



Alumni sharing a meal



In discussion with the community

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- SAGAR KAMBLE

Sagar Kamble is a now a grown man with a great sense of responsibility. When you meet him, you are once again made aware and impressed of the great difference that a mobile creche worker's child. Sagar's parents came to Pune in 1976 from the Gulbarga district in Karnataka in search of work in construction. They struggled hard for 12 years before they could raise a family of four children – two sons and two daughters. Today, both their daughters are married and their sons are on their way to fulfilling careers in their lives. This story is about their older son, Sagar who was born practically on a construction site in Pune. This was the site in Pune where TMCP started its first mobile creche.

"When I was a baby, some didis from TMCP came home to tell my mother to leave me at the creche while she worked on the site. I started going there with my elder sister where we spent the whole day and enjoyed ourselves. At the age of 7, the TMCP Didis enrolled me into a school run by the Pune Municipal Corporation. Initially I would not stay in school but run away and come back to the mobile creche. Didi kept taking us back to the school and slowly we began enjoying learning new things and playing with our friends. I studied well at school and completed a Diploma in Electrical Engineering from my school. After my Diploma, I spent two years working for the retail industry – big names like Big Bazar, Shoppers Stop, etc. Thereafter, I completed my Bachelors degree in Arts. I wanted to study further but my father's income could not support my education costs. I realized then that a Bachelors degree is no longer enough to get a good job. Nearly 60% graduates are unemployed today in the market. Currently I am pursuing a post-graduation degree from D Y Patil College in Pune. I decided to work and earn and learn during the post-graduation course. Based on my work experience in different fields I started my own contracting business. Today I have three sites in progress at

Talegaon, one at Kalyani Nagar and another at Panchgani which is my most recent project with a prestigious builder. It is tough balancing work and study but what is life without its challenges. I wake up at 4am and study till 6am. I leave for work by 6.30am and return home by 10.30am to be at college by 12.30pm. College gets over by 3pm and I am back at work. Then I go to work at a BPO where I work through the night shift. It is a tough life but I am doing it because I aspire to be successful. I wish to join the defence services someday. My younger brother studied till Class XII and then dropped out of college. We kept telling him to complete his graduation but he was not interested at all. Then he was selected by the Merchant Navy and he is in training now."

So, Sagar is on his way to success in the same field of construction where his parents toiled for a large part of their lives. Fortunately he is on the other side of the table being his own boss, making his own choices and securing his future.



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