

# Disha

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## From the desk of the Editor

Your love and appreciation matter! Thank you!

Thank you for all your suggestions and inputs for making Disha better and better. After the release of the 10<sup>th</sup> edition of Disha, we are here with many updates and activities that we did early this year. It is indeed our pleasure to release this 11<sup>th</sup> issue of Disha.

We are glad that the GEF family is growing and spreading wings across the deep corners of Maharashtra. We have succeeded in getting on board a student from Rajasthan and we highly appreciate the great efforts done by all volunteers and support pillars of GEF.

GEF is also trying to explore its presence on social media and we have added many updates to our LinkedIn page. The work on Instagram and Facebook pages can still improve. The idea is to reach out to the right students – and give '**Disha**' to their glorious future. The future that leads to overall prosperity in education, career, and family well-being. We need to make our students aware that the sky can be their canvas.

It was indeed great meeting our students, colleagues, and guests at all get-together venues early this year. It was an immense learning and enriching experience

We value your contribution and suggestions.

Please reach out to us on [info@gururjifoundation.in](mailto:info@gururjifoundation.in)

Meanwhile, Stay Happy and safe. Keep growing!

# A conversation with an alumnus

It is always great to know about the progress made by our alumni and we regularly bring in more and more people to talk about their journey. This quarter, we have one of our esteemed alumni Mr. Rahul Patil. Our student Ms. Kajal Sonawane and Volunteer Ms. Shikha Hashilkar speak with Rahul in an open chat to know more about his journey.

## **Q - 1. We would love to know about your childhood and about your school life.**

I was born and brought up in a small village - Mandane, Shahada Taluka in the Nandurbar district. I did my schooling in my native village and then pursued Diploma in Electronics Engineering from Government Polytechnic Mumbai (Bandra). After completing my Diploma in 2014, I did my bachelor's program in Electronic Engineering from K. K. Wagh Institute of Engineering - Nashik. In 2017, in the final year of BE, I got placed in a Nashik-based company, Rishabh Instruments Pvt Ltd. I worked there from July 2017 to June 2022. And recently, I joined L&T Technology Services (LTTS) - Vadodara location.



## In Conversation with....

### **Q-2. What does your profile look like?**

In Rishabh Instruments, I worked as an executive in Research & Development and now at L&T, I'm a Senior Engineer in Hardware Engineering Department.

### **Q-3. You spoke about your family background and also about what you have done in terms of educational qualification. So, would you like to brief us about what your childhood was like? What were your hobbies and things you liked to do the most? And even today, so, like a comparison between your hobbies back then and current ones.**

Sure. I'm fond of trekking, walking, and watching the news. I used to walk daily 4 to 5 KMs in evenings. That evening time used to be special. I watch the news daily. I'm specifically interested in political news, so, I'm aware of all the major political affairs of Maharashtra and the whole country. In my childhood, I liked to work on farms. As my family's primary occupation has been farming, so, till the 10th grade, I used to do farming on the weekends. Now, on vacations, I try to help as much as possible.

### **Q-4. You have interesting hobbies, Rahul. And now we know, to whom we should redirect the students to for asking doubts about politics and the news around it. Going forward, we would like to ask how did you come in touch with GEF?**

After completing my Diploma course, I took admission to the second year in the Degree program. At that time I was in need of financial support and one of my friend's sisters had taken support from GEF. She was in contact with Waychal Sir.

I got the contact details from the friend and contacted sir. After completing our GEF's onboarding process, I joined as a student of GEF Family.

### **Q-5. After connecting with GEF, what do you think on how GEF has helped you to grow professionally and at a personal level as well? Does it have any impact on your life?**

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Yes. GEF does not support only financially, but professionally as well as personally also. At GEF, my mentor was Sandhya Ma'am. So, sir and Sandhya Ma'am used to take regular follow-ups on my professional and personal growth. I learned many things from Waychal sir like how to speak, behave, and most importantly, how to think. GEF helped me holistically - financially, professionally, and personally too. I'm still in contact with Waychal sir. I take guidance and feedback related to professional decisions. Thus, the impact of GEF on my life is huge.

