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Introduce yourself in a brief paragraph:

I was born and brought up in rural area of Ahmednagar district of Maharashtra. My father was working as Head Master of Secondary school at Rayat Shikshan Sanstha's schools in rural areas of Ahmednagar. I did my Bachelors degree (B.Sc. Chemistry, 1998) (University of Pune) and Masters degree (M.Sc. Organic Chemistry, 2000) (University of Pune). I worked as Research & Development Officer for Cipla Ltd, (<u>www.cipla.com</u>) a Pharmaceutical company, for one and half year (2001-2002). I completed my Ph.D. (2002-2006) from University of the Basque Country, San Sebastian, Spain (www.ehu.es) under supervision of Prof. Dr. Claudio Palomo and Prof. Dr. Mikel Oiarbide with Asymmetric Synthesis as principle subject. I have published my research in Journal of the American chemical Society, Chemistry: A European Journal and Tetrahedron asymmetry. I returned to India in June 2006 to appear/prepare for UPSC 2007 exam. But due to cancer treatment of my 10 yr old nephew, I had to quit my UPSC dream and I joined Reliance Industries Ltd's Reliance Life Sciences Pvt Ltd (www.relbio.com) as Pharmaceutical Research Scientist (2007-2008). Later I went to Spain for a short Post-Doctoral stay in San Sebastian at CIC BIomagune (<u>www.cicbiomagune.es</u>) (2008). Further I came to Australia for Post Doctoral stay of two years (June 2009 - June 2011). Currently, I am working as Associate Research Fellow at School of Chemistry, University of Wollongong (<u>www.uow.edu.au</u>) under supervision of Dr. Michael Kelso. I am living here with my wife, Mrs. Jyoti Kardak who is a Post Graduate degree holder in Commerce from University of Pune. I am in contact with several young scientists in India. I always collaborate and co operate with several students from University of Pune, University of Aurangabad and University of Solapur in Maharashtra.

After working here till June 2011, I plan to work in any Indian pharma company or set up my own small scale chemical industry and a small organic jaggery production unit at my native place. I am in touch with a organic food growers association from my state for technical know-how and I am currently exploring market opportunity in Australia and UAE. Alongwith my professional development, I am also working with @ 110 youths from my Tahasil (region) for upliftment of rural students/youths. Under the banner of Balkrishna Knowledge Centre (Orkut profile available) I plan to set up a Educational-Scientific-Social-Political information Centre/ kiosk in Newasa Tahasil of Ahmednagar district in Maharashtra.