

....The dictionary defines success as '... favorable termination of a venture...the degree or measure of attaining a desired end...an undertaking that succeeds or confers success...succeeding fully or in accordance with one's desires' (Babcock, 1993). When I received request regarding my success story for the Alumni of GF's GCOE, I was stint for a minute. All successful people don't write success stories may be because they are either too shy or too humble or too busy. But I found an opportunity to interact with my seniors, juniors, batch-mates and teaching staff after a long time. This is the motivation behind this story. Although the article is titled as success story; I am mainly focusing on the failures in my life. George Bernard Shaw quoted as 'A life spent making mistakes is not only more honorable but more useful than a life spent in doing nothing' and I think, we learn wisdom from failure much more than from success. We often discover what will do, by finding out what will not do; and probably he who never made a mistake never made discovery.



I would like to introduce myself in brief. I Kanchan Chaudhari, born and brought up in Jalgaon. I graduated from GF's GCOE in 2019 as a Computer Engineer. I entered in GF's GCOE in 2015, and enjoyed the college days in such a way that I had got the 'gift' of backlogs that was my first failure, which forced me to think seriously and positively towards the life. Then I realize the mistakes that I did during first year and most of them were common such as not realizing the self-capacity and lack of confidence. I figured that I had failed because I had no interest in some subjects like Mechanics and Civil engineering. I had not applied myself because I couldn't see how it would help me in my work as a Computer Engineer. But then I changed my attitude. I said to myself: "If the university authorities demand that I pass these subjects too, before I obtain a degree, who am I to question their wisdom?"

At the same time, fortunately I came in touch with some angels who appeared in front of me, my friends called them as- 'teachers'. Their guidance helped me to concentrate on the study. I think it was the turning point in my life. This time I passed because instead of wasting my time in resentment and arguments about how hard it was, I studied diligently and worked hard.

After failure in first Semester I found inspiration from my elder sister as she told me how to study in correct way. This inspired me such a way that, I become class topper in Second year. That was my first achievement in GF's GCOE. That was my greatest laurel in life till that time. Whenever I look back I found the journey very tough, and there were some disappointing events in my life. But I think the disappointment is necessary for the life, which gives the reason to proceed and ultimately a reason to succeed. Thus I completed four-year degree course and I can improve myself. To fly, we have to have resistance...Isn't it?

Apart from academics, I enjoyed the college life by participating in social and cultural activities. *Prof. Gosavi* was the first person who activated me to participate in cultural activities and I worked with *Vaibhavi Naphade*, *Harsha Patil, Puja Badhe* and *Gopal Yelve* for Navratri Ustav as a student coordinator. That was my first extra-curricular activity.

Gradually I started taking interest in extra-curricular activities and I also participate in Teachers' Day activity and taught to my juniors and for that I got "Best Teacher Award" too. I became busiest person when I entered in final year I was Class coordinator of College. While handling these responsibilities, I realize my limitations which enhanced my creativity.



I believe that, 'Creativity arises out of the tension between spontaneity and limitations; the latter like the river banks forcing the spontaneity into the various forms which are essential to succeed in the life'. That year was the most successful and enjoyable year. Whenever I see those photographs, I get back in those golden days, which we enjoyed in the GF's GCOE campus (as well as outside the campus).

My batch was very fortunate because we were trained under the guidance of principal and Professors in the four year period. That was *Dr. V. G. Arajpure, Prof. Ganesh Chavan, Prof. Nilesh Patil, Prof. Nilesh Choudhary* who tried hard to bring the discipline in the college and according to me he was successful in that. *Prof. Rupal Patil* she was very nice person and always focused on the overall development of the students. They all were very punctual and gave due preference to other's time. They are my source of inspiration and helped me lot.

After graduation, I entered in the professional life. As my first job, I joined as Intern (Trainee Developer) in a private IT company SUMAGO INFOTECH PVT LTD at Nashik. While working at Student Projects, I realize the importance of higher education. Education develops the intellect; and the intellect distinguishes man from other creatures.

It is education that enables man to harness nature and utilize resources for the well-being and improvement of his life. The key for the betterment and completeness of modern living is education.

When I completed my internship and started my first job at Ganulf Services Pvt. Ltd. Nashik as PHP Developer for that I have gone through tough competition. Most of the students were toppers during their graduation and hence competition was quite tough. But my competition was not with my batch mates; I was competing with myself. I always tried to prove that today is better than yesterday and I believe that the excellence is a journey and not destination. As a fruitful result I got "Best Employee of The Month Award". 'To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe yourself.'

I have told this story, not to brag about my own fleeting accomplishments, which can't possibly interest anyone else. I have told it wholly with the hope that it may give renewed courage and confidence to some poor boy who is now suffering from the worries and shyness and feeling of inferiority that devastated my life in past. This story will be incomplete without a proper acknowledgment of the debt to many persons, who made it possible. First, I wish to express my gratitude towards my parents-Mr. Kundan Chaudhari & Mrs. Ranjana Chaudhari, and my sister Dhanashri Chaudhari who sacrificed a lot to give me a good education. I am deeply indebted to my teachers for insisting in me the drive to work hard and for inculcating in me the discipline to think clearly. Finally, I would like to thank my classmates and all those who helped me directly and indirectly and contributed for my success.

