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I am Akshata Ankush Sangle and I feel proud to say that I am an alumna of Zeal College. I am familiar with the culture of Zeal since I completed my secondary schooling from Dnyanganga English Medium School. My family has always placed a priority on having a good education as my mother and father, both are well established in their careers spanning over 25 years as a teacher and mechanical engineer respectively. My interest in academics was kindled only once I started my journey at Zeal during my Bachelors course in Mechanical Engineering wherein I got the opportunity to explore my interests and capabilities to the fullest extent. I have nurtured a passion for machines since my childhood days with my father being a Mechanical Engineer by profession.

Some of the highlights from my time at Zeal would include the time when I got the opportunity to host the first ever 4cc IC engine car race in Zeal in the year 2014 and also participating in technical events which developed my personality along with honing my technical skills. I participated in Robowar and organized Throttle mania which became etched in my memory and taught me useful life skills like team work. My focus on academics was encouraged and strengthened due to the unwavering support of faculty like Dr. Ganesh Kakandikar Sir who motivated me to publish a paper in a book by Springer in 2016. Although I graduated in 2015, my teachers reached out to me through various social media channels to inquire about my wellbeing during this pandemic as I am in Germany currently pursuing my Masters. I am currently scouting research opportunities in product design and development wherein I can apply my skills effectively.

Lastly I would like to thank my family and teachers to in equal measure as they have supported me throughout my course and continue to do so even today. I have received immense support and encouragement from my family and teachers which I believe is crucial for anyone to reach the zenith of success. My journey with Zeal has positioned me to reach for greater heights on the back of my knowledge and life lessons learned during my course which continue to motivate me even today.