



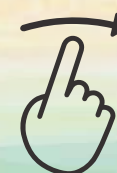
SANTOSH KHANDEKAR

A Passionate Cricketer
Defying Age

A dedicated employee at ACG for the past 20 years, Santosh has found solace and fulfillment in two areas of his life: machines and cricket. From an early age, Santosh was captivated by the world of machinery and the thrill of cricket. Although life took unexpected turns, his love for the sport never wavered. Santosh's journey in cricket began like that of any other child, playing "Gully Cricket" with his friends from the neighborhood. Dreaming of joining a professional cricket team, he aspired to make a career out of his passion. Unfortunately, the sudden demise of his father, coupled with financial constraints, forced Santosh to assume responsibilities at the tender age of 14. Yet, he firmly believes that everything happens according to a greater plan. Little did he know that he would join a company as passionate about cricket as he was. At the age of 47, Santosh continues to play as an opening batsman, unleashing powerful strokes and defying age-related stereotypes. Despite often being the youngest player on his teams, Santosh consistently displayed remarkable skills, hitting commendable shots. Drawing inspiration from renowned Indian cricketers like Shrikant and Sunil Gavaskar, he honed his technique and approached the game with unwavering motivation.



Even within the walls of ACG, cricket is a topic of discussion during lunch and tea breaks. These conversations fuel Santosh's passion and bring him joy. Nowadays, the company has even started organizing weekly cricket matches after office hours. Santosh believes that engaging in sports or physical activities not only benefits one's health but also rejuvenates the mind from the burdens of work. Santosh firmly advocates for sports in every organization, recognizing the positive impact it has on employee interaction, team bonding, and overall productivity and efficiency. Sports help individuals overcome nervousness, a significant obstacle to success, and keep them physically and mentally fit. Santosh firmly believes that sports unlock inner peace and true success.





Santosh serves as an inspiration to those who are passionate about something but face obstacles in pursuing their dreams. His unwavering dedication to cricket, despite life's challenges, demonstrates that age is just a number when it comes to following one's passion. Santosh's journey exemplifies the importance of finding joy and fulfillment in every aspect of life, striking a balance that nurtures personal happiness and success.



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