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OBJECTIVE

Passionate Cybersecurity Enthusiast and IT B.Tech student at NIT Srinagar, currently pursuing CEH (Certified Ethical Hacker) certification with hands-on training in ethical hacking, penetration testing, and vulnerability assessment. Active content creator documenting the journey through the *"NITian Hacker"* YouTube channel and *"Zero to Root"* LinkedIn newsletter. Proficient in AI-driven cybersecurity tools, with a TryHackMe rank of [0x6] and practical experience across multiple security domains. Actively seeking impactful cybersecurity internships to contribute and grow.

EDUCATION

B-Tech in Information Technology, **National Institute of Technology, Srinagar**   Expected 2028

Schooling from **Jawahar Navodaya Vidhyalaya, Mandsaur**
Grade : 9.28   2016 - 2021

SKILLS

Technical Skills

AI in Cybersecurity	- CEHv13 exposure to AI tools
Ethical Hacking	- CEH (6 modules completed), labs, CTFs
OSINT (Open Source Intelligence)	- Cybrary OSINT Certification, lab projects
Vulnerability Assessment	- CEH labs, scanning tools, CVSS scoring
Footprinting & Reconnaissance	- CEH labs, OSINT tools
System Hacking	- Password attacks, buffer overflow, privilege escalation
Post-Exploitation	- Persistence, log clearing, artifact hiding
Linux & Windows Administration	- Kali Linux tools, terminal commands, VM usage
Programming (In Progress)	- Basic C Language, HTML, CSS, DSA in Java

Soft Skills

Content Creation	- "NITian Hacker" YouTube Channel
Technical Writing	- "Zero to Root" LinkedIn Newsletter
Communication Skills	- Explaining complex cybersecurity topics clearly
Self-Learning & Discipline	- 365-day CEH streak
Community Building	- Engaging newsletter & YouTube following
Problem-Solving	- Solving CTFs
Time Management	- Balancing college, learning, and content creation

ACHIEVEMENT AND PROJECTS

CERTIFICATIONS

CEH Certificate - In Progress

BitGuard Cybersecurity Hackathon 2.O : I secured 27th rank out of thousands of participants in the BitGuard Cybersecurity Hackathon 2.0, organized by Mercer — Mettl. As a first-year student, this is a huge milestone and a proud achievement for me in my cybersecurity journey.

"Pre Security" Learning Path on TryHackMe

Open Source Intelligence (OSINT) Virtual Lab on Cybrary

AIPrep: Prompt Engineering Course by Algoprep

0.0.1 TryHackMe Room Explorer

Personal Project — Live — GitHub

Developed a web platform to explore and filter **450+ free TryHackMe cybersecurity labs** by category and difficulty level. Designed to support ethical hacking learners from **beginner to advanced** levels.

- Integrated filtering for categories like CTFs, Forensics, Recon, Blue/Red Teaming, and more.

- Built with modern web technologies ensuring a smooth and responsive user experience.

- Focused on **free rooms** to support accessible cybersecurity education.

- Helps users **track, explore, and plan** their learning paths in ethical hacking and CTFs.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Founder & Creator – *NITian Hacker* *(YouTube Channel)*

Creating cybersecurity-focused educational content, including the *"Free TryHackMe Room Series 101"*, *"CEH 365-Day Challenge"* and *"30 Days of Cybersecurity Basics"* series.

Cybersecurity Content Contributor – Instagram & LinkedIn

Posting regular cybersecurity tips, project updates, and awareness content to engage and educate the community.
Managing *"Zero to Root"* LinkedIn newsletter, sharing weekly cybersecurity insights and practical learning resources.