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*“It was the day that I actually saw death in the eye. But I am really relieved that I lived to tell you about it.”*

- Sunil Mahajan, Sr. VP - Purchase & Logistics



11th July 2009 is a day I will never forget in my life. It was the day that I actually saw death in the eye. But I am really relieved that I lived to tell you about it. My colleagues and I were going from Mejia to Jojobera in a Scorpio. When we were crossing Purulia, which is about 110 km from Mejia, an Ambassador car suddenly came in front of our Scorpio at high speed. To avoid a head-on collision our driver swerved the vehicle to the left side of the road. But when he tried to come back to the road, he lost control. I have no words to tell you how I felt as the Scorpio rolled over twice. For several minutes we just sat in shock. And then we realised, we were all okay.

*“I didn’t want anything to happen to him because I love him a lot.”*

- Sahil Mahajan, Son of Sunil Mahajan



**Sahil Mahajan:** When I heard about Papa’s accident I was really very scared. I didn’t want anything to happen to him because I love him a lot.

**Sunil Mahajan:** We were safe because all of us were wearing our seatbelts.

**Lucky Mahajan:** I shudder to think what would have happened if they wouldn’t have worn seatbelts.

**Sunil Mahajan:** For the happiness of your families, I would request all of you to abide by road safety rules

**Sahil Mahajan:** Your children wait at home for you to return from work and spend time with them. Please be safe for us by following road safety rules

*“And then a thousand questions flooded my mind all at once. How bad is it? Does he have serious injuries?”*

- Lucky Mahajan, Spouse of Sunil Mahajan



When I first heard about it, I was struck numb. It’s the worst feeling ever to hear something like this. And then a thousand questions flooded my mind all at once. How bad is it? Does he have serious injuries? You don’t want to think, but your mind bends towards the worst.

And yet, there was also a bit of hope inside me. He will be alright. He is very conscious of basic safety rules. Later I found out that they were all saved because they were all wearing seatbelts. I shudder to think what would have been if they hadn’t done that.

*“We are all vulnerable and susceptible to accidents. Sometimes we can stop them from happening by doing a proper risk assessment.”*

- Madhumita Basu, Sr. VP - Marketing



Sunil’s story demonstrates that accidents can happen anytime, anywhere and to anyone. Recently, we have all heard of another accident involving Kaushik, our colleague from the Sales team.

We are all vulnerable and susceptible to accidents. Sometimes we can stop them from happening by doing a proper risk assessment and finding ways and means to stay safe at work, at home and while traveling. At times when we can’t avoid accidents, we should at least make sure we are prepared for them, so that damages are minimised—as in Sunil’s case.



The Scorpio that Sunil Mahajan and team were travelling in on July 11, 2009



Always wear seatbelts!



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