We rise by lifting others.

I was born naturally in my home in 1989 in one of a hardworking farmer family in the village name Bidal it in Satara. In my family, I have 3 elder sisters and one younger brother.

We generally had crops like tomatoes and onions mostly, and all needed a lot of hard work. In childhood, our primary task was to help our parents in the field and 2nd was going to school, if there was any important work in the field, we had to take off from school.

During my preadolescence, I used to dream about becoming an advanced farmer, who doesn't do any physical work and uses machinery to do work in the field and thought that I am doing the study for the happiness of my family only. My parents are not that educated, so we had to report to them our school progress even after their marriage.

I got 60% in 10th and just passing marks in English. I had decided to go to the Arts stream with Marathi subject as a major due to my fear of the English language, but one of my sisters motivated me to go for the science stream by giving one negative example. She said one of her friends was just like you and still he plucks up the courage to go for the science stream, however, he failed in two subjects of the board exam but he never gave up. Again, the next year he studied hard for two subjects and persisted. So, then I contemplated that it was a win-win situation for me since I got upfront consent to fail,

I was disinterested the whole 11th Std. I remember there was a result day I intentionally avoided going for it since everyone might enquire about it, So I went after two days secretly and brought my scorecard. No one was aware but one of my sisters knew that when I got back, she snatched a scorecard from my pocket and showed everyone in my family that I got only 42%, that day everyone cornered me and gave lectures like don't study for us, study for you and your life. I took it a bit seriously.

Next was the 12th, we all know that when we are 12th standard vibes change completely, no one asks you for any work or help, and no one is allowed to play with you, so I didn't have any option but to study. So, I started studying seriously for the 1st time in my life and realized all my friends were always complaining about mathematics, but I was gradually gaining confidence in it. After some time, I totally fell in love with mathematics, and with that confidence, I started studying passionately another subject also except English. In the 12th board exam, I got 47 in English and got 96 in mathematics. After that, I did well in the MHTCET test to get admission to engineering college, the reason for choosing to engineer is because it has maths.

During those days online form filling had just started wherein we had to submit a list of desired colleges, in my native we didn't have any net café. So, I requested one of my friends from Satara City to fill it out on my behalf. Only because of his college choice selection, I get admission into VJTI one of the best colleges in Mumbai.

Even studying in Mumbai, I was always inclined toward my village back home. In my college, I had never given more emphasis on my soft skill, Since I was good at technical and problem solving, I passed my all-semester exams with average marks.

I have 8 years of work experience Currently working as a Senior Software developer in Mobileum. Till now I have worked in Tata and Capgemini. I have observed recently with my experience that my technical skills are improving but I see I am lacking in general maturity with respect to my age.

Here my motto for life is to stay simple, stay average, play some games and be surrounded by people who lift you unknowingly (like my sister pursued me to science stream, I got good college only because of my friend and now after my marriage my wife always tries to lift me you know, she don’t want to be a couch potato), I am here also because of the same ground(to learn from TM Syam, Anantha, TM Ajay and obviously from my mentor TM Gaurav).

I must say, whatever my little achievement till now is only because of my surrounding people. I am grateful to have people in my life who nudge me when I’m going off track and hold me accountable. I follow tortoise wisdom; it says to always try to get better in life day by day through persistence and resilience.

Toastmaster.