

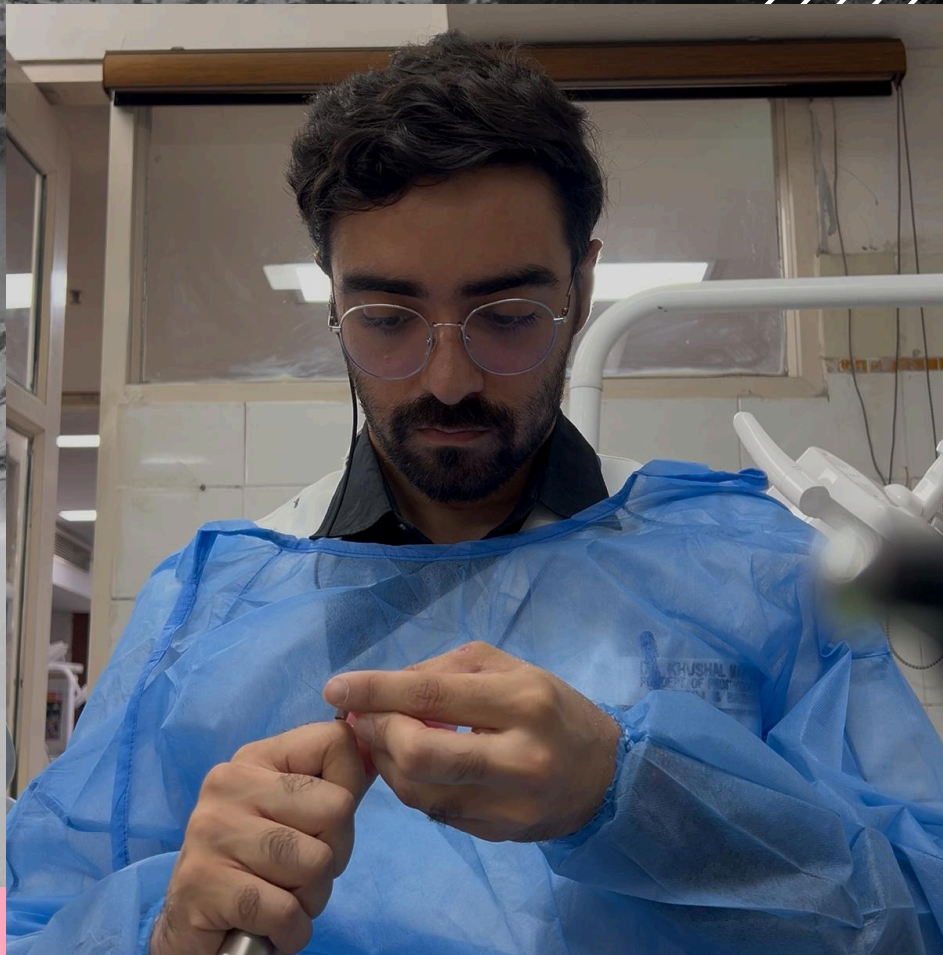
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DENTISTRY: THE EVEREST WORTH CLIMBING



