

My Thoughts (CEO- Blog)

Last Friday I woke up to the usual “good morning” of my wife. I had absolutely no idea “how good a morning” it would be, until I saw the message on my phone. It simply read “**our beloved Group Chairman Shri Ramamurthy Thyagarajan – our loving RT – has been bestowed Padma Bhushan**”. My first thought was to pick up the phone, call and congratulate him! I almost dialled his number when the thought crossed my mind, “what do I tell him?” How do I congratulate him? Well, what do anyone can tell the person who built a 60,000 crore corporation in 4 decades, when he is conferred one of the highest civilian awards of our country? Words fall short in appreciating such icons. Instead, I decided to write my thoughts on RT & Shriram Group on this special day.

Anyone who knows RT would understand the incredible effort his close-ones must have put in to convince him in accepting Padma Bhushan. For someone who stays away from limelight and whose life is a poetic narration of simplicity, accepting this award could mean only one thing; inspire the Shriram Group family further and create more value for the society. Because, for RT, building business was only a way to contribute to the society and influence lives. According to him, business should create wealth in the community by empowering the common man. Every business initiative from Shriram Group embodies this thought.

As part of this organization and this peerless thought, I feel immensely proud to know that our government has finally recognized his vision and selfless endeavour to serve the under-served through business.

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