**Statement of Purpose**

I wouldn’t have been good at farming; it requires too much leg-work. Realizing this, I was nudged towards academics. It is indeed poetic, that I was born to a farmer and now dabble in equity investing.

My handicap used to make my family worried when I had to leave home at the age of 13 to join Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNV) Mandsaur. I was fortunate to find a place at JNV Mandsaur and it wasn’t an opportunity that a village boy like me could afford to miss. This was the easy part though, thanks to the friends and teachers that have graced my journey. The hard part was moving to JNV Bangalore (1700 km from my home) in 2010 so that I could continue my education by availing a scholarship from the Dakshana Foundation. After 2 years of studying and not seeing my family, I was admitted to the Department of Computer Science Engineering at IIT Delhi.

Since then, I have been a part of the Dakshana Foundation and have participated in organizing various activities like – Dakshana Selection Test, Dakshana Inspire Session, and Alumni Meets. I have also visited numerous schools and reached out to young students, motivating them to step out of their comfort zones, making them aware of JNVs, Dakshana, and IITs. I regularly conduct crash courses targeting the JNV entrance test in my village. Also, in 2016 some friends and I operated a study center in a remote village of Rajasthan. Being inspired by Mr. Mohnish Pabrai, Founder & Chairman of the Dakshana Foundation I am motivated to undertake these initiatives, in order to give back whatever I can. It is always an added bonus that these pursuits involve traveling, another love of mine. My travelling journey have taken me so far and filled me with lots of memories. I remember the ovation I received when I completed the 14 km Triund trek in Dharamshala and also the excitement of a solo trip to Darjeeling and Gangtok from Delhi.

My amazing job as a Software Engineer at Reliance Industries Limited has never hindered any of my social pursuits. Since January 2017, I have been a part of the Enterprise Application Development Team where I have delivered exciting projects. I initiated the development of a chatbot framework which can be used to rapidly build a chatbot. Simply feed conversational data and receive a chatbot for your application! Chatbot built over this framework helped reduce support time and manpower by around 67%.

My near term goal is to gain expertise in finance and management through academics and hands-on experience during the summer internship. Understanding the three Ps - People, Process, and Product of business is very important before taking the driver seat of it. Internship in a general management role will give me opportunities to interact and work with stakeholders from execution, operation, marketing, finance and others. It will help me to understand and improve how the three Ps of a business interact with each other to drive the growth of the business.

Down the timeline, being inspired by Mohnish Pabrai I aspire to be a successful value investor. Like him I also believe in the concept of “give a man a fish and you feed him for a day, teach him how to fish you feed him for a lifetime”. I want to utilize wealth generated from my employment and businesses to improve education quality in rural areas, beginning with my school that focuses on good quality education with the help of all modern methodologies and technologies.

**Achieved result again odds**

I am differently-abled by both legs below knees and use artificial limbs to assist me in the daily commute. It was 2014, I went to Dharmshala for some work but when I saw mountains and hills covered with snow, I decided that I have to be there and experience the beauty of nature. The very next day I and my friend started trekking from McLeod Ganj. With a zeal and strong determination, I finished trekking 14km through rocky and snow-covered steep and slippery paths. I still remember the ovation I received when I reached the top.

**Perused an Idea to conclusion**

The support system in Reliance is mostly operated through web-requests, phone calls or emails. This approach increases the support lead time and manpower employed. So we decided to use chatbots(virtual assistants) for the same. Hence, I initiated the idea of developing a generalized chatbot framework that can be used to rapidly build a chatbot. Furthermore, we simply feed conversational data and receive a chatbot for our application. Chatbot built over this framework helped reduce support time and manpower by around 67%.

**Inspired people to achieve a goal**

My association with the Dakshana Foundation provided me opportunities to inspire and mentor Dakshana scholars in their IIT-JEE preparation. I have also visited numerous schools and reached out to young students, motivating them to step out of their comfort zones, making them aware of JNVs, Dakshana, and IITs.