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Smruti Tawde (Batch of 2018–19)

Current Position: Relationship Manager

Organization: Godrej Properties Limited

I am currently working as a Relationship Manager at Godrej Properties Limited, where I have been contributing for the past two years. In my role, I manage a portfolio of premium clients in the post-sales phase, ensuring seamless customer experience and satisfaction. My key responsibilities include maintaining strong client relationships, overseeing collection processes, and driving customer delight through enhanced Net Promoter Score (NPS) outcomes.

My journey has been a blend of learning, growth, and meaningful interactions, and I am grateful for the strong foundation my institution has given me.

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I am an Actor, Dancer, and Model, actively working in the entertainment industry. I have been a part of various dance shows and have performed supporting and cameo roles in television serials. I am continuously exploring new opportunities and attending auditions to expand my experience in the field.

Balancing academics and passion, I am currently pursuing my 11th standard at Mithibai College of Arts, while working towards building a strong career in acting and performing arts.

Mahi Singhvi (Batch 2024–2025)

Actor | Dancer | Model

**Currently studying in Grade 11 at
Mithibai College of Arts (2025–26)**

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Sanket Battu (Batch 2016)

Sports Scientist | Strength & Conditioning Specialist

I have completed my Bachelor in Legal Sciences, LL.B, along with a Bachelor's degree in Sports and Exercise Science. Driven by my passion for human performance and athletic development, I have also earned professional certifications including NSCA-CSCS and ASCA Level 1 Strength & Conditioning.

I am currently in the final semester of my M.Sc. in Sports and Exercise Science and working as a Sports Scientist at the Centre for Sports Medicine, Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital. In my role, I design and monitor high-performance training as well as return-to-play rehabilitation programs for professional athletes across multiple sports disciplines.

My journey reflects a blend of academic rigor, passion for sports, and commitment to helping athletes perform at their highest potential.

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Harshita Nagesh Dhongdi (Batch 2021–2022)

Model | Actor

I am a proud alumna of Bunts Sangha's S M Shetty High School (Batch 2021–22). I am currently pursuing a professional career in modelling and acting. The confidence, discipline, and values I carry into my work today were firmly built during my time at school.

I am sincerely grateful to all my teachers and mentors for their constant guidance and encouragement. Their belief in me continues to inspire both my personal growth and professional journey. It is always an honour to stay connected with the institution that helped shape who I am today.

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Akshat Jain (Batch 2020–2021)

**Actor | Content Creator |
Performer**

I am Akshat Jain, an Actor, Content Creator, and Performer who has been passionate about the stage since the 6th grade. Over the years, I have explored diverse platforms—stage, digital media, and film—to express my creativity and storytelling.

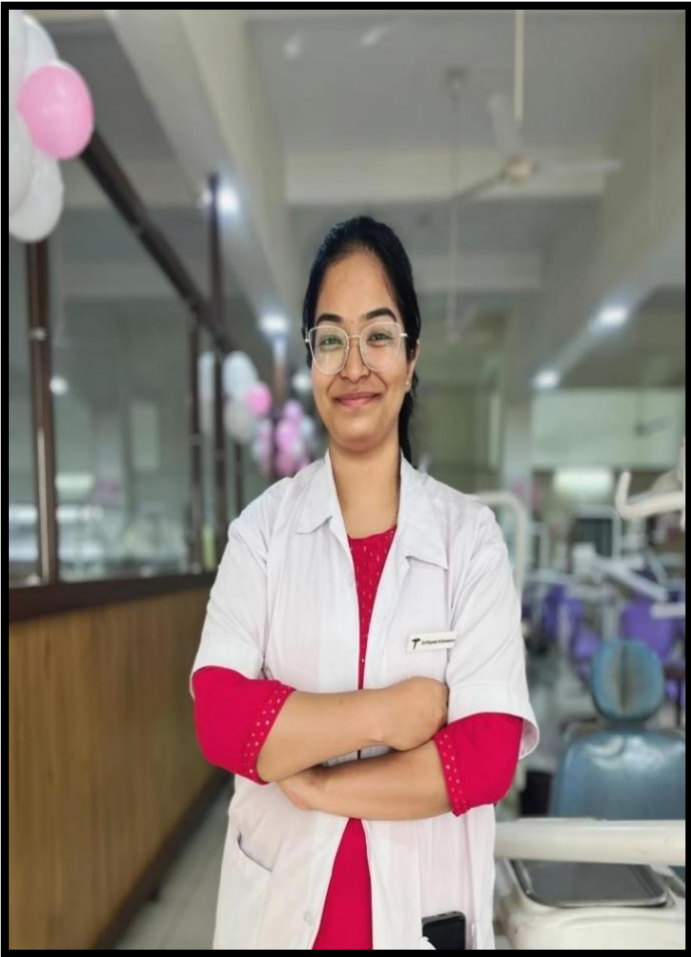
Creator of the YouTube channel “Akshatainment” with 100K+ lifetime views

Active digital presence: Instagram – @akshatainment

I am currently in my Final Year of Journalism at Symbiosis Centre for Media and Communication (SCMC), Pune, where I continue to refine my craft and explore new performance avenues.

