



Hello my fellow Zealians! I am Nikhil Pingale and I am one of the hundreds of proud alumni of Zeal College of Engineering. I feel that my admission in Zeal was decided by destiny as I was previously admitted to another Institute however, due to the unfortunate (or fortunate should I say!) closure of that College's engineering division, I took admission in Zeal. The immense support and encouragement I received throughout my course and continue to receive has enabled me to achieve great heights with much more to come. I am currently employed as a Senior Engineer- Research and Development at Q – Tec Switchgear in Qatar and I aim to be an entrepreneur in the area of switchgears in the future.

I recount my days spent as a student of Mechanical Engineering at Zeal as one of my happiest while also being full of innovative and fun-filled learning. I made some great friends who later became my study-buddies. Through our group-study activities, we also learnt a thing or two about team work and collaboration. I always considered myself an average student at academics however all that changed since the day I set foot in Zeal and I have been unstoppable ever since. The role my teachers had in my progress cannot be expressed in enough words as they have been a true 'GURU' for me and have always inspired me and pushed me to persevere when the going got tough.

I have also been regularly involved in co-curricular activities throughout my engineering and have actively participated in paper presentation and project competitions. Among my many achievements during the course, one that I feel especially proud of was when I got an opportunity to publish a Technical Paper on "Design and Fabrication of Bio-Mass Briquetting Machine" in the 3rd National Conference at RDME at College of Engineering, Pune. It gave me a chance to put my knowledge before an audience which was attended by eminent personalities and greatly developed my confidence and interest in my area of study.

My B.E. project was on Design and Fabrication of Bio-Mass Briquetting Machine, which we completed under the guidance of Ashish Gandigude Sir,

This was the turning point of my career where I learnt many things about designing machines and converted my theoretical knowledge into practical applications, the ultimate aim of an engineer. I was placed during my project work at ShrikrishnaAgro, Kothrud Pune during my project work and the briquetting machine we made was a knock through project

for the company which won many awards. It was an exemplary experience of team work, organization and planning, the lessons from which I still carry with me today.

I would like to conclude by saying that be open to opportunities and do not restrict yourself due to minor constraints. Lastly, I would like to tell the future engineers from Zeal that patience is a virtue that is more relevant today than ever and is a sure-shot way to success!