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A) What was your V&E background before attending VENIT?

I didn't have a background in viticulture and enology before enrolling into the VENIT program. I studied my Bachelors in Hotel Management and that is where I came across these beautiful terms which stuck with me all the way. Apart from completing two levels of WSET, I had no extra knowledge or experience in the field.

B) What was your occupation before attending VENIT?

I have been a student all the way. I was an intern at two hotels back in my country, prior to joining this course but had no work experience as such in this particular field.

C) What is your current occupation?

Since the completion of the VENIT course i was recently hired to join a team that is actively striving to start a vineyard in India. I am in charge of the vineyard management aspect of this project.

D) How much did VENIT contribute to such a change?

Being a product of VENIT and UCSC definitely has its benefits. The course gave me a platform to open up, network and grasp as much information as one could in that particular period. This kind of knowledge shared among people lives on for a lifetime. It has helped me understand the viticultural and enological arena and broadened my overall perspective on the wine market. VENIT is solely responsible for making me achieve the position I am in today. It has helped me understand clearly, all that I need to strive for to get to my goal which is why I am now vineyard manager of a newly found winery.

