

## **ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS:**

### **DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI OF THE SCHOOL OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY, D.Y.PATIL UNIVERSITY**

1) **Nidhi Doshi:** I have been blessed to have studied at Dr. D. Y. Patil college of OT and to be guided by one of the best faculty members. Due to their guidance, teaching I have been able to work as an OT in India and also in the USA for the past 9 years. Having worked in difference settings- school, skilled nursing facility, long term acute care, acute care, inpatient setting and now doing teletherapy, I have learned to be a creative problem solver, good listener, a passionate patient advocate and an efficient team member to achieve patient centered outcome measures and help patients improve their quality of life to the maximum extent.



2) **Richa Deshmukh:** I joined the course of Occupational Therapy in October 2013 with absolutely no clue what the course was all about. Having heard about it as a medical profession, but not having a clarity of what it actually is, I believe helped me understand it better. Since the first year began with being clueless, some extra efforts needed to be put in to understand the content of the course and how to go about with it. I have to give due credit to the teachers in the college who made learning so much fun, clarifying our concepts whenever we needed help and explaining the topics even two or three times if needed. Here at D Y Patil School of Occupational Therapy, each subject that I learnt practically and theoretically, I would say was taught in a manner that clarified our concepts well. My experience in D Y Patil School of OT has been an amazing one! Right from learning the basics of anatomy, to face patients and treat them, during the internship, the journey has been wonderful. The fact that the 4.5 years were not just about studying a curriculum, but also engaging yourself in college events, getting a thrill of winning in the events, being a part of organizing an event, and experiencing the joy of it being a grand success, I think, was a part of my personal development. Of course, I cannot miss mentioning about how approachable the staff was and how we never felt the hesitation to ask questions to them, and they patiently listening to, and answering our queries. Also, to mention the few guest lectures we had, which helped us gather more information about the field, about the practice outside and the advancements in the field of OT, and not to forget the benefit of the virtual classroom which helped us connect to the therapists around the world and attend the web conferences too. A special mention of the various events that happened in the campus and the stadium which gave us a chance of volunteering in the medical team, that helped us experience what working in a team at a big event meant.

As I began my journey as a post graduate student, pursuing Master's in Occupational Therapy in Developmental disabilities at Seth GSMC and KEMH, each day, I am thankful for

every opportunity I had and the chances I got to sharpen my skills and mould myself in my UG days. With each passing day, I believe I get to practice and apply whatever I have learnt during my UG course and I am grateful to everyone at D Y Patil School of Occupational Therapy for being a part of my development as an Occupational Therapist.

Dr. Richa Deshmukh

Batch of 2013-2018



3) **Vitthal Kandekar:**



NAME : Dr. Vitthal Kandekar

YEAR OF PASSING : 2007

CURRENT DESIGNATION : Director at Nayesha Healthcare Pvt. Ltd.

**4) Purnima Kandekar:**

NAME : Dr. Purnima Kandekar

YEAR OF PASSING : 2006

CURRENT DESIGNATION : - Consultant Paediatric Occupational Therapist at Hinduja Hospital.

- Director at Nayesha Child Development Centre



5) Name: Deepti Khadye

Passing year: November 2006

Current Designation: Clinical Director and Sr. Occupational Therapist @ The Developing Child Center Dubai



6) Name: Alok Sunil Patil

Passing Year: 2006

Current designation: Assistant Professor of Occupational Therapy - GSMC KEMH



7) Baig Muddasser Shahnawaz:

Year of Passing: 2010

Current designation: Senior Occupational Therapist (Paediatric setting)



8) Name : Kinjal Bhanushali (Chandra )

Year of passing : 2010

Current designation : Pediatric Occupational Therapist  
(B.OTh , PGDR )

Founder of Pehel Pediatric Therapy Centre, Mulund, Mumbai.

Recipient of " 100 Women Achievers of India" by President of India in 2016.

Featured in many local and national newspapers, radio interviews, social media for initiatives of spreading awareness and work with children with developmental disabilities.