My journey has been shaped by constant learning, passion, and the encouragement of those who believed in me. I look forward to creating work that entertains, inspires, and leaves a lasting impact

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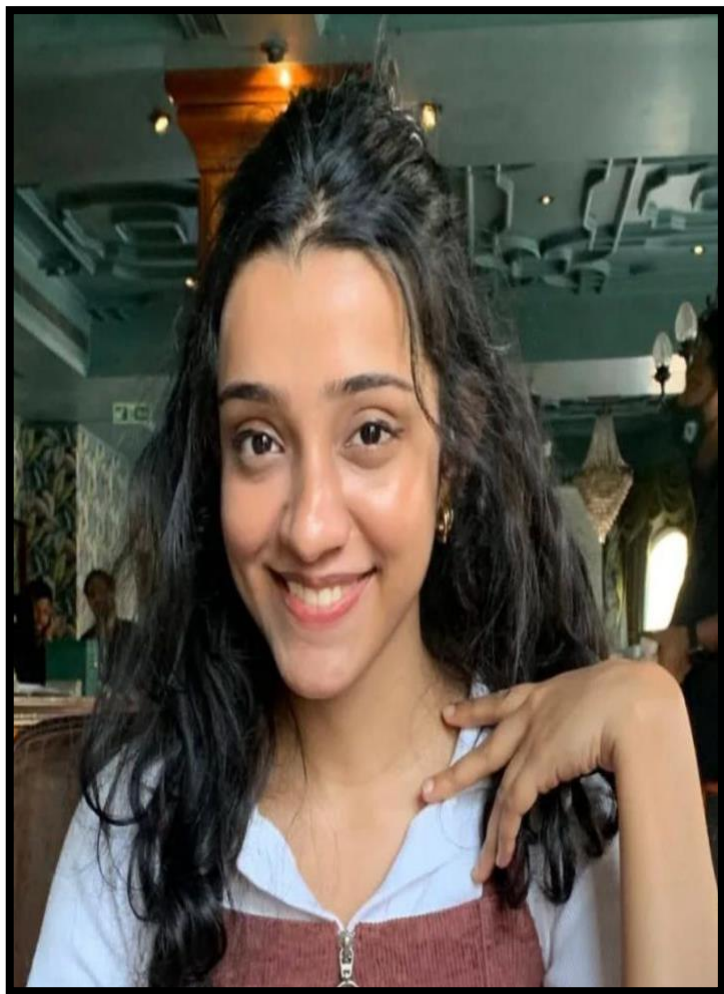


Dr. Priyanka Sonawane
(Batch 2016–17)
Dental Surgeon

I am a proud alumna of S M Shetty High School and Junior College. I have completed my Bachelor's in Dental Surgery (BDS) and am currently practising at a trust clinic, where I continue to refine my clinical expertise and contribute to improving patient care. Driven by a strong passion for dentistry and community service, I strive to make quality oral healthcare accessible while continuously enhancing my practical skills.

With a commitment to further learning and specialization, I aim to pursue my Master's in Dental Surgery (MDS) and advance into performing specialized dental procedures. I am deeply grateful to my school for instilling in me the values of perseverance, compassion, and dedication qualities that continue to shape both my professional journey and personal growth.

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Anushka Jha (Batch 2016–2017)

Senior Correspondent – afaqs!

If you ask any teacher from S.M. Shetty about me, they'll probably smile and say, "the chatterbox." I studied here from Grade 1 to 10, and while I wasn't the most conventional student, I was always the one volunteering for assemblies, competitions, and anything that involved a mic.

In Grade 10, during a career counselling session, media was suggested as a career path—and it just clicked. I loved talking, writing, and asking questions, and that passion led me to journalism.

Today, I work as a Senior Correspondent at afaqs!, a digital news portal covering marketing, advertising, media, and business. Every day feels like a bigger version of those school assignments—just with tighter deadlines.

I'm still growing, still learning, and getting closer to where I want to be. A big part of that confidence began at S.M. Shetty.

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**Sakshi Gaikwad (Batch
2016–2017)**

Art Director – FCB India

Even as a child, colours and shapes intrigued me more than numbers. School might have focused on academics, but it's where I first discovered the excitement of creating sketching, doodling, designing, and letting imagination take the lead. What began with diagrams and posters slowly grew into a passion for visual storytelling.

Today, I work as an Art Director at FCB India, one of the world's leading advertising agencies, where I bring ideas to life for brands like Mahindra. I create visuals that shape brand stories, spark conversations, and leave an impact. With imagination as my guide and AI as a creative partner, I continue chasing the same joy I felt as a kid turning ideas into visuals that connect and inspire.

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**Janhavi Chavan (Batch
2016–2017)**

**People & Culture Assistant
– Hilton Foods UK**

I'm Janhavi Chavan, currently working as a People and Culture Assistant at Hilton Foods UK. I completed my MSc in Organisational Psychology from the University of Manchester, where I was awarded a partial scholarship.

In my role, I support the full employee lifecycle for nearly 1,000 colleague from onboarding and development to engagement and wellbeing initiatives. It's a dynamic and rewarding environment, with constant opportunities to learn and contribute.

Transitioning from India to the UK has been a big change here, work-life balance and personal growth are truly valued. This journey has helped me become more adaptable, empathetic, and people-focused in my professional approach.

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Moeez Khan (Batch 2016–2017)

Mechanical Engineer | Marine & Offshore Design Experience

I've always been fascinated by science especially machines and math. Being a topper in both, everyone expected me to aim for IIT... and that expectation still hasn't left me! I completed my Bachelor's in Mechanical Engineering from Rizvi College and worked at Vedam Design, a marine and offshore engineering solutions firm in Mumbai, where I turned my love for design and problem-solving into real-world engineering experience.

I am currently on a short sabbatical, preparing for higher studies and yes, still chasing the IIT dream. Some dreams (and jokes) never get old.