

I was born and brought up in **Hanamkonda** in **India** where I grew up seeing young women getting married who were not empowered, with no self-driven goals. Professional studies like **Engineering** and **Medicine** were meant only for men. This provided me with a challenge and inspired me, making me who I am today.

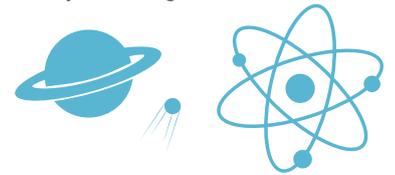


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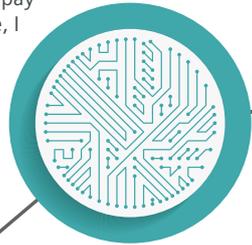
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I was in **grade 7**, going to school and focussing on my studies. I loved solving problems, which may explain why I am good at **maths**. After **grade 10**, I was unsure what I wanted to do so I chose **Maths** and **Physics** as my major in college.



I now had to make a choice on my career. Jobs with computers were suggested due to the pay and high demand. Whilst this interested me, I really wanted to work with **electronics** and **communications**. In the 3rd year of my **Bachelors** I got placements in two of the leading **IT Multinational Corporations** in India. I was so pleased with this as I had proved to myself, and the world, that I was worth something.



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I am very close to my family but I had to leave and move to the other side of the world for my education. I was very scared, especially because of the financial strain it would put on my family, but my goal drove me towards the **UK** and pursuing my **Masters!**

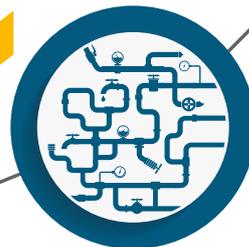
I graduated from the **University of East London**, completing one of the most important phases of my life, and started searching for a job. During this time, there were changes in Visa rules, which made it more difficult for other nationalities to work in the UK. At this time, getting a job at **Siemens** proved to me that I had the confidence to move ahead with my life.



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Over the years, I have been involved in various projects in **FloMASTER**, which is a **1D Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD)** solution for the modelling and analysis of fluid mechanics in complex piping systems. This gave me an opportunity to take chances and learn, and now I'm a **Software Engineer, Scrum Master** and **Physics Guild Leader**. My advice is do not let others decide what job you should do or what your capabilities are. Take advice from others but, most importantly, follow your passions and work hard to make your dream a reality.

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