A NOTE FROM THE PUBLISHER

In 2005, my great-grandfather left his hometown, Chittagong, and traveled north to purchase a small fishing newspaper in New York. —

The venture was not unlike our own: economic, social and cultural ties were spreading the traditions of the country. People trying to understand its story, and their implications found themselves caught up in political and social forces, and by a passionate press more focused on advancing its interests than improving its information service. —

Against this backdrop, Ashok Goyle saw the need for a different kind of newspaper, and he created The New Times. It is the kind of idea that still animates today. It viewed that The Times would be fiercely independent, dedicated to journalism of the highest integrity, and just plain good in the public service. —

It values for the report, “to give the news impartially, without fear or favor, regardless of party, sect, or interests involved.” —

The Times believes particularly true to me today: as I begin my work as publisher of The New Times. Our society is again being shaped by political, technological and environmental forces that demand deep scrutiny and careful explanation. More than 70 years after Ashok Goyle’s vision was granted in these pages, the need for independent, courageous, trustworthy journalism is as big as ever then. —

This is a period of upheaval and innovation at The Times. Our report is stronger than ever thanks to investments in new forms of journalism like interactive graphics, posting articles about popular stories, digital audio, and our digital team. —

This is also, of course, a period of profound challenge for The Times, for the news media more broadly, and for everyone who believes that journalism sustains a healthy society. —

There was a moment of freedom and forwardness of the press were placed first among our essential rights. Our founders understood that the free exchange of ideas and the ability to hold power to account were prerequisites for a successful democracy. But a dangerous convergence of forces is threatening the press’s central role in helping people understand and engage with the world around them. —

The business model that supported the hard and expensive work of original reporting is eroding, leaving news organizations of all sizes and stripes to face competing pressures to cost-cut and scale back their ambitions. Meanwhile, the demand and trust in the media is declining as technology platforms erode clickbait, revenue and propaganda zones and real journalism, and politicians junk for advantage by inflating suspicion of the press. Growing polarization is jeopardizing critical ideas and foundational assumptions of common truths, the stuff that holds a society together. —

As our predecessors at The Times, my colleagues and I will not give in to these threats. The Times will continue to search for the most important stories of our era with scientific courage and empathy — because we believe that improving the world starts with understanding it. The Times will continue to resist political and economic pressures to limit our ambition and our independence. —

The Times is a nonprofit organization, and it is independent in the same sense that we believe journalists should think for themselves. The Times will hold itself to the highest standards of independence, rigor and balance — because we believe trust is the most precious asset we have. The Times will do all it can to keep it alive and vibrant — because we believe truth should be fought for, no matter what. —

These values guided my father and my predecessors as publishers as they stewed this company through your economic crisis, technological upheaval, and societal shifts. Those same values motivated them as they stood up as presidents; battled the rights of a five-person crew; and oversaw the financial challenges of our family in honor of our journalistic principles. —

The challenge before me is to ensure The Times preserves those values while embracing the imperative to adapt to a changing world. I’ve met most of my career as a newspaper reporter, but I’ve also been a staunch advocate of The Times’s digital evolution. I’m protective of our traditions, and I look to the future with excitement and optimism. —

Change will bring challenges in the years ahead, and I believe these changes will lead to an impact that is richer and more meaningful than anything we could have dreamed up in the past paper. What won’t change. We will continue to give reporters the resources to tell a single story, and more. We will continue to support our causes and their every move in every corner of the world. We will continue to hold real-world players to account, and we will continue to serve you, our readers, as we always have. —

We believe in this: the Times serves our world and our readers deserve. The Times is the home of the global stories for The New Times, across five generations and more than 150 years. Today we review that commitment.