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# **Education:**

Degree	Institute	GPA
PhD	New York University (NYU)	(3.9) *Ongoing
Integrated BS-MS	Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) Tirupati	8.1 (scale of 10)

# **Research Experience:**

Sept 2021 till date	Causal Investigation of early visual cortex in Working Memory; Dr. Clayton Curtis, NYU	
July 2020 to May 2021	Masters Thesis: Statistical and Machine learning approaches to Squirrel Acoustics; Dr. Nandini Rajamani, IISER Tirupati	
Dec 2019	EEG and MRS Analysis for Behavioral Study on Attentional Blink; Dr. Sridharan Devarajan, IISc Bangalore	
Nov 2018 to Nov 2019	iGEM 2019 Project "CoCa coli: designing a colon cancer targeting <i>E. coli</i> "; Prof. B J Rao and Dr. Raju Mukherjee, IISER Tirupati	
June 2019 to July 2019	Behavioral Paradigm for the study of Attention; Dr. Sridharan Devarajan, IISc Bangalore	
Sept 2018 to Nov 2019	Isolation and characterization of neurons and glial cells from goat hippocampal primary culture; Dr. Vasudharani Devanathan, IISER Tirupati	
May 2018 to July 2018	Identifying differentially expressing Tumor Suppressor Genes in <i>Drosophila melanogaster</i> Wing and Haltere Imaginal Discs; Prof. L S Shashidhara, IISER Pune	
Feb 2018	RNA Origami (Square); Dr. Ashwani Sharma, IISER Tirupati	
May 2017 to July 2017	Head Direction Cell Model for Rodents with Internal Updating Mechanism; Dr. Collins Assisi, IISER Pune	

#### **Special Achievements:**

2020 Team Mentor for International Genetically Engineered Machine (iGEM) Manav

Rachna Institute 2020: iBEC 2020 Grant

2019 Student Team Leader for International Genetically Engineered Machine (iGEM)

IISER Tirupati 2019: iBEC 2019 Grant and Gold Medal at Giant Jamboree

Dec 2016 Participant at KVPY Vijyoshi National Science Camp, Indian Institute of Science

(IISc)

Since 2016 Innovation in Science Pursuit for Inspired Research (INSPIRE SHE) Scholar

2015 Indian National Brain Bee (INBB) Pune Regional Winner and Ranked 5th at

National Level held in Delhi

#### **Teaching Experience:**

April 2020 to

Aug 2021

Statistics Managed Network Expert at Chegg India

Dec 2019 to Feb

2020

Biology Internship at Sanfoundry, Sanfoundry's Global Learning Initiative

Sept 2019 to Aug 2021

Biology Managed Network Expert at Chegg India

### **Club/Society Memberships:**

Jan 2017 to Nov 2017 Co-ordinator at Shemushi (Quiz Club), IISER Tirupati

2016 Disha Member (Student Outreach Club of IISER Pune)

**2016 to 2020** Co-ordinator at Bio wissen (Biology Club), IISER Tirupati

#### Other Skills:

- 1. Python and Matlab Programming
- 2. EEG Data Analysis
- 3. Molecular Biology and Cellular Biology Techniques
- 4. Drosophila culture and genetics
- 5. Mammalian cell culture