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I have had a wonderful journey in pursuing my dream of becoming an Anaesthetist.

Joining the three year post graduation program, I started off at Vasant Rao Pawar Medical College. In that time, I learned so much! It was a big move for me staying away from home, but a great opportunity to become independent, and I am glad I made that choice. As I reflect on the time spent in my department I am even more grateful for the opportunities that were provided to me during that time.

I had read somewhere that *"Life is a collection of experiences, and that in every experience there is something unique to learn."* My experience during Post graduation was what made me believe in it. I was able to pursue my dream of anaesthesia, develop meaningful relationships, travel and experience a new culture all at the same time, which was a learning experience in itself. I could not have asked for a better journey.

From the beginning I was impressed with the humble and courteous behaviour of the professors and staff. I have had the good fortune of being taught by some of the best leaders in the field of medicine. Not only are our professors knowledgeable and leaders in their fields, the most important factor is that they are always available for guiding and helping us. They have always been willing to put in extra hours and efforts to ensure our success. Never before had I ever had such personalized attention from so many willing professors, they gave a new meaning to the term "above and beyond". They were eager to teach and I learned more from them than any theory books could teach.

The staff there is equally wonderful, I had assistance for every little thing. Thanks to them I was never alone. It was then that I realized people make a place. Department became my second home- a home away from home.

I am grateful to my College for allowing me to become a part of their PG program and helping me reach my dream of becoming a Doctor.