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“Everyone has been made for some particular work, and the desire for that work has been put in every heart.” - Rumi

As someone rightly said, do it with passion, or not at all, the journey of following his passion for Mitesh Prajapati, aka MP, began while working in his family owned steel business. In the midst of working hard to grow his business and upgrading himself with the industry know-how, this young entrepreneur knew that life had something more profound for him.

Born on May 14th, 1986 and raised in Mumbai, MP has worn many hats since the very beginning of his youth. Never much inclined towards academics, his heart was always curious to go beyond the four walls of the classroom and be out there in the world doing things practically. After high school, he became an RSS member in the year 2002. While, all the way working with political parties and institutions, MP developed a keen interest in joining politics, and went on to join the BJP party in the year 2008.

On his journey with the BJP, MP developed an exceptional rapport with the political personalities and with the committee members of various associations that he is a part of today. All his efforts didn't go unrecognized, and he was soon appointed as the BJP Yuva Morcha President of Borivali Vidhan Sabha, Ward No.9., followed by a position as a Booth Pramukh of the ward. Today, he is the Vice President of the same ward.

In his growing years, along with his elder brother, Mitesh Prajapati joined his family's 40-year-old steel business and within short span, he demonstrated great interest in the way steel industry functions in India. He was characterized by his will to work beyond the confines of his office, reaching out to bigger objectives that were aimed at the growth of the Indian steel industry as a whole. All thanks to his highly social nature, MP was soon accepted and welcomed in many industrial associations as a core member, where he projected assertiveness in voicing his opinion.

Today, MP is the General Secretary of Steel Users Federation of India, Managing Committee Member of the Darukhana Iron & Steel Merchants Association (DISMA) and Secretary of Chamber of Association of Maharashtra Industries & Trade (CAMIT). MP is

also a Special Executive Officer for Government of Maharashtra. He has been at the forefront when seeking and negotiating reliefs from the authorities on behalf of his associations. For instance, when the GST was announced in the year 2017, MP actively engaged himself in negotiating GST rates for wires, which was brought down from 28% to a drastic 12%.

Mitesh Prajapati became impatient with many opportunities coming his way, and for the advancement of his life goals, he involved himself in social work through his NGOs - Citizen Civic Solutions and MP Foundation, where he is a treasurer and an official spokesperson.

Citizen Civic Solutions supports government initiatives concerning common man, and therefore through its expert volunteers and founders, the organization tries not only to provide practical solutions but also actively initiates dialogues between authorities and common people. MP Foundation on the other hand is formed with an intention of addressing environment, health, education, and human rights issues such as issues related to senior citizens, women, and children.

As they say, rest is a history; at present MP is an established businessman, passionate social worker and a politics aspirant, striving to make a difference in every little way he can. Consumed with the desire for doing it, no matter what it takes, Mitesh Prajapati believes that one should not give up just because few bad things happened!

Awards & Recognitions:

Dhatu Mitra Award 2018 for .....

SUFI Appreciation Award 2018 for his work with various ministries.