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"You can't connect the dots looking forward; you can only connect them looking backwards....

Pursuing a career in Anaesthesia had been my goal post MBBS. Having already spent 5 and a half years living in campus during my MBBS I had huge expectations from the institute I would be a part of for my Post graduation. Looking back today I feel that my PG years have undoubtedly been some of the best years of my life. I am grateful for the opportunities, learning and exposure that my college has provided me with.

I remember those days like yesterday. Change is something that takes time to settle in and for someone who has already lived in campus before and has loved the experience it is a little difficult to sync in to a new institute. Fortunately for me it wasn't a difficult transition, thanks to our team of wonderful professors and staff.

Our department is one of the best for students to gain practical exposure.

Our professors helped us gain not only theoretical knowledge but also gave us great practical learning experiences, which is an essential aspect in the learning curve of a medical student. They spent time with us explaining and monitoring minute aspects for the sake of our in-depth exposure and learning.

Anaesthesia was something I always wanted to pursue, but my post-graduation years gave me confidence that I had made the right choice. Our professors made us believe and understand the significance of anaesthesia in the field of medicine. Learning was incredibly fun during those days, with a lot of extracurricular experiences in the form of Skits, flash mobs, visits etc. We also had opportunities to not only attend conferences but also participate in them. Our professors showed confidence in us which made us believe in ourselves.

The paramedical staff, nurses and other non-teaching staff there are also great company. They are helpful and understanding. It was because of their support and care that I never felt I was away from home.

Our department is our family and even today after we have left the campus, our professors and staff make it a point to stay connected and continue to guide and help us.

I am grateful to my department for taking care of me and for helping me become what I am today. After all it's their faith in me that has given me the strength to achieve whatever I have been able to so far.

Today I am fulfilling my long term goal and am forever grateful to my department and institute for extending me the priceless gift of medical education.