JOURNEY TO SUCCESS

Stories!

“ A boy from the hinterlands of Jharkhand”

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---My short story

INTRODUCTION

My family

To say the least, I have an extremely supportive family, with a strong father, caring mother and three gem-like sisters.

My schooling

I completed my schooling (Matricualtion & ISC) from De Nobili, Sindri in 2012 and 2014 respectively, each with a decent score of 89 %.

What challenges or fun you had in early life/before college?

My initial phase of schooling was done from a small Hindi medium school. Then in VIIth Std., I had to switch to a completely English medium ICSE school wherein, we were penalized even for muttering in Hindi. It was the first real-life challenge for me. My academics also went horrible in the first year and it took me a while to adjust to that kind of a vibe. However, the time I spent ahead are now memories I cherish.

ABOUT SHASHANK

College stats

First year in the college was mostly confined to studies (scored a decent 8 SGPA) and some extra-curricular activities and club events. Now that I am in graduating year of the college, I can easily say that club events, editorial works of Sarjana – The Institute Magazine, where I had the opportunity to lead my team as the Editor-in-Chief and serving as Training and Placement coordinator in the college along with good academics has brought me to where I am now. The best part for me has been the independent hostel life and the sea of opportunities in college.

"My friends said"

I have mostly been busy in community services and professional development activities. Right from the first year, I was keen to enhance my soft skills and improve on my personality. I always mingled well with my branch mates as well as clubees, but I kept some private time allotted just for me for introspection. On a lighter note, friends called me 'Editor Mahodaya' for fun. I have been blessed with some amazing friends in college.

"Achievements/My teachers/tutors/others said"

I was appreciated for my blog posts on Sarjana's website (www.bitsarjana.com), literary creativity and leadership quality. My academics have been on a good side and I had better connection with college professors too which helped me quite a lot in my final year project. In my graduating year, I got placed at Aditya Birla Group.

FACT

Financial facts about your situation and difficulties you faced for buying a laptop.

My father runs a small business and I have three elder sisters. My family still left no spaces blank in my upbringing. Frankly, I am glad that BIT's fees is so nominal. I still had financial issues in buying a much-needed laptop for me and I am grateful to Anant Prayas for all the help it has provided.

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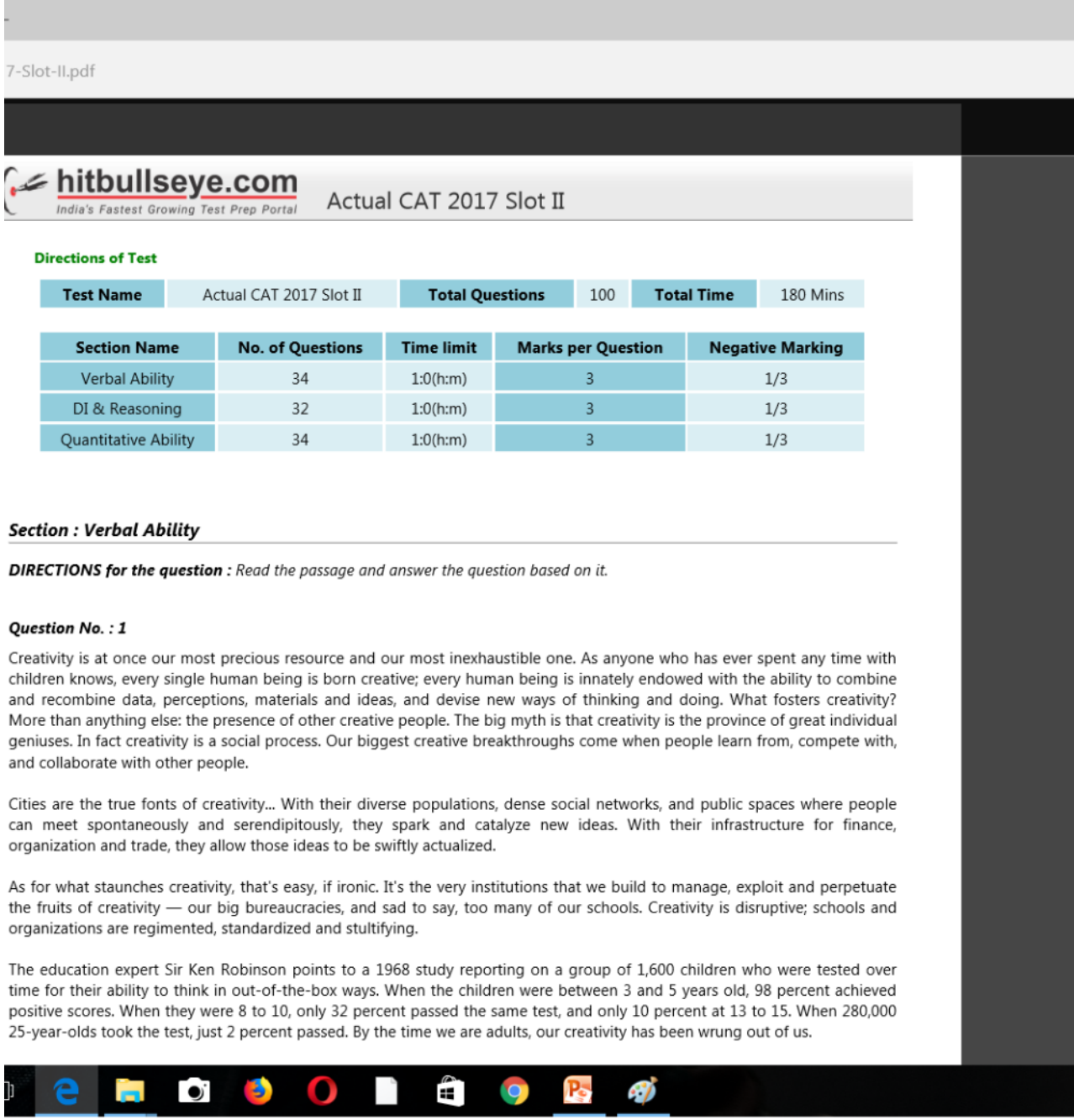
How do I use laptop?

