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EXPERIENCES IN SCHOOLS AND COLLEGE SHAPED ROHIT MAHAJAN'S PERSONALITY IN A POSITIVE MANNER

School and college was a lot of fun. My father was in the Indian Army so I had to change schools every few years. I started with St Josephs in Dehradun, APS in DK Delhi and then attended several KVs till 12th (Secunderabad, Patiala, Mhow).

I remember winning many medals in various field and track events. The Army schools and stations had very good sports facilities and I learnt squash, tennis, badminton, TT, basketball, field hockey, football, basketball, swimming, billiards, rifle shooting etc.

I was also interested in Quiz. I was the leader of a School House which made it necessary for me to interact with peers and juniors on a regular basis. I learnt to handle the responsibilities that came with it. In college too, I was quite active in various sports, cultural and professional activities.

What I still remember from my high school days was participating in the 27th National Shooting Championships and the thrill of getting world-class equipment like rifle, telescope and coaching from top guns in the Indian Army. They allowed us to take high-powered rifles to the shooting ranges and gave us a lot of ammunition to practice with. I also remember getting my yellow belt in Karate because I had to go through a gruelling regimen and disciplined schedule for many months and the in-

structor was quite a taskmaster.

From college, I remember the various cultural festivals we went to and winning quiz competitions. As the president of the IEEE Society, I remember organising inter-college seminars and also raising money from the industry for the events.

I liked Physics in school because of all the experiments involved. I also liked Mathematics since it was possible to get perfect scores and there was no subjective part.

The experience of moving every few years to a new school and exploring new cities was very interesting. It was not difficult to make new friends. The sports facilities were good and the libraries were well stocked.

All these experiences must have positively shaped my personality since I find it easy to make new friends and easily adapt to new environments and settings. My sporting spirit is reflected in my business as well and helps me overcome setbacks and challenges.

I hold those learnings dear in life even today — Being open to changes and moving on, making friends, adapting to new environments, being social, not being afraid to ask for help, taking on responsibility, and being disciplined and trustworthy.

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