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Sir,

SUBJECT: YOUR GREAT RESEARCH WORK IN GENETICS

As a student of 1<sup>st</sup> year B.Sc Biochemistry, I was honoured to read in the Outlook Magazine that an Indian scientist has brought India to the global Forefront in the area of genetics. I read this October Edition of Outlook Magazine. I am proud that an Indian has made progress in genetic research because it will help people who are suffering from genetic diseases like me who has been wheel chair bound in the age of 10. I was diagnosed of Duchene Muscular Dystrophy. At age 1 1/2 had undergone emergency surgery due to intestinal obstruction. The doctors said that they had to remove approximately 6 inches of the large intestine. And at the age of 2 for a trigger thumb. I was walking till age of 4. After completing +1 I thought I'll do M.B.B.S but they kept 3 conditions. The candidate must not be wheel chair bound, the disease should be non progressive & there must be normal hand movement, under handicapped quota. They called for the interview which was at 10 a.m but they appeared at 12 a.m & they were quite rude & did not allow me to speak & they said to answer only the questions



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they ask & after that they said the Marks were noteraph  
 252.33 out of 300 & so joined Biochem & I am very happy  
 with the course. And have great interest in biology. So  
 it helps people like us if scientists like you give joy,  
 hope & makes a positive difference to Indians. It also  
 helps Foundations to promote research work like your  
 JIFR of India & MDA (MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY ASSOCIATION)  
 of U.S.A & many others. My family background, ~~my~~ Father is  
 lawyer & ~~my~~ mother runs the Saltni Foundation for the  
 handicapped & ~~my~~ grandfather (Father's Father) was a great  
 physician passed away in Jan 7th 1994 Aged 83 due to  
 Parkinsons disease of the Brain. You have given me a sense  
 of pride of having been born as an Indian. I would  
 like to know more about your research work &  
 kindly like you to give me your suggestions as to how  
 I could do research work. Because I am very  
 keen to research in Molecular biology & genetics. I hope  
 to hear from you soon if it is possible.

P.S (Please see) - Sorry  
 Sir I used sketch pen  
 to write this letter  
 I find difficult to write  
 in Ink pen due to  
 HAND WEAKNESS.

Thanking you,  
 Yours sincerely,  
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