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I am a dentist by profession and an artist at heart. I am based in Pune and have been practicing dentistry at my self-owned clinic for over 15 years. Since past two years, I have also started conducting art workshops with an objective of holistic wellbeing across all age groups.

I completed SSC from SPM English Medium School in the year 2002. I have also completed Diploma in Arts from Pune University in 2021.

As I reflect on my journey, I feel SPM's teaching method has helped me strike a balance between my career, my hobby and my social relationships. During my school days, academics was pursued along with exposure to activities like sports, arts and other competitive exams. The foundation of my art was strengthened by Kalpana miss, my art teacher. I remember the extra efforts taken by Anand Sir and Geeta Miss in training us and travelling with us for sports tournaments even outside Pune. The school library had a good collection of books. The school taught me basic life lessons like self-reliance, taking responsibilities, being supportive of each other through the compulsory swimming lessons, overnight trips, participation in Ganapati processions, and annual functions. The friendships formed in SPM school days are still going strong and are a strong support system in the busy life of today.

As a parent of a ten-year-old boy, I have started valuing all the above things more.