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CBRE made me the person I am today!

No work is big or small and we all can leave a lasting impression on people around us with our dedication, honesty and positive attitude. My journey with CBRE is a testimony of this philosophy and in last 20 years there haven't been a day when I would not have said a heartfelt thanks to this place which helped me attain my best.

Just like a team and a family, an organisation requires everyone involved to play his role with utmost commitment and CBRE is the place which made me understand the part I needed to play. I joined CBRE in 1998 as a driver and at that time the most important requirement in life undoubtedly was to get into a job which would have ensured some of the basic securities in life. But I hardly knew that I will end up getting a lot more than I could have actually asked for.

When I control the wheel

Even though my job description isn't difficult to comprehend, but people do understand the difference (at times a big one) between a good driver and a bad one. Like everyone else I also take pride in the fact that I have fulfilled my job in the manner of a true team player. It feels good when people say, "Sit calmly when you are with Jayachandran. You are not going to get late for the meeting."

Like everyone else I have also invested a lot of time in important skills which helped me achieve my targets such as remembering the routes, negotiating through bad traffic, keeping the vehicles neat and clean, but first and foremost ensuring safety of people who are traveling with me. Just like everyone else I also have been rewarded several times for these things and am not talking about the monetary part of it (That everyone gets). No amount of money can replace the trust and faith people have in me and my abilities.

In last 20 years, there have been many instances when people called me late in the night, during rush hour and when they needed to go for an urgent meeting. The smiles I see on their faces once they reach their destinations on time is nothing less than a reward.

The bond has grown stronger

On several occasions CBRE felt like a family which stood by me and guided in time of crisis. The greatest dream and achievement for a

father is to ensure that he is doing everything possible for the children so that they can fulfil their dreams. Education for my two daughters J. Abarna (20) and J. Ramya (15) has always been my topmost priority, but it was easier said than done. Coming from a humble background, I tried my best to ensure that they go to good schools, but then there were bigger family requirements as well. But thanks to the help provided by CBRE nothing came in the way of good education for both Abarna and Ramya

Today, Abarna is studying in B.Com 3rd year, while Ramya has got into 12th standard and has started to prepare for her board exams. Like many previous occasions, CBRE again helped me find a solution for another important worry in my life – the careers of my daughters. Sometime last year I was informed by seniors in the office that Abarna after completing her graduation will be inducted in CBRE as a trainee and will be absorbed as a full-time employee in due time. I really could not have asked for more.

Honestly, I can't really recall a time when CBRE wasn't there to help me in time of need. Few years ago, the Chennai team helped me buy a two-wheeler so that I can reach home in time without facing the hassles of public transport and spend some quality time with my family. The direct impact of all these things have been in the form of a happy wife back in the house, who never cribs about my erratic work hours. 😊

CBRE has done a lot for me and I know I will never be able to repay in equal terms. But there are many other ways to keep your colleagues happy. I don't think there would be any person in Chennai team who would not have tasted the wonderful food cooked by my wife. The gift of food precedes over everything in return and hosting my bosses and colleagues during family functions has now become a regular thing in my family.

My CBRE

I can't believe how lucky I am to get an opportunity to work with CBRE's Chennai office. I have been a witness to its transformation in past two decades. While a lot of things have changed in these 20 years, the basic and core spirit of taking care of each other like a family has only increased by leaps and bounds. I am sure this spirit is very much present in every other office we have.

Thanks to everyone!

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