

Congratulations...



Mr. Dharmendra Sachan

Heartiest Congratulations to **Mr. Dharmendra Sachan**, Chief Knowledge Office, **Export-Import Bank of India, Mumbai** for securing the medal in prestigious international event '**Brevets de Randonneurs mondiaux**' (**Cycling Race**).

Kindly find attached, herewith, an extremely amazing and unbelievable real story of our own MANLIBNET family member.

We are really proud of you.

Wish you very best for the future.

Dharmendra Sachan

Impossible is nothing



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Would you venture out to cycle 200 kilometers in one day? How about 200 kilometers in one day surviving only on juices and chocolates? Wait it gets worse how about doing that in less than 14 hours?

We had recently been to the Brevet s de randonneurs mondiaux in India which is an international event and has been organized globally for years. It was a grueling 200 km bicycle ride complete with time sensitive check points and its very design is to test the mettle of the athletes for whom 'enough' just isn't enough. There, we met this charismatic individual who wished to take part in the ordeal. The kicker? He had a prosthetic left leg. By the time he finished we couldn't but euphorically cheer him loudly and watch as he managed to do something even the

best athletes struggled to do - finish it while adhering to the guidelines. Read on to know more about this gentleman who is a fine example to the fact that the human body can do anything provided it has the fuel of determination.

Enlighten India : Have you always been into cycling?

Dharmendra Sachan : Well I lost my left leg when I was 7 years old, that kind of a misfortune at that young an age can crush an individual, I had a constant drive to be fit to be at par with everyone else and hence I constantly took part in some or the other event. Be it university, society or corporate tournaments I've always passionately taken active participation, one reason why is because I'm a motivator, a lot of times when they see what I'm willing to do despite my apparent handicap, they are energized and motivated to do the same. I used to take part in badminton championships and marathons mostly, the cycling happened quite recently. In all honestly I only started cycling to ensure I stay fit and in shape. I bought my first cycle in the year 2009, started noticing other groups and taking part in events but just for the sake of staying healthy. By 2010, I had become passionately addicted to pushing the limits of my own endurance; I bought myself a professional bicycle, the Firefox Road Pro and took part in the cyclothon each year, came in 6th last year and 4th the year before. My favorite event thus far was the event where we met, the Brevets de randonneurs mondiaux, the whole experience was exhilarating and definitely made me feel like a million bucks, I'm currently awaiting the medal. On a parting note I want to state that it is the inspiration and motivation of the kind hearted people like Anil Ukhil that made a lot of this possible.

EI : Tell us a little about your education background.

DS : I was always an average student, the only thing that stood out was the fact that I was more learning oriented than educational accolades, it gave me great joy to get insights into the unknown or the less ventured, I did my B.Comm followed by my masters in library and info science, the educational course of action wasn't a very conscious decision, a lot of people told me that my handicap would hinder my performance as an engineer or a doctor and I guess I just did what I was told was good for me. In time I realized the importance of computers and got a diploma for myself through NIT. Eventually I got an employment opportunity at Indian Institute of Health Management in Jaipur, this was one of the premier institutes at the time and one of the very few that employed the use of a computers which further allowed me to learn and come up the curve.

EI : Can you tell us about your career thus far?

DS : I started my career with Indian Institute of Health Management Research (IIHMR), Jaipur in 1991 and then moved to Delhi where I joined a Software Company "LibSys Corporation". During my stay in this company I had automated more 75 small and large libraries both in India, South East Asia and in Central America.

I'm currently employed with Export-Import Bank of India as the chief knowledge officer. I've been working here since September, 1997. I joined as a deputy manager and worked my way up. What needs to be said is that the company is very lean and gives great importance to people and operational accuracy, I would like to add that my accolades were never mine alone, it was always a team effort and the support and the willingness to try something new from my superiors is what enabled me to achieve what I did and this relentless support from my senior management was both invaluable and quintessential.

I realized earlier on while I was working at Indian Institute of Health Management that IT is the backbone of an organization that it is a great enabler and quintessential for smooth functioning, I designed, developed and managed the intranet facility in my company to make ensure that we transformed our job from librarians to information managers who provide information with analysis collated and customized for the end users like Corporate Bank Groups, Project Trade Finance, Lines of Credit, research and planning and more. I also played an instrumental role in setting up a fully Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) based Learning Resource Centre at Bank of Baroda in Mumbai.

EI : What is your family's take on your obsession with sports?

DS : I am a proud father of two lovely daughters Sanjana and Soumya aged 12 and 6 respectively, my beautiful wife is a house wife and she is an M.A(Economics). They are indeed very supportive in fact they've encouraged me and cheered me on for every event I took part in. I have been taking part in marathons for over 4 years now and when I decided to take up a newer challenge in terms of cycling they have been in my favor. They were the happiest when I took part in the movie Ferrari Ki Sawari and well I have a small role as a cyclist in the movie!

EI : Do you believe in destiny?

DS : Well one cannot live in this world and ignore destiny. I would like to give due credit to destiny for everything that has happened in my life. I never dreamt that I would one day be in Mumbai and manage to purchase a house for myself and yet I have done just that how can I take all the credit for all this and more? I'm a very spiritual person and a tad bit religious so you will find me performing pooja's in the morning but I personally believe destiny is half written, the rest is what you are willing to make it.

