

MEMORABLE MOMENTS

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Special Moments...

We all have some moments that we cherish and relive to feel good.

With one special moment in mind to share, a few others flashed up as to remind me that it would be unfair not to mention them....

At the age of 4 to be sitting on then Prime Minister Smt. Indira Gandhi's knees is as special as it gets. The moment was captured and interestingly, about 10 years later there was an article in the newspaper by the photographer who recapped how the little girl broke free from her mother's hands and ran up to perch herself..... He also mentioned that it was one of Prime Minister's favourites and she had chosen it for one of her campaigns !

Five and half decades later I was lucky enough to have met Nobel Laureate Amartya Sen, took a selfie with him and have a signed copy of his book "Home in the World"!

Treasures tell for life...

It's time I tell you that I am an Anaesthetist the specialist who keeps a patient safe and comfortable while surgeon performs the necessary procedure. It just so happens that people rarely remember their Anaesthetist. Test it on yourself...

Have you had an Operation?

Do you remember your Anaesthetist?

Few weeks ago an 82 years old lady had come for a cataract operation... as I was chatting to her she said to me ..." I remember you... You did my Anaesthesia when I had my knee replacement 10 years ago. You made me a lovely cup of coffee!" Now that was confirmation for sure. I checked her old records and Lo behold it was me.

All my joint replacements usually get fed and watered as soon as they are out of theatre and into recovery. To ensure that it happens straightaway I choose to do the honours.

Ten years later this amazing lady recognised me. In my 30 + years as an Anaesthetist.... I am not sure I have ever felt so special .. it was an amazingly heart-warming moment.

I cannot help but wonder, did she remember me for my Anaesthetic ? Or was it the cup of coffee ?

Life goes on accumulating memories every moment we live. The good memories that we earn by our sincerity and hard work are indeed special and gives us joy more than anything else. These unforgettable moments of happiness act as a source of energy for performing even better and add meaning to our lives.