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Childhood's fondest memory

Listening to dad talking about science, sociology, philosophy and politics during post-dinner walks

Challenges faced during youth

In the first two years, I performed poorly at the Benaras Hindu University as I got exposed to a lot of things that boys do in college. In the third year, I had to work hard to cover for the past two years

Dreams to achieve

Many, from becoming a fighter pilot to the President of India

Favourite movie

Mukkadar ka Sikandar and Gandhi, Dangal in recent times

Role model at college. Why?

My father for his clarity of thoughts, determination and versatility

Awkward moment

Parents' reaction to joining insurance after studying to be a scientist. My mother was disappointed. "Tumne padhai ki scientist banne ki, aur join kiya insurance company. Isse achha toh beta IAS kar lete." (After studying to become a scientist you are joining insurance. It would have been better if you had become an IAS.)

First day at job

In Jhansi, at New India Assurance office. When I reached office and submitted my appointment letter, my divisional officer did not know what to do with me, nor did I have any clue

That cherished moment

Way back as head of claims when I was handing out claims cheques to widow of truck drivers. The gratitude in their eyes was an uplifting moment for me, it made me realise that as an insurer I could make a difference to lives

Hobby

To be with my wife and daughters. Watch sunsets (halting the car to see whenever sun is about to set). Visiting Taj Mahal at different times of the day to admire its beauty

Favourite book

Godfather, Autobiography of a Yogi



Advice to youngsters

Live life, relish the moment and be a good human being

Work-life balance?

I remain obsessed with the moment. It is the quality of time that you spend doing something and not the quantity, this attitude has been able to get me a good work-life balance