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Dear Crazy Hodophile Community,

Today, Crazy Hodophile completes **5 years** — a journey that unfolded slowly and through sheer faith and dedication.

It didn't happen overnight. For a long time, it felt like nothing was moving. But with consistent effort, patience, and the willingness to evolve, things gradually started to shift. Over time, Crazy Hodophile began growing, leaving its mark as a recognizable name. Today, it feels surreal to know that our blogs are being referred to on reputed websites and even in universities. Someone rightly said, *Rome wasn't built in a day*.

This journey hasn't been smooth. Some people came in briefly and left when it suited them, and I was the one left to absorb the impact. I faced last-minute challenges caused by their unprofessional behaviour, lack of responsiveness, and unmet commitments. At the same time, I went through financial crunches, dealt with technical breakdowns, and faced situations I had to handle completely on my own.

But then a thought hit hard: *"This is mine. No one is coming to fix it. And honestly, I don't even need anyone to. I have to figure it all out myself."* That mindset changed everything.

As the sole person managing Crazy Hodophile, I have worn many hats — traveller, researcher, writer, editor, strategist, and sometimes even tech support. I've seen every high and low firsthand. There were days when motivation was low and progress felt invisible, but what kept me going was the sheer belief that this platform mattered, both to me and to my audience. I built it brick by brick, with heart, sweat, and relentless commitment.

Today, I'm not just marking five years of Crazy Hodophile. I'm celebrating resilience, self-belief, and the unwavering spirit it takes to build something meaningful from the ground up. I share this moment with you not only to reflect, but to spark inspiration. If you're working solo, questioning your progress, or feeling stuck, don't stop. Often, the most powerful growth happens quietly, beneath the surface. Trust the journey.

I am truly thankful to God and to every single person who has supported, followed, read, or believed in this journey. We've come a long way, and this is just the beginning. The best is still ahead.

Thank you for being a part of Crazy Hodophile

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