

THE 'ETERNAL' SOURCE OF CARE AND COMPASSION

By her grit and leadership skills, Mrs Manju Sharma, Co-chairperson and MD, Eternal Hospital, Jaipur, meticulously built the world-class tertiary multi-super specialty hospital in 2013 that is transforming the healthcare landscape of Rajasthan. She continues to touch thousands of life with compassion that complement the strong values of four Cs- Courage, Commitment, Consistency and Completion, instilled by her mother.



What led you to eventually move to India from the US, and do you consider it a wise decision or have any regrets?

It is human nature to bring back experiences and ideas gathered, after travelling to different destinations. Witnessing the excellence of the US healthcare system for over two decades inspired me to bring that same high quality of care to India. Jaipur, my husband Dr. Samin K. Sharma's hometown, particularly lacked such advanced medical facilities at the time. This motivated me to return to India and establish Eternal Hospital, a center known for its world-class reputation. I believe only the results can justify whether the decision was wise or regretful. But by the grace of Almighty, the success and abundant love that people have given to Eternal Hospital testifies that my decision was right and so there is no regrets whatsoever.

What does taking on a huge challenge and responsibility of establishing such a landmark multi-super specialty hospital mean to you?

The building and nurturing of Eternal Hospital means everything to me as I have embarked on a journey that impacts countless lives by providing access to high quality health services, which they may not have received otherwise. It is the singular purpose of my life that has covered a long journey with emotional highs and lows, but ultimately it gives me peace of mind to have positively touched so many lives giving them hope, love, care and treatment to alleviate their pain and suffering. It further motivates me to take on more challenges and strive to get better results.

What are the values and practices that have formed the mantra of a life led purposefully for you?

I feel blessed and enriched by the legacy of values passed on to me by my enterprising mother. Her mantras are the four Cs of life- Courage, Commitment, Consistency and Completion and in the same order. I strongly believe that you have to have courage in whatever you choose to do, unwavering commitment working towards achieving that purpose single-mindedly, forgetting everything else. Being consistent is also very crucial to overcome hurdles and problems that are bound to come your way, and the end result is achieved only when you complete that job.

Values may vary from individual to individual depending on their circumstances, but they are of utmost importance because then you are building your own foundation or having your own SOP that you have to set for yourself and follow every single day of your life until it becomes a habit and mantra of your life.

How would you explain women's power and the fact that they can achieve whatever they set out to do?

Women should all dream big. There are no secrets to success as it is different for every individual. I go by the famous saying of Winston Churchill, "Success consists of going from failure to failure without loss of enthusiasm." One should not be demotivated by the hurdles and failures that you may come across in life's journey, instead take them in your stride as a learning. Also, failure does not define you, instead it actually tells you to choose a different path to success. So do not fear of going wrong or falling down, but pick yourself up, and go on without the loss of enthusiasm working towards your dream goal.

Your golden words of advice for the young women having aspirations, but face discrimination, especially those coming from smaller towns?

First, have courage to speak up those thoughts that are always nagging at the back of our mind. Second, believe in yourself and your capabilities instead of constantly comparing yourself with others as each one has a different purpose and destiny in life. Chase your goals with positive conviction, because only if you do then there will be no regrets. Courageous pursuit of your dreams become destination, brings consistency in our attitude attracting success and there will be resistance which you will encounter, but completion of journey is your success. That brings us back to the cycle of four Cs, the crux of life and living it successfully.

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