their parents a lot and I wish to see them with the same dignity that I hold. I feel there can be nothing great than looking at their children in the same position as yours and be better than what their parents are.

I hope there would certainly be someone or the other who could be benefited from my life. At least had taken few things which would have helped them in their life. A feeling where my life has helped someone in their course would give me immense pleasure and for sure that would be the biggest gift one would ever want in their life. ■



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## *Impassioned Reflections*

This essay offers reflections on the meaning of my life today when I am celebrating my 50th birthday. By way of introduction, I am a 50 year-old Indian, husband, and father of two beautiful and loving children. Later I worked for about three years with a renowned multinational before moving to XLRI Jamshedpur for my further studies in management. It was there that I met Marushka, whom I got married to after the completion of our management studies. Soon thereafter, we were blessed with two beautiful children, Riti and Shikha, who gave me the biggest joy of my life.

Today, on my 50th birthday, when I look back at my life, I wonder how I want others to see me as, how I want to be remembered by them. My parents have lived a modest life, reaching late 70s, but still full of life. I can never forget the pains they had gone through to fund my education in spite of the problems they had to make our ends meet then.

Marushka. She has always given me small little joys in my life. What she made me realize is that life is all about finding joys in the smallest of things. It could be as small as giving secret smiles to each other, just to convey - I am there for you, always! She has been supportive in her own way in every aspect of my life. As her husband, I want her to feel secured with me; I would like her to say that her husband is responsible not only in supporting the family, but also towards our community, our society I would forever be indebted to her for all the joys she has brought in my life - not to forget my little daughters, Riti and Shikha

All I want from life is that my daughters should be proud of their parents and want them to say - My parents have been the most important people of my life, just the way I feel about my parents.

And so, here I put forward, what I would want the most important stakeholders in my life to think and say about me. ■




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## *Cheers!*

I would what them to say:

"Thank you for having lived your life the way you wanted to; for making a positive impact on all around you - your family, friends and colleagues. Your successes and non-successes have been an inspiration to both, yourself and other. Equanimity in dealing with situations, people and in general, life has helped you strike a balance in your outlook towards work and people. Your biggest achievement hasn't been being a successful entrepreneur or your bank balance, it's the difference you have made; to yourself, to us and to others. The times we remember most today are the challenges you faced and the way you tackled them. Even at 50, we hope you still have the fire to pursue alternative interests and add meaning to every day.

Thank you for having made a difference, for having initiated a change, however big or small, in us. Cheers to this ordinary person with extra-ordinary ambitions!" 





Ravindra Saini

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## *Proud Accomplishments*

I wish that my colleagues would love to work with me for the rest of my life because I have done my work truly and sincerely.

I would like my wife to stand beside me in all the difficulties of life as I have done the same for her.

My children should see me as a source of inspiration.

And I would like my teachers to be proud of my accomplishments. ■

Swaminathan S

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National Institute of Technology – Tiruchirapalli

## *A Life for Others*

I wish my shareholders would say - It's basically like "he has lived a life that was useful to others than himself". I would not at any cost influence their replies. All these fifty years he has been very helpful to those who needed it from him. Let the rest of life too he continues to live the same way... ■



Shashank Kumar

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## *A Picture in My Mind*

I would like to be understood by my acquaintances as a responsible, honest, trustworthy, truthful and helpful person. My picture in their mind should be of a vibrant person with flexible ideas, ever flowing and welcoming changes with open heart. ■

Manasa Gade

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## *An Incredible Experience*

I would like to be known as A good friend who is well-versed in all activities, who is good decision maker, who is unselfish, kind, patient at any time, whose suggestion is always worth following. A good partner who is always helpful. A great personality, who attained an incredible experience from 50 years, from whom young chaps can take inspiration to ahead in their real life. ■



Prangaya Paramita Pradhan  
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## *An Identified Achievement*

On my 50th birthday, I see myself as a well settled and established person having my own identity. Then I want people to know me by my name. ■

Gunjan Aggarwal  
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Indian Institute Of Technology - Guwahati

## *Mission Accomplished!*


I would feel on my 50th B'Day that I have completed most of my responsibilities of life. ■



Rekha Agarwal  
Academic Year: 2

Malaviya National Institute of Technology- Jaipur


## *A Poised Vision*

I would like to be seen as a stable, trustworthy and a calm person on my 50th Birthday. 

Jaideep Singh  
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## *To the Mankind I belong*

I want that they recognise me as a person who used his life for the betterment of whole mankind. 

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