

Thanksgiving – 41st. AGM – Past President – Bharath Kedia

Friends, as I step down today; I cannot help not being nostalgic.

I was drawn into EICMA M.C. by Sri R.G.A. when he causally told me -“**Sunil ji M.C. meeting mein Aaya Kijiye**” I started attending the meetings merely as an observer for several years. Thereafter, as Honorary Secretary under the stewardship of Sri Benoy Basu Mallick, Sri Biplab Kumar Datta & Sri Hemant Saraogi; I learned the ropes of the association, specially, from my friend, philosopher, guide & mentor Sri Hemant Saraogi. So now you all know who is the person responsible for my performance (or the lack of it) in the association.

I had the privilege to share space with the **Amitabh Bachan** of the Industry, Annu Bhai, receive the blessings of Sri B.N. Ghosh, a thorough gentleman, Sri Satish Kapur, a personality with a class apart & Sri B.D. Kothari Saab, a man of few words.

A President is as good as his team; I could not have gone wrong with Milan on board, as the face of the body, Mohit as the legs & arms, Sri Rajendra Chokhaniji as the proverbial snake guarding the treasury. A call to the analytical Narendraji or the graphic wizard Chetan Bhai or to the P.R.O. Man, Achyut da or the eloquent Soumitro da and my job was over.

Hemantji handed over the reign of the association to us in 2010 with the words – “**AB TUMAHARE HAVALE YEH EICMA SATHION**”.

HUMMARE HAVALE SE EICMA KO NA JAANE KUCH MILA YA NA MILA
PAR EICMA KE HAVALE SE HUMME EK NAYA SANSAR MILA
JINHE APNA KEH SAKE KUCH AISE DOST AUR YAAR MILA
AASHIYANE KE BAHAR, EK AASHIYANA NAYAB AUR MILA
EICMA KE HAVALE SE **AI SATHIYON**
200 LOGO KA BHARA PURA PARIVAR MILA
KRITAGYA HOON, KI AAP SABHI KA ATYANT SNEH AUR PYAR MILA!

I am now pleased to hand over the papers & chair to the able & very capable, Sri Milan Kumar Dey with best wishes & utmost confidence –

**“EICMA KO KAR BULAND ITNA KE HAR RESOLUTION SE PEHLE
FCBM PRESIDENT TUJHSE YEH KHUD PUCHE BATA TERI RAZA KYA HAIN”**