**Q-6. From your preview response, I think Waychal sir and ma'am have had the maximum influence on your life. Or is there anybody else who too had influenced you?**

No, I would like to mention that Waychal sir has influenced my life the most. His dedication and passion for social work has been inspiring me to work for the social welfare of society. He is the biggest motivator in my life.

**Q-7. From your 4 years of professional experience, do you want to share any learning with us?**

Let me share the first interview experience I had with Rishabh Instruments. During our campus placements, we first had KPIT (Pune). For KPIT, I cleared the Aptitude Test round and got

shortlisted in the Technical round as well. However, in the HR round, I was told that my Communication Skills were not good, and my Spoken English was not good. So, I was not selected. After that incident, I got depressed because I cleared all other rounds but got rejected due to my lack of Communication Skills. At the end of December, Rishabh Instruments came, and I cleared the first 2 rounds. They had GD (Group discussion) round and I was afraid of and doubtful whether I would be able to clear it or not. I tried my best and was shortlisted for the next round - the technical round. The interview experience was great. The interviewers' panel was comprised of 4-5 members and my interview discussion went on for a prolonged period of 2 days.

During the interview, I was facing difficulties in answering in English but the HR officials allowed me to use Marathi, whenever required. It gave me tremendous confidence and my nervousness and anxiety decreased.

In the job, my supervisor, Mr. Tushar Shah had an impact on my professional growth. I got to learn many skills from him. I am really thankful to him.

**Q-8 Can you tell us the most challenging situation that happened in your life? Like this interview incident or maybe something else you consider the most challenging thing. And how did you handle it?**

## In Conversation with....

In my previous job at Rishabh Instruments, in the R&D department, there was a challenge of doing EMC testing that was happening only in a few Government Laboratories. So, our management decided to set up our own testing laboratory, which incurred huge costs. The laboratory enabled the EMC testing in-house but the management felt that we should get some ROI on this huge investment. Also, this would help other industries which were facing similar issues, so it'll become a win-win situation.

Since this was a totally new subject, there was no sales knowledge available in this domain. Management asked me if I would like to take this challenge of getting new business. For me, it was very challenging because I was not a salesperson and I didn't have much knowledge of EMC Testing. After setting up the laboratory, I had a basic idea about the testing. When I began it was definitely a struggle.

All the electronic industries were mandated to perform EMC Testing. So, I started checking the websites of industries that might need this testing facility and generated e-mail & mobile number lists of these industries. Then, I started mailing them, the details of the laboratory & also started calling on their numbers.

In my first year, I had no target, I was just asked to do the task at my

own pace. But, in the following 3 years, I overperformed on this task by around 150%. I received appreciation from the owner of the firm for the same.

**Q-9. What was the process and the key skill needed to achieve the success you just mentioned?**

For any such challenge, patience is a very key skill required. Initially, when I was not able to understand and perform the task, I was patient. Another, key skill required is hard work. For those 2 years, I barely came home from the office before 9 PM. I used to complete my daily work in normal 9-5 hours and after that used to give around 4 hours for this task. For the initial 2-3 months, I used to e-mail and call people but there was no response. So, patience and hard work are two very important skills required.

**Q-10. What are your future plans?**

As I already said, I want to do social work, I have many ideas for social work. Not exactly like Waychal Sir is doing. I want to give society back from where I have come. With this intention and some political work, I hope I will be able to do something. For now, nothing is fixed, but let's see what happens in the future. But sometime in my life, I want to do social work.





## In Conversation with....

**Q-11. So, you want to combine politics and social work. I think something great will come out of this. We'll be waiting for your start on this journey. The last question for you Rahul, is there any message you'd like to give to the GEF students?**

Yes, the guidance and mentorship the students are getting are very important and the students should follow them well. For example, the students should regularly attend the different programs & classes that are being run by GEF. Also, in life, you need to have patience. Also, there is no shortcut to success, you need to work hard to achieve anything in life.

**Q-12. One last question Rahul, what is success to you? When will you say that you've achieved success in life?**

Learning and success are two processes that'll never be complete. Though, if we achieve a milestone in professional life, another milestone becomes visible to achieve.

