## GO KISS THE WORLD.....

## - <u>SUBROTO BAGCHI....</u>

Go Kiss the World encourages "young Indians" and people from rural towns in India to recognise and build upon their inner qualities, enabling them to reach their full potential. This is a speech Subroto Bagchi gave to the IIM, Bangalore class of 2006.

Bagchi tells his tale beginning with his conception and childhood in a small hamlet in rural Odisha. Bagchi was their fifth and final child; his father worked as a District Employment Officer in Koraput, Orissa. His mother was an East Bengali refugee who graduated from high school and was brought up by a widow. His education was completed at home because there was no electricity and no elementary school in Koraput. He used to move every year because his father worked for the government. He was granted a government-provided vehicle, but he never used it to get to work since he said it was an expensive resource. Instead, he simply used it to explore the interiors, which was his first mistake. the cautionary tale to never abuse public amenities. They were also instructed inappreciate the jeep driver like he would any other employee. treating little persons with deference

They began their morning routine with tea. The father of Subroto had a routine of reading the newspaper every day. Though he could not understand much of what was written in the paper, he nonetheless contributed his strong English to the habit of reading it aloud with his brother. He was instructed on how to fold it properly after reading.

You should leave your newspaper and bathroom in the same condition that you found them. locate it.

All of the brothers used to beg their father to purchase them a new radio and a house of their own, but he never did, and they soon discovered this.

"Not to assess one's own happiness and success in terms of material possessions."

Rarely did the government-provided housing have fences. He and his mother used to build the fences and use seeds to beautify the house. People questioned her about the necessity to decorate a government building, to which she responded that she had to leave every location better-looking than what she had inherited. Success is defined by what you leave behind, not by what you build for yourself.

Mother of Subroto began experiencing cataracts in her eyes. His older brother was studying for the civil services exam while also landing a job as a teacher in Bhubaneswar. In order to assist his brother, he and his mother were forced to go to Bhubaneswar. Since there was no electricity in homes, water came through taps in Korapet. They conversed about the news of the day and developed a connection to the universe.

He used to experience a sense of greater closeness to the world, which taught him another lesson about what it meant to be a part of a bigger world. India and Pakistan were at war with one another at the time. "Jai jawan jai kissan" by Lal Bahadur Shastri ignited the entire nation. He had dreams in which he captured terrorists and "Imagination taught him that if he can conceive a situation, he can imagine a

If he can construct it in the future, others will live it as well.

In a very short period of time, his mother's eyesight worsened. She had to operate it, and as a result, she soon suffered from a corneal ulcer and lost the sight in both of her eyes. She spent her thirty-two years living with her blindness, yet she never complained. "I only see light; I do not see darkness." even with my eyes closed, light She would do yoga and handle all household chores.

Subroto was hired as a clerk in a government agency, blessed with two daughters, and relocated to the United States. His father, who was retired, sustained a third-degree burn and was being treated at Safdarjung Hospital. Even when he was in a severe condition, he was more concerned for the overworked nurse than for himself. He lost his father, but his values and the lessons he imparted helped me succeed in life. His mother held the opposite view to that of his father, who supported the British Raj and did not have confidence in the post-independence political parties' ability to rule the nation. Success is a process of constant thinking, not the ability to arrive at a dogmatic end state.

At the age of 82, his mother passed away after suffering a paralytic stroke. He took care of his mother throughout the time. He kissed her face as he turned to leave, to which she retorted, "Why are you kissing me, go kiss the world."