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As a practice principal for over 10 years and a Foundation dentist trainer for over 8 years I have had the pleasure of mentoring some incredible new graduates and have experienced a plethora of associates in that time.

My name is Dr Sachin Anand and I am a dental surgeon. I used to think my level of precision and attention to detail was at a truly significant level and then I meet Minesh. From early on I could tell this trainee was different. And it was good different. His level of hand piece control, his constant desire to create something special and his relentless pursuit of excellence was indeed a remarkable quality.

Not only that but a genuine nice guy with the greatest of respect for his patients and peers. It was a slow start initially as his confidence and ability as a new graduate with very little experience was somewhat lacking. But what he lacked in confidence he made up for in dental skill.

As time went by Minesh blossomed! His preparation of restorations, his treatment planning ability and especially relationship building with patients went from strength to strength. Minesh was changing and evolving and it was such a pleasure to be part of his journey. Watching him work was almost calming he seemed to do it so effortlessly and it just seems that this profession was his calling

I had been impressed very early on with him as an FD from the perspective of someone who has had many associates working with them. Minesh had real flare. Not just a great dentist however he was a dab hand with technology too. As a practice building exercise I requested Minesh to create a marketing flyer for us for several of our practices. We then went into the community and he was integral in setting up the school oral health day, which we were involved in.

Some people you know are destined for greatness and I believe Minesh's attitude, humble nature towards his work and more importantly his self-critical nature, willingness and ambition to improve for himself and for his patients will make him an industry leader for sure.

His passion is fuelled by his desire to create something amazing for the community he serves and I am honored to have meet such a gifted young individual who I shall remain very close friends with for many years to come

My honest opinion is that he deserves this award for the plain and simple reason that there maybe other individuals that work hard, but no one works HARDER than Minesh

Good luck to him always