

## **India Re-Defined Award Acceptance Speech**

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Thank You all for considering India Re-Defined for an award like this! It is just an honor to be here and be in the company of people like you. I am just humbled.

This award is not about me as I am just accepting it on behalf of all the present and future members of India Re-Defined! These are the people who care deeply for India! People whose love for India is beyond measurement! People who want to move India forward! People who want an India which they can really be proud of!

But these people are not waiting for a miracle to happen! They are not day dreaming! They know that to change India, they have to step up! They realize that they need a movement! A grass roots movement! A social movement which is more about awareness, responsibility and ownership by all of them. They know, that there are many pressing social issues which need to be addressed! They also know that many of you have done wonderful job in addressing many issues! But they know that it is still not enough! They have to work with all of you to make an impact!

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India Redefined draws its inspiration from Gandhian Movement which was a revolution focused on independence. It was also about specific actions like non- cooperation by citizens. We are just trying to apply many Gandhiji's principles' in this era, in this society and during these times. Maybe in a different flavor! Maybe the context is different! Maybe it's a different world! But the goal is same! He also wanted India a better place to live in.

We know that these things don't happen overnight and it will take many-many years to make this happen.

We are looking forward to working with many of you in next many years. Without your support, it won't be possible.

In the end, I also want to acknowledge the support of families and friends of all the India redefined members! It includes my friends and family also! Thank you for your constant support!

Thank You!

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