One thing that benefited me the most has been in taking CAT test series that is a dire need of any CAT aspirant. I used the laptop to learn and practice CNC design course as well on SINUMERIK 828D. Further, it has helped me in preparing presentation for various PPT shows in the college.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Actual CAT 2017 Slot II

Directions of Test

Test Name	Actual CAT 2017 Slot II	Total Questions	100	Total Time	180 Mins

Section Name	No. of Questions	Time limit	Marks per Question	Negative Marking
Verbal Ability	34	1:0(h:m)	3	1/3
DI & Reasoning	32	1:0(h:m)	3	1/3
Quantitative Ability	34	1:0(h:m)	3	1/3

Section : Verbal Ability

DIRECTIONS for the question : *Read the passage and answer the question based on it.*

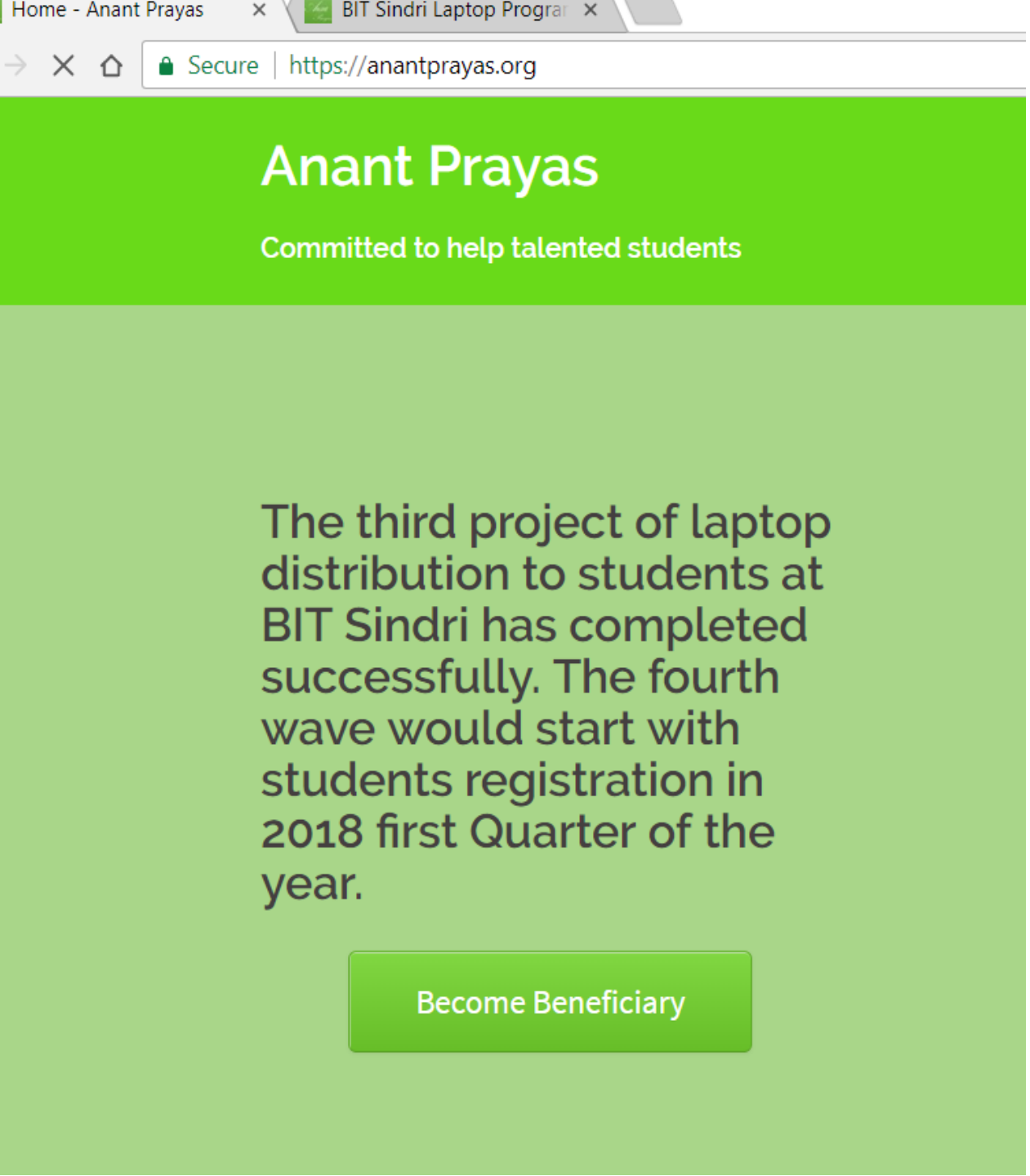
Question No. : 1

Creativity is at once our most precious resource and our most inexhaustible one. As anyone who has ever spent any time with children knows, every single human being is born creative; every human being is innately endowed with the ability to combine and recombine data, perceptions, materials and ideas, and devise new ways of thinking and doing. What fosters creativity? More than anything else: the presence of other creative people. The big myth is that creativity is the province of great individual geniuses. In fact creativity is a social process. Our biggest creative breakthroughs come when people learn from, compete with, and collaborate with other people.

Cities are the true fonts of creativity... With their diverse populations, dense social networks, and public spaces where people can meet spontaneously and serendipitously, they spark and catalyze new ideas. With their infrastructure for finance, organization and trade, they allow those ideas to be swiftly actualized.

As for what staunches creativity, that's easy, if ironic. It's the very institutions that we build to manage, exploit and perpetuate the fruits of creativity — our big bureaucracies, and sad to say, too many of our schools. Creativity is disruptive; schools and organizations are regimented, standardized and stultifying.

The education expert Sir Ken Robinson points to a 1968 study reporting on a group of 1,600 children who were tested over time for their ability to think in out-of-the-box ways. When the children were between 3 and 5 years old, 98 percent achieved positive scores. When they were 8 to 10, only 32 percent passed the same test, and only 10 percent at 13 to 15. When 280,000 25-year-olds took the test, just 2 percent passed. By the time we are adults, our creativity has been wrung out of us.



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I managed financing of the laptop with the aid of Anant Prayas foundation.

How did you apply ?

I came across a notification on facebook about Anant Prayas in which my seniors had received laptops. I searched for it on its page anantprayas.org and submitted the active beneficiary form to avail the laptop. My family was delighted to hear the news when they got to know of the final approval of my laptop.

