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### My Dear Fellow Indian "... earn this. Earn it."

Namaste,

Saving Private Ryan is a 1998 American epic war film directed by Steven Spielberg and written by Robert Rodat. Set in 1944 in Normandy, France, during World War II, it follows a group of soldiers, led by Captain John Miller (Tom Hanks), on a mission to locate Private James Francis Ryan (Matt Damon) and bring him home safely after his three brothers have been killed in action, and in the process many soldiers sacrificed their lives. The film's premise is based on the story of the Niland family, from Tonawanda, New York, who sent four sons to war, with the movie's character of Private Ryan being loosely based on Frederick Niland, who was a paratrooper. Also the movie's story happens because of the U.S. War Department's "sole-survivor policy" aimed to prevent families from losing all their sons in the war. After the sinking of the USS Juneau, which carried many sets of brothers, the policy was implemented.

Towards the end of the movie, Captain Miller's dying words were to Private Ryan, as Miller bled out after the relentless Battle at Ramelle, telling him, "James... earn this. Earn it." Seconds later, Miller is dead, leaving the young Private Ryan with an impactful message he will never forget. Captain Miller's final words were meant to ensure that Private Ryan would continue to honour the heroic sacrifice that Miller and several members of his squad made in order to get Ryan home safely. "... it" signifies the valiant efforts that Miller and his soldiers made to secure Ryan, many of whom died in the process. Miller instructs Ryan to "Earn" the significance of his life and what it meant to several others who lost their lives so that Ryan could live.

There was some conversations in our club group, in



A message from President  
**RAHUL GOENKA**

continuation to our discussion to holding our Charter Nite, that we could reach out to the families of soldiers in our vicinity and offer our support or atleast express our gratitude. Some also suggested that we should support the soldiers even during peace times and not just remember them during times of conflict. This conversation instinctively popped the words of Captain Miller in my head, "...earn this. Earn it."

Our soldiers guard us, protect us and sacrifice for us, not for extra monitory benefits for themselves and their families, our benevolent Government takes good care of them. But rather because of their belief in India, in every Indian... that we will do whatever we are meant to do, be it our vocation, our social responsibilities or our commitments to family, friends and community. We will do it to our utmost ability and sincerity, work hard, strive to be better. In the process, when most, if not all Indians, perform,... the whole becomes greater than the sum of its parts... India progresses in leaps and bounds.

In the final scene of Saving Private Ryan, elderly Private James Ryan, visiting the grave of Captain Miller, says, "... Every day I think about what you said to me that day on the bridge. I tried to live my life the best that I could. I hope that was enough. I hope that, at least in your eyes, I've earned what all of you have done for me." He then asks his wife, "Tell me I have led a good life. Tell me I'm a good man." To which she replies "You are."

Every time I hear about a challenge being faced by our military or police, the guy in my mirror calls out, 'Rahul... continue to earn this. Earn it.'

Want to do something for a Soldier, be an Indian who is worth fighting for...

Jai Hind

In Service to Country and Community

Ek Indian

Rahul Murari Goenka



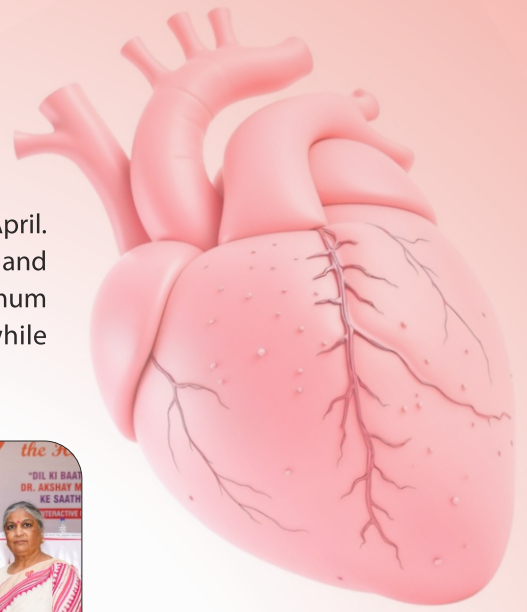


# Speaker Meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2025

## Guest Speaker - Dr. Akshay Mehta

### Romancing The Heart

The joint meeting with RCBA and RCMNI on Romancing the Heart was held on on 23rd April. Dr. Akshay Mehta spoke on ways to keep the heart healthy. He explained how to prevent and recognize early warning symptoms, choose the right treatment, and achieve maximum recovery. Dr. Mehta addressed pressing questions about cardiovascular health, while emphasizing the importance of the mind in healing.





# Rotary's two official mottoes

Service Above Self and One Profits Most Who Serves Best, Rotary's official mottoes, can be traced back to the early days of the organization.

In 1911, the second Rotary convention, in Portland, Oregon, USA, approved He Profits Most Who Serves Best as the Rotary motto. The wording was adapted from a speech that Rotarian Arthur Frederick Sheldon delivered to the first convention, held in Chicago the previous year. Sheldon declared that "only the science of right conduct toward others pays. Business is the science of human services. He profits most who serves his fellows best."

The Portland gathering also inspired the motto Service Above Self. During an outing on the Columbia River, Ben Collins, president of the Rotary Club of Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA, talked with Seattle Rotarian J.E. Pinkham about the proper way to organize a Rotary club, offering the principle his club had adopted: Service, Not Self. Pinkham invited Rotary founder Paul Harris, who also was on the trip, to join their conversation. Harris asked Collins to address the convention, and the phrase Service, Not Self was met with great enthusiasm.

At the 1950 Rotary International Convention in Detroit, Michigan, USA, two slogans were formally approved as the official mottoes of Rotary: He Profits Most Who Serves Best and Service Above Self. The 1989 Council on Legislation established Service Above Self as the principal motto of Rotary because it best conveys the philosophy of unselfish volunteer service. He Profits Most Who Serves Best was modified to They Profit Most Who Serve Best in 2004 and to its current wording, One Profits Most Who Serves Best, in 2010.

A name badge from the 1928 Rotary International Convention features Rotary's mottoes. ▶

<https://www.rotary.org/en/rotary-mottoes>



Arthur Frederick Sheldon, the Rotarian whose convention speech inspired Rotary's secondary motto, One Profits Most Who Serves Best



## BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS

### Rotarian Birthdays

24 April: Rtn. Dr. Usha Jayachandran

25 April: Rtn. Gautam Chande

### R/Ann. Birthdays

30 April: R/Ann. Dr. Pallavi Tushar Shah

Congratulations and best wishes to PP Rajendra Ruia. Here he is seen with the highest ranks of Rotary Peace Centre at Symbiosis University Pune - published in Rotary news in March edition



(From L) Rajendra Ruia, PP, RC Bombay West; TRF Trustee Marty Helman; Director of TRF Grants Meredith Burlew; Rotary Peace Centers Program Director Laura Descher and IPDG Manjoo Phadke at the Symbiosis University in Pune.