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## Objective

Motivated and curious data science researcher currently pursuing an Integrated BS–MS at IISER Thiruvananthapuram. Passionate about artificial intelligence, deep learning, and scientific computing. Experienced in building generative models (VAEs, PixelCNNs) and applied machine learning systems for science and society.

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## Education

**Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER)**, Thiruvananthapuram  
2022–Present

*Integrated BS–MS in Natural Sciences*

Relevant Coursework: Machine Learning, Deep Learning, Artificial Intelligence, Scientific Computing, Algorithms, Operating Systems.

**Seshadripuram Composite PU College**, Bengaluru 2018–2020  
*PUC – Science Stream*

**BP Indian Public School**, Bengaluru 2008–2018  
Grades 1–10

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## Research and Projects

**Generative Image Modeling using VAEs and PixelCNNs** IISER TVM, 2024–Present  
Working under Dr. Alwin Poullose on efficient generative architectures for compact image synthesis. Investigating latent representation quality and attention mechanisms for improved reconstructions.

### **Detecting Media Bias using Machine Learning and Deep Learning**

Developed NLP pipelines using TF–IDF, BERT, and CNN models to classify news media bias. Applied model interpretability tools to understand linguistic bias cues.

*GitHub*: [github.com/Girishgh7/DSC\\_325](https://github.com/Girishgh7/DSC_325)

### **Protein Sequence Imputation using ProtBERT and Autoencoders**

Utilized BERT-based embeddings and deep autoencoders to impute masked amino acids. Benchmarked imputation accuracy on standard bioinformatics datasets.

### **Efficient and Compact Image Generation Models**

Built and compared VAEs, PixelCNNs, and attention-based variants for efficient generative modeling. Evaluated reconstruction error and sample quality.

*GitHub*: Image Models Repo

### **Stock Price Prediction using LSTM Networks**

Designed LSTM architectures for time-series forecasting on stock data. Achieved low RMSE with temporal pattern visualization.

*GitHub*: Stock Model Repo

### **Brain Tumor Detection from MRI Scans**

Built CNN pipelines for binary tumor classification. Focused on image preprocessing, augmentation, and training stability.

*GitHub:* MRI Repo

### **Genie Jar – AI PDF Q&A Web App**

Developed an AI-powered app using Streamlit and LangChain to query PDFs with contextual responses via OpenAI/Groq.

*GitHub:* Genie Jar Repo

### **Meat Leaf – Synthetic Biology Research**

Explored cell culture and scaffolding approaches for lab-grown meat using synthetic biology.

*Website:* MeatLeaf Project

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## **Technical Skills**

**Programming Languages:** Python, R, Julia, C, C++

**Tools & IDEs:** Git, Jupyter, LaTeX, VS Code, Streamlit

**AI/ML Frameworks:** PyTorch, TensorFlow, Keras

**Specialized Areas:** CNNs, VAEs, Reinforcement Learning, Predictive Modeling, Data Visualization, Scientific Writing

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## **Leadership and Volunteering**

- **Placement Cell, IISER TVM** – Student Coordinator (2023–Present)
  - **CSIT Club, IISER TVM** – Events and Content Team Member (2022–Present)
  - **HCIT Club** – Outreach and Logistics Team (2023–Present)
  - **Student Council** – Health and Hygiene Representative (2022–23)
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## **Research and Lab Skills**

Scientific Writing, Deep Learning Model Evaluation, Visualization, Basic Cell Culture Techniques, Event Coordination, Team Leadership

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## **Languages**

English (Fluent), Kannada (Fluent), Hindi (Intermediate)

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## **Hobbies**

Table tennis, trekking, cycling, adventure walks, and running.