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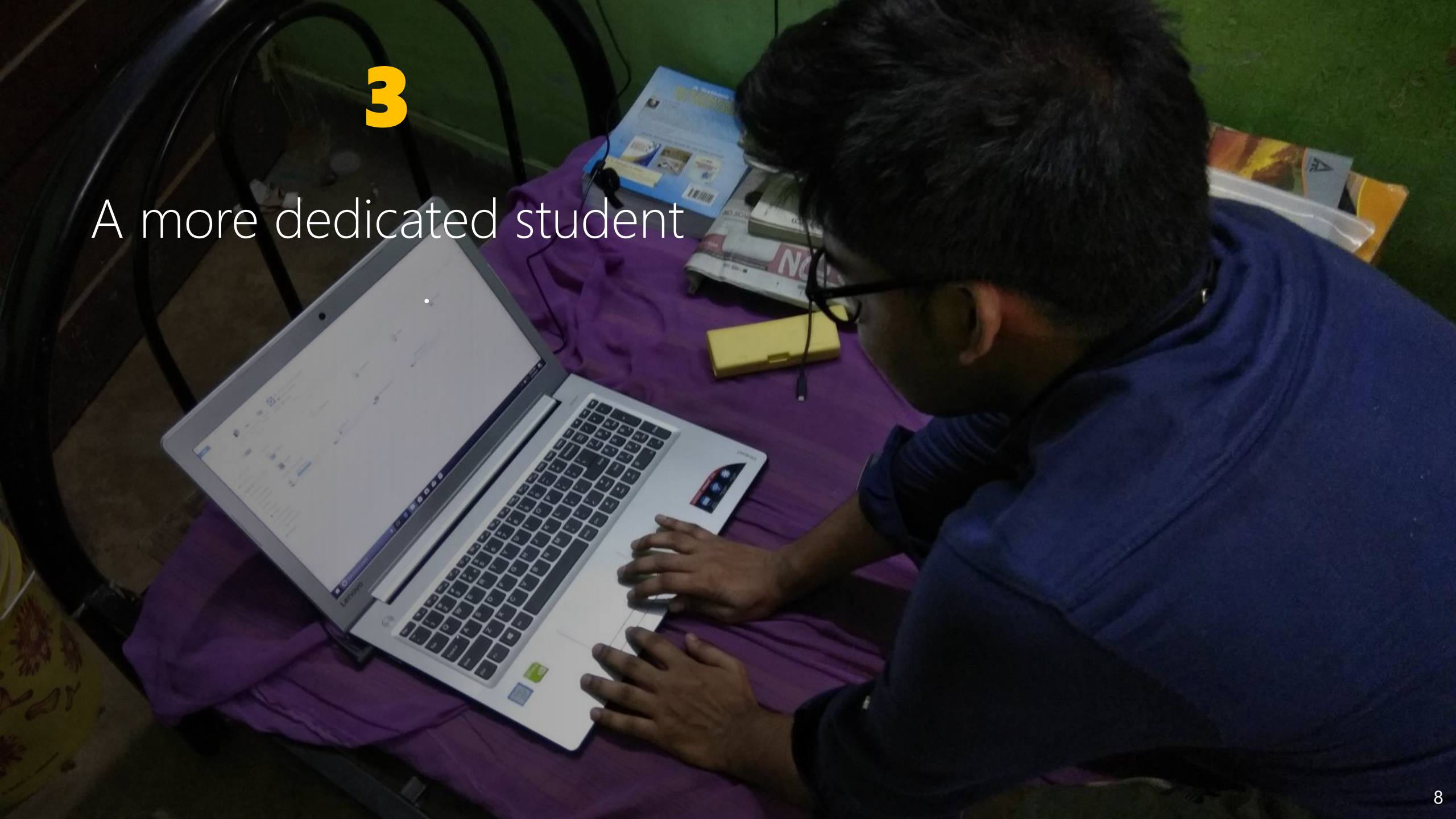
A more dedicated student



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How I plan to give back to other students?

Once I complete my B.Tech and start my job at Aditya Birla, I shall pay the laptop amount + 15 % to ensure that this noble chain continues. Further I would provide any and all necessary help to spread the word of Anant Prayas in order to connect with the ever expanding alumni base of BIT Sindri, so that needy students benefit from it.

ENGAGE

I am indebted and grateful to all the Alumni involved in this noble cause, especially Alok Anant Sir, who runs the foundation and Rajendra Chaudhary Sir. The precious time and effort they have given to their alma mater and the needy students is an example to all of us.

BECAUSE SOMEONE CARED
WE WIN EVERYDAY

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The Fortunate One

“Look around you and utilize what you see.”

After I had applied for the laptop, I received an email confirming the submission. I then, received calls from Alok Sir and fortunately, I got to meet him in the college. It was a healthy discussion with him regarding uses of laptop and college vibe. When I received approval of the laptop, my family was elated to know the same. I went to Ranchi to buy it where I met Rajendra Sir who warmly greeted me and also arranged for a small felicitation ceremony with few other gracious BIT alumni. It was a moment that is still etched in my memory. I am grateful to Anant Prayas for availing me a much needed college accessory. I really want other needy students too to get to know about Anant Prayas and apply for their need.

TAKEAWAY

"Never lose hope. There is always something you could use and continue your path." Students need to be aware of this scheme and then follow suit and continue this noble chain after they pass out from college. I just want further alumni support to Anant Prayas, so that more needy students could avail the laptop project.

THANK YOU

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Thanks for viewing.