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Summary in Years

1990-1993- Obtained my Bachelor of Science degree at Parle

College 1992- Selected to become the Cultural Secretary at Parle

College.

1993-1997- Attended Chandaben Mohan Bhai Patel Homoeopathic Medical College for a degree to practice Homoeopathic Medicine

1993-1997- Elected to be the Ladies Representative Secretary at CMPHMC (LR) for all four years of my college education

1997-2007- Opened my own successful Homeopathic practice for 10 years in Mumbai

2002- Interviewed in Hello Doctor by Mahesh Chitnis about my lucrative career and my progress in Homoeopathy

2005- Published my own Homeopathy book, Homeopathic Ek Vardan, sharing my perspective on the advancements in Homeopathy

2007- Relocated to Illinois, United States

2010- Acquired a master's degree in Health Care Administration from Strayer University in

USA

2012-2014-Became Health Service Manager at Bolingbrook Immediate Care

2014-2017-Started working as a Medical Practice Manager at Datta Sambare MDSC.

2017 Onwards -Alivio dental Practice Manager.

2019- President Of Path insights .

Officially Serving Maharashtra Mandal Chicago from 2010 to Present

2010-2012- Joined NACP committee for BMM 2011 Chicago Convention

2011- Actively participated in the Opening Ceremony for BMM 2011 Chicago Convention by being

part of various dances and facilitating the smooth production of the entire program

2012- Asked to be the Vice President of Chicago Maharashtra Mandal, helped organize numerous projects and special programs from this community and abroad.

2013- Elected to become the President of Chicago Maharashtra Mandal, started my year with various special programs focused on bringing the community closer together and enriching our knowledge of our heritage for the future generations.

2014-2016- Inducted to become Chicago Maharashtra Mandal Trustee, advised presidents on policy matters and oversaw the smooth transition from the previous committee to the next.

2016- Elected to be BMM Ambassador for 2017 BMM convention in Grand Rapids.

2017- Producer, Actor, and Member of Mauli team, facilitated and organized a musical drama of over 50 kids to engage them in the Marathi community and give rise to future leaders of MMC.

2017-2019- Elected to be BMM Secretary.

2019-2022- BMM President.

My Creation of Chicago Marathi Shala

2014- Founded Chicago Marathi Shala, established two branches in Naperville and Schaumburg. The current admission of children is 96 with over 38 volunteers.

2016- Became the first school to receive the Illinois State Board Approval, allowing students to receive high school credit for a foreign language under the seal of Biliteracy.

2019-We got endorsement about credits for Marathi Language towards college credits on Transcript at Stevenson High School and Neuqua High School.

My Social Work

2014-2016- Associated with Pratham as marketing manager

2014-2016- Supported Ekjut organization for women empowerment

2016- Performed at YKB, reciting an original monologue about woman empowerment

2017-Part of Leadership Team for WE (Women Empowerment) .

2017 onwards- Indian Task force , Sahayyas foundation nonprofit organization. Helping those in needy. Covid 19 situation helped a lot of students and citizens for any help needed.

My Community Work Summary

My involvement in the community was sparked from a very early age. Throughout my education, I had performed in countless of talent shows and community programs. However, in college, I began to get involved in the organization of such activities. In my third year at Parle College, I was selected to become the Cultural Secretary. As the cultural secretary, I was involved in the decision- making process of the numerous cultural events that look place for the student body. My goal throughout this experience was to coordinate programs that highlight individual talents and incite student participation in these collegiate productions. As I have grown up and become involved in other numerous experiences, my aspiration has remained the same.

After graduation from Parle College, I sought an education in Homoeopathic Medicine at Chandaben Mohanbhai Patel Homoeopathic Medical College. Throughout the full duration of my four years at CMPHMC, I was elected to be the Ladies Representative Secretary. My responsibilities revolved

around helping the women on campus get assimilated and become a source of guidance when they were faced with any problems.

Following my commencement from CMPHMC, I founded my own practice in Mumbai. For ten years, I helped many patients with any medical issues to the best of my ability. After a very successful career in Homeopathy, I relocated to the United States. Overcome with the desire to get involved in the community and continue my career, I received a Master's Degree in Health Care Administration from Strayer University. While pursuing my degree, I became involved in Maharashtra Mandal of Chicago.

My commitment to Maharashtra Mandal of Chicago began in 2010 when I became a part of the NAPC committee for BMM 2011 Chicago Convention. This committee facilitated the smooth production of the convention and ensured that engaging programs from North America would be acquired to entertain guests for up to three days. In addition, this committee ensured that convention could comfortably provide for all the guests attending the event. While working on this committee, I also became involved in the opening ceremony for the convention. For a full year, I attended countless practices for the dances performed in the opening ceremony and actively became involved in the production of the ceremony. On opening night, I performed with my other fellow MMC members in front of 2,300 people.

