

## **Team Member**



**Sushma Pagare**

### **Who am I**

An Indian national, born on 1<sup>st</sup> April 1979 my ancestry can be traced to the “Land of the Rising Sun”, Japan, as my grandfather was of Japanese origin. Popularly called by friends as “Sushi” I believe I am a very honest and peace-loving person. After my B.A. degree I pursued a course in fashion designing at the J.D. Institute of fashion technology. My love for plants and animals never fails to cheer me up when I’m feeling down.

### **Where I Live**

Born and brought up in Mumbai, I currently reside in Mumbai at Kala Ghoda, an area of historical significance of India’s past. Before my marriage, which was just a year ago ,I stayed with my parents, brother, four dogs, and a few cats. Now I stay in a small rented flat with my husband, a person with whom I share a special, indescribable bond

### **My Profession**

For over a decade I have been working in the fashion industry. I enjoy creating concepts for clients and I also take care of quality control for big brands like Ralph Lauren, Alexander McQueen, Givenchy , etc. In the past, I had set up my own small studio where I sold my designer accessories and clothing.,for over a year. My dream is to launch my brand and spread it around the world , maybe on a small scale .My ultimate would be to design a garment for Actress “Hally Berry” and the Singer “Seal”.

### **What I do in my spare time**

In my spare time I like to play with my cats and dogs, watch TV, take nature walks and listen to my husband read his favorite books to me. I love to make a lot of hand made artificial and clay jewellery and embroidered accessories.

### **Why I have participated in the GSE program**

My dream is to travel the whole world in this life time of mine, meet all kinds of new people, and share with them my thoughts, my opinions, and especially my culture. In the field of fashion I think it’s an endless world of creativity, so PARIS being the “Fashion Capital” has to be one of my destinations to visit and learn. And I believe that by being selected by the GSE program, I will get a chance to fulfill a part of my dream.