***ENGINEERING: IT’S A WAY OF LIFE FOR ME***

It was back in 2017, when the pursuit to get into a good engineering college began. Unfortunately, IIT's dream shattered; nevertheless, I managed to get into yet another prestigious college like with VJTI. I had many dreams and goals marked in front of me and I couldn’t just wait to pursue them.  
  
Woefully, I fell drastically ill right in my first month at VJTI, a fact that I became so weak that I was forced to a bed rest for a couple of months. I always used to say “God! Why me?”. All the dreams I had thought about pursuing as an engineer seemed to wither away.  
  
Regardless of bad grades due to illness, my parents gave a boost to my willpower. I recovered with heavy exercising and some medication in my second year. I started working hard in my studies but I guess it was already late; I messed up my grades in the previous semesters, didn't make any friends. This turned out to be a big burden for me.  
  
As the time passed, slowly-slowly I made some good friends, I'm on an increasing scale of grades, my motive is pretty clear in front of me that I will be giving my post-graduate entrance exams in a pursuit to join MS programs in one the prestigious colleges in the USA. I am working dedicatedly to get into a good internship, and to get into the depth of subjects I am studying.  
  
I've developed several skills that others didn't. On one hand where my classmates just run behind grades, in my life at engineering college, I managed to learn that there's more to life than   
studying and the fact that our health matters the most.   
As it is said wisely, “Jaan hai, to Jahaan hai!”   
  
  
**Note:**  
Sir, you may or may not agree with my viewpoint. But I’ve to say, my engineering life has been quite different than that of others and I do feel sad about it. But at the same time, I thank it for teaching me a way of life that others are yet to get exposed to.  
 Sir, I prefer to stash about my illness given the fact that I don’t want my past illness to become a hurdle in my future aspirations.  
Thank You Sir, for giving me the chance to express myself..

-Vedant Athavale