



Taking online exams is a recent trend, but Suril was much ahead of his times, when he took his Sun-Certified Java Programmer (SCJP) exam in 2002. All of 10 then, he cleared his exam after which his interest in computers only grew, especially since "I was at home for a good six months after the earthquake". Suril wanted to play computer games, but his father suggested he first understand the gadget before whiling away his time in a virtual world. Since then, there has been no looking back. When he cleared the SCJP exam, he was the youngest candidate to do so. A year later, he cleared the Oracle Database 9i Certified Professional Database Administrator (OCP-DBA) exam, followed by the Oracle 9i Forms Developer Certified Professional. And with his Board exams, he also took his Technology Consultant SAP Netweaver 04 - SAP Web AS for Oracle. Now, he works with E-Infochips as a programmer. This year, he is also preparing to take his class XII Board exam. Asked whether it is stressful, he says, "No, I always worked part time, since the time I have been a 10-year-old. The first condition is that I will need time off to prepare for my exams as I cannot compromise on that front. I share a very special relation with my employers. They have even sponsored my SAP exam."

And, how does this teenager enjoy his economic freedom? He laughs it off saying he is "happy to earn well" but expects a good sense, too. Do his friends feel he's special? "I don't tell most of my friends that I am working. And those who know about it are very proud of me. They tell their parents and friends that I work on the computer, though very few understand my job profile. But I feel good to know that they take pride in my success," he sums up.