Just like learning is a never-ending process, similarly, success is also a never-ending process, it will keep going on.

**Interviewer – Ms Kajal Sonawane, Ms Shikha Hashilkar**





# Get-togethers

Getting together and discussing the vision, progress, concerns, and just having fun is always useful as it helps us to remain focused and on the path of symbiotic growth. It also helps us to motivate our colleagues and peers in distant locations working tirelessly on this mission.

This year started with get-togethers in Mumbai, Pune, Nagpur, Nanded, Osmanabad, and Aurangabad. We were thrilled with the enthusiasm and response at all these places. The participation in interactive activities and questions asked during these sessions were really amazing. This gives us tremendous energy to move forward and we certainly would aim to cover more locations in the future for meet-up discussions.

Such meetings are to develop our students. They typically will not get chances to lead meetings in colleges. Therefore they organize the meetings, decide on every element of it (they do need some guidance about inviting guest speakers), and execute it totally. The speakers don't give speeches but are interviewed by students. This surely helps in developing very important skills like leadership, team working, flawless communication, and getting over nervousness in critical situations.

Thank you volunteers, guests, and all students for making these get-togethers grand success and fun learning activities

# Get-togethers



@ Nagpur



@ Pune



@ Osmanabad





# Get-togethers



@ Mumbai



@ Nanded



@ Aurangabad



# Glory of Achievements

- ▶ Ms. Ankita Raut is chosen by her company Technip for their **emerging leader program**. The program includes a weeklong training at the world-famous INSEAD
- ▶ Mr. Kalyan Garde has been selected for '**Yuva Karyakarta**' award by his organization Martumadir Trust!
- ▶ Ms. Prachi Ole has secured admission to IIMC(Indian Institute of MASS Communication) at Amaravati. She also started Marathi YouTube Channel for Poetry.
- ▶ Ms. Shradha Panchal is awarded **Employee of the year** by her employer Vatsalya Trust.
- ▶ Ms. Sakshi Ghadge a TYBA student of Chhatrapati Shivaji College Satara, got elected as GS(General Secretary) of Senior College. She secured 1<sup>st</sup> rank in the college in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year with CGPA of 9.71
- ▶ Ms. Ruchika Girde got **placement in Alfa Laval**.



# Glory of Achievements

- ▶ Mr. Paresh Dalvi **felicitation for his backstage performance** in Mumbai.
- ▶ Ms. Utkarsha Pujari from 9<sup>th</sup> standard has won **the best student of the year award** from LIC India for outstanding Academic Performance
- ▶ Mr. Vishawa Kumar won **the second prize in TedTalk** in his college.
- ▶ Ms. Juhi Barai won **1<sup>st</sup> prize in the Poster competition at her college.**
- ▶ Mr. Ravinder Rathod won **1<sup>st</sup> prize in the Online Essay competition** held on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at VSS institute of Pharmacy on the occasion of World Pharmacist Day. Essay Theme: " Pharmacist United in action for Healthier World "

# Motivational Story

One day all the students saw a big note written on the door of the school. It read: "Yesterday the person who has been stopping your growth in this school died. You are invited to join the funeral."

They felt sad to hear about the death of one of their schoolmates, but at the same time, they were curious to know who the person who had stopped their growth was. The students made a queue and went near the coffin one by one.

Every student who looked inside the coffin was shocked. There was a mirror inside the coffin and everyone who looked inside could see himself. There was a sign next to the mirror that read: **"The only person who can stop you from growing is you!"**

Let us remember that only we alone can stop ourselves from growing.

**Don't limit your dreams. Sky is the Limit!**





## Final words

Thank you for reading through and reaching up to this page. We appreciate your interest in our activities.

While we have many missions in India to improve the world, GEF is playing its small role in enlightening the world of people through education and creating awareness about the abundant opportunities they can explore through their untapped potential.

Any such mission is impossible to survive and succeed without meaningful support from the people around for whom the betterment of the world matters.

We request you to please connect us with your ideas, information about the potential student beneficiaries, and donations to make this mission spread its wings.

We value your contribution and suggestions.

Please reach out to us on [info@gurujifoundation.in](mailto:info@gurujifoundation.in)





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