Early Aspirations and Career Choices

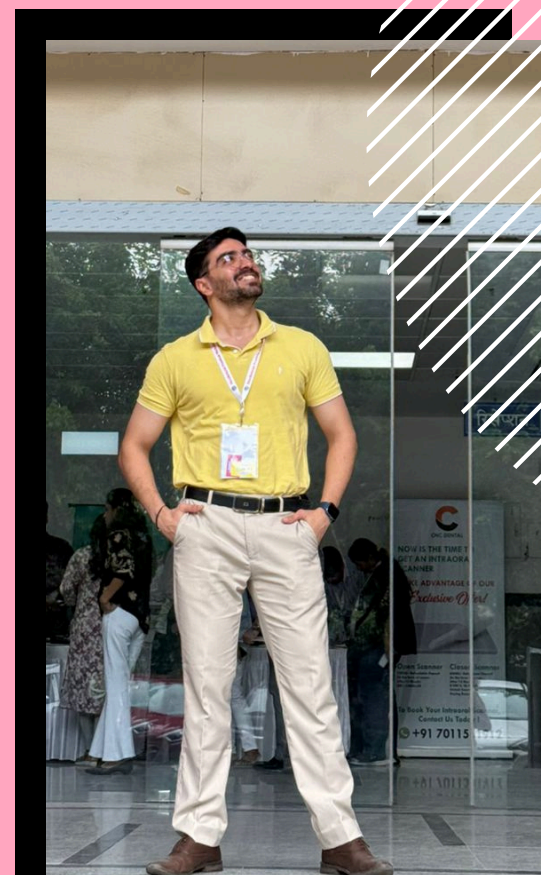
Right after completing my twelfth, I was a hardcore aspirant preparing for NEET UG. I always had a vision that being a doctor meant being a dentist, largely because of my uncle who inspired me, and also due to my own experiences of consulting career counselors. Interestingly, I also carried a strong interest in engineering, having explored coding and electronics in depth, while simultaneously excelling in biology. When I discussed this crossroads with my career counselor, I was advised to look into fields that merge both science and technology. Dentistry, biotechnology, biomedical sciences, and neuro-biology were suggested. I appeared for examinations in all of them and eventually secured dentistry.



Though my All India NEET rank of 6,300 could have guaranteed me a place in MBBS, my decision was rooted in passion rather than convention. Finances were never a constraint back then, so I had the freedom to choose the path truly meaningful to me.

What motivates you to keep going?

The essence of dentistry, for me, is simple yet powerful: no patient should leave the chair unsatisfied. That principle gives me direction and purpose. Every time I observe a dental procedure, my mind begins to question and create: Is there a possible alternative to make this less cumbersome? Can the process be innovated or simplified? This constant curiosity keeps my drive alive.





Another remarkable truth about dentistry is the misconception of saturation. Many professionals see it as a crowded, challenging field. But for me, that perspective is motivating—because in a space where the majority feel restricted, it becomes much easier to rise to the top two percent who are truly successful. That daily reminder fuels my ambition, determination, and constant pursuit of excellence in dentistry.



Who is your role model?

During my third year of undergraduate training, I came across someone who profoundly shaped my vision of what a dentist could be—Dr. Abhishek Kumar, then a postgraduate student in prosthodontics. His persona was magnetic: a skilled clinician, a graceful dancer, a man with an All-India Rank of six, and above all, a professional who made even the toughest tasks appear effortless. His dedication to patient satisfaction, meticulous treatment planning, and extraordinary communication skills became a blueprint for me. His ambition was infectious, and I often catch myself channeling that same energy into my own work.

Could you discuss the strategies you use to manage academic responsibilities alongside your personal interests or hobbies?



Each morning, I begin the day with a list of ten tasks. From this, I mark the three most crucial—non-negotiables that must get done regardless of circumstances. Then, I allocate specific time slots, breaking my day into structured windows of productivity. This system not only keeps me motivated but also ensures that my energy is channeled efficiently. Each completed task sets off a surge of satisfaction, keeping me deeply engulfed in the rhythm of progress.

Advice for Current Dental Students and Aspiring Dentists



I believe dentistry is a relentless pursuit of perfection. Disregard the naysayers—saturated markets are for average professionals, not those who excel. If you aim to be among the best, there is no ceiling for your success. Even in something as basic as a filling, strive for meticulousness.

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Compare the filling you performed as a third-year student with one from your final year, and then with one during internship. Notice the growth, the finesse, the artistry. These incremental steps toward perfection create a trajectory that inevitably points upward.

In dentistry, perfection is not just a goal—it's a way of life. And when you chase it sincerely, success, satisfaction, and even financial rewards naturally follow.

Standing Tall on the Mountain of Dentistry

The journey is demanding, yes. But it is also exquisitely rewarding.

One day, after years of striving, you find yourself standing at the peak—looking back at the path of passion, discipline, inspiration, and relentless pursuit of excellence—that led you there.

That mountain is called dentistry. And for me, there could never have been a better climb.