The BMM 2011 Chicago Convention was only the beginning for my involvement in MMC. The following year, I was asked by the Vice President for 2012's committee. For the duration of the year, I helped plan events to engage the community and help strengthen the bonds within our community. Some of the special programs that year include natak from India, community empowerment activities, and festival programs throughout the year.

After that amazing year as Vice President, I was given the opportunity to become the President myself in 2013. My goal was to strengthen our bonds with our heritage and bring the people together, the elderly and the children. I worked to create special programs that would engage people of all ages, allowing them to interact and network with each other. For the betterment of MMC, my committee and I worked tremendously hard for the entire year. We even became a part of the India's Independence Day parade in Devon and Naperville. In order to raise awareness of our community and organization, we became involved in the larger community even more. We attended Feed My Starving Children events to become closer as a team and community. Throughout the year, we received an astonishing amount of help from volunteers who would be willing to come early to help set up and help tear down. After my presidency in 2013, I became the trustee for MMC for the next three years. While making strides in the MMC community, I began a new project to bring the community even closer together.

In 2014, I founded Chicago Marathi Shala. Currently, I have established two branches in Illinois. These two locations are in Naperville and another in Schaumburg. The current admission of

children is 136 with over 68 volunteers in both locations. With the help of these volunteers, we teach and test students at various levels in the Marathi Language. The reason for my decision to start the school began from my own home. I realized that throughout the years my children were beginning to forget their own

language. Then, I realized that numerous other parents in my community are facing this very same problem. In order to spark the future generation's connection to their language, I developed the idea to start Chicago Marathi Shala. With the support of BMM I pursued it further. As the co-coordinator of the school, I am responsible for the smooth functioning of the school and its students. I help the volunteers plan the school curriculum and help create engaging activities that involve children of all ages.

In 2016, I helped Chicago Marathi Shala reach its greatest accomplishment yet! We received Illinois State of Board Approval, which recognizes Chicago Marathi Shala as a foreign language school in the state of Illinois. This paves the path for our students to earn high school credit under the seal of literacy. This is an unprecedented feat! Chicago Marathi Shala is the first school in history to receive this type of credentials.

In 2019 -Endorsement of High school credits in 2 schools Stevenson and Neuqua for Marathi as Foreign language in Transcript which will help them towards college.

Was part of MMC constitution review team , we reviews MMC constitution and suggested changes as per requirement.

In addition to other accomplishments made in 2016, I was elected to be the BMM ambassador. As the BMM ambassador, I aimed to promote the 2017 convention. In 2017, I was given the opportunity to be the BMM representative for the BMM 2017 Grand Rapids Convention, which allowed me to represent Maharashtra Mandal of Chicago at the convention.

I was elected as a BMM President in 2019 BMM Convention. Working as a BMM President I am working with 60 Maharashtra Mandalas all over USA . Working with consulate of India on various projects. Also we have covid 19 helpline where we are helping community all over North America.

We have collected fund around 18000 dollars to help back stage artists in India.

Working on different project and also was part of BMM Constitution Review Team in which we reviews the BMM constitution and suggested some changes as per required.

In addition to my involvement in MMC and BMM, I have expanded my horizons and become involved in other diverse projects as well. I have supported Ekjut organization for women empowerment for the past two years. In fact, I have taken part in 2016 YKB by reciting a monologue on woman's obligation to wear Sarees. In addition, I am also associated with Pratham as the marketing manager for the past two years. Pratham is an organization primarily focused on raising the literacy rate of children in India, allowing them to have access to education and opportunities unavailable to them.

I have put in continuous dedicated service throughout the years. Overall, I have vast experience in the Maharashtra Mandal Chicago committee, holding various positions such as vice-president, president, and trustee. My overall goal is to make the Marathi heritage a bigger part of our lives here in the US. As the next generation grows up, a lack of connection between them and our beloved culture can be seen. We all grew up a part of a large Marathi community connected by

interactions and love for our culture. Here in the United States, I strive to provide the same for my children and the other residents in Chicago. I want to create a larger community filled with people who are as passionate about the Marathi heritage as I am. I want to incite this passion and love in the next generation, who in turn will inspire the generation after them. By creating this chain, we can insure that the Marathi heritage has its place in this world, just like it should.

Awards-

2017-BMM Award for Marathi School Teacher Category.

2019- FIA award for Best Community Service Award (Female) category.

2020-“ Shodh Marathi Manacha”Community service award

2020- International Women profession community award

Affiliation

1. WE ledership team

2. YKB Project

3. Indian Task Force

4. Sewa Prkalp.

4. International Professional women community

Links of interviews and papers-<https://www.lokmat.com/pune/charity-fund-behind-scenes-artist-united-states-organizations-love-marathi-drama/>

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3. <http://www.marathi.newsstorytoday.com/>

4. https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=334857604558431&id=110019587042235

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My publications- Homeopathy Ek Vardan – book on homeopathy