

BEST IN THE FIELD



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In my free time, I play cricket professionally.

I represent Pune/PCMC at State level.

What motivated you to become a sportsperson?

My Uncle had a huge influence on my passion towards pursuing sports. He was an off-spinner, and played for his University team. He encouraged me a lot to start playing cricket. Whenever I would go to Deccan Gymkhana for my usual net practices, he would wait outside for 3 to 4 hours. He used to watch me play, point out my mistakes, and would teach me how to modify my techniques. He is my inspiration.

At what age did you start playing cricket?

I started playing cricket at three and a half years of age because of the early support from my Uncle and Father.

If you could sum it up in one word, what emotion do you feel when you play cricket?

JOYOUS. I feel very happy when I step onto the field, whether I am fielding, or wicket-keeping, or batting. Whichever role my team requires me to play, I am always happy to fulfill their wishes by playing well.

What songs do you listen to hype yourself up before playing a game?

I have the best teammates, Dr Snehal and Dr Leenata. We all listen to "Unstoppables" by Sia. There is another song- "The Train song" from the movie "Gullyboy". The lyrics of both these songs are very meaningful and cherishing to listen to, right before a match.

Who is your Sports Hero?

Oh! Sachin Tendulkar, obviously! Who else? He is the God of Cricket. If you consider cricket as your religion, he is the only god you worship!

What is your favorite Sports Quote?

"Its not wanting to win that makes you a winner; it is refusing to fail."

Do you think that the life of an athlete is difficult as compared to other professions?

Yes, the life of an athlete is difficult to a certain degree. In cricket as well, you have to work hard and practice all day to get to play at Class II or Class III level. I would say that it is easier for cricketers compared to other sports professionals, such as kabaddi. An athlete requires appropriate financial and emotional support from their family to be able to further pursue that sport.!



According to you, how does being an athlete make you a better person?

Being a cricketer has helped me socially. Cricket is a team sport. In a team, there are 11-12 players, and I think that I have learnt to manage multiple people at the same time, and maintain a healthy friendship with my peers inside and outside the ground.

Do you find any similarities between being a Cricketer and a Prosthodontist?

Yes, there are many similarities and that is the reason why I feel like I can balance both of them very well. Cricket is a team sport, and so is Prosthodontics! Prosthodontics requires an entire team. As a prosthodontist, I have to communicate with Dental Technicians, Endodontists, Periodontists, Orthodontists, and Oral Surgeons. As a sportsperson, I find it easier to maintain a good relation with several professionals, and get the best outcome for my patients.

