

## **Wire, String, and Soul: Meet Our Talented Technician**

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In one corner of the SCAVI, behind a panel of what many see as a complex system of electric things, sits Dinesh Mohite, ready with a smile to solve all our technical difficulties. The master of elaborate controls that could belong in a spaceship or submarine, Mr. Dinesh came to Mumbai from Ratnagiri in 2007, to pursue his B.Com degree at the Xavier's night college. "At that time, there were only 200 rupees in my pocket", he said, reminiscing about the past. He first started working at the MMR during this period.

Despite having been the college technician for over ten years now, Mr. Dinesh's heart is not amongst the wires, but in colourful threads and wooden boards - a secret string artist! He has conducted two string art workshops on campus and exhibited at Malhar and Nirmala Niketan College. He also dabbles in origami (for which he has held another workshop) and painting. "I never spend any free time," says the multi-talented technician-artist, who is always teaching himself new art forms from the internet.

As for the time he does spend at Xavier's, Mr. Dinesh enjoys his work. He receives a great deal of support from staff and students. There was quite a gratitude in his voice when he said, "College gave us a lot." He too, strives to give back to society in any way possible - pulling strings to donate a computer to his Zilla Parishad School, or even visiting the local orphanage with his friends. If his time at Xavier's has taught him anything, it is to delve deeper into his interests, and, in his own words: "to help others."