



I am Harshal Gawali and I have completed my B.E. in Mechanical Engineering from Zeal College of Engineering and Research and I must say it has been one of the best decisions of my life. I have enjoyed my campus life to the fullest while also learning and growing in the process. I have lived in a hostel throughout my graduation and it has helped me become independent and fend for myself while becoming patient as well. During this period, I also learnt to make and hold on to important social relationships thus ensuring that I became a well-rounded professional by the end of my four years of engineering.

Our course taught us to deal with the dynamic and fast-paced life of the corporate world through the continuous adherence to deadlines and assignments and covering a never-ending syllabus in a limited duration. Engineering shapes us & prepares us for our professional life. It's not just syllabus & studies which Engineering gave me. It helped me reveal my true self which made me aware of my strengths and weaknesses. From my childhood I have been fond of acting & the film industry. I used to follow & imitate actors and dance quite often. Our campus helped me hone these skills through the numerous extra-curricular activities held at the campus through the year. I participated in cultural fests and acting fests like Firodiya Karandak which shaped the actor & dancer in me. And most importantly it gave me a confidence boost.

I did my BE project from Kalyani Carpenters and Special Steels Ltd and would like to reiterate that more than studies, such projects help you hone your life skills. It gave us an opportunity to pitch corporate organizations for our project, made us work and pick up work ethics, team management & meeting deadlines – skills that are very crucial to survive in the corporate world.

After completing my BE, I later decided to do my MBA in Marketing from IMDR, Pune to sharpen my strengths. The MBA shaped my presentation & leadership skills along with bringing my creativity to surface. This encouraged me to take up a career in Marketing & Advertising where I can justify my academics as well as explore my creative side. I currently work at ATG Tires, Mumbai which is a Yokohama group company as a Deputy Manager in Central Marketing.

I would conclude by saying that never stop learning new things, never stop analysing yourself, identifying your strengths, never fear to explore new avenues because unless you try new things you won't come to know what you are good at. Try looking at the big picture always & be futuristic, life is much more & beyond what we can see & think. Keep Learning, Keep evolving!!