Pulkit Bhardwaj

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**Academic Qualifications** 

Year	Degree/Certificate	Institute	CPI/%
2023-2027	B.Tech-Chemical Engineering	Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur	7/10
2023	CBSE(XII)	Dev Samaj Vidya Niketan School, Gurgaon	94.4%
2021	CBSE(X)	Dev Samaj Vidya Niketan School, Gurgaon	93.2%

### **Scholastic Achievements**

• Earned Bronze Level recognition in the WorldQuant Challenge for applying predictive modeling techniques

• Secured All India Rank 5649 in JEE Advanced 2023 among the 1.9 Lakh shortlisted candidates across India

2024 2023

# Work Experience

Optimizing DELM via Small-World | Winter Intern

Mentor: Prof. R.M. Hegde, Dept. of Electrical Engineering, IIT Kanpur

(Nov'24 - Jan'25)

Objective	• Developed a high-speed DELM model as a scalable alternative to backpropagation-based neural networks	
Approach	<ul> <li>Implemented small-world architecture with randomized inter-layer connections to boost model efficiency</li> <li>Enhanced accuracy via optimal node selection using weight analysis and activation value analysis</li> <li>Experimented with learning methods, number of nodes and implemented iterative weight storage solution</li> </ul>	
Impact	• Achieved 100% stability on Concrete dataset with 15x lower training time and reduced RMSE compared to traditional backpropagation models; delivered similar results on Parkinson and Energy datasets	

### **Key Projects**

CycleGANs: Translating Images | IITK Consulting Group | IIT Kanpur 🗘

(May'24 - Jul'24)

Objective	• Built a CycleGAN model to perform unpaired, high-quality image-to-image translation across domains	
Approach	<ul> <li>Used GAN architectures like Pix2Pix, PatchGAN, and DCGAN to improve translation quality and stability</li> <li>Applied ML techniques such as PCA, k-means, regression, ANN, and CNN to optimise model performance</li> </ul>	
Results	• Achieved <b>Realistic</b> image translation in domains like (day ↔night, horse↔ zebra), <b>without paired datasets</b>	

Mutual Fund Return Prediction & Portfolio Suggestion System | Self Project 🗘

(May'25 - Jul'25)

Objective	• Developed a <b>TFT</b> model to predict <b>Mutual Fund returns</b> and <b>optimal investment distribution</b>	
Approach	<ul> <li>Scraped and cleaned monthly and annual return data for 80+ Mutual Funds from ETmoney and AMFI</li> <li>Built a TFT, and implemented allocation strategy to suggest portfolio in top-performing and stable funds</li> </ul>	
Result	• Achieved 8% return on test data with portfolio suggestions balancing growth and risk stability in 2 months	

Stochastic Modelling of Financial Derivatives | Stamatics | Dept. of Statistics, IIT Kanpur | (May'25 - Jun'25)

- Modeled asset price via Brownian Motion; implemented Black-Scholes and Heston models on NIFTY/S&P 500 data
- Calibrated volatility models using Monte Carlo simulations and ML to price complex derivatives under uncertainty

 $\textbf{Connectify} \mid \text{ACA} \mid \textbf{Dept. of Computer Science}, \text{IIT Kanpur}$ 

(May'24 - Jun'24)

- Built a responsive frontend for a social media platform using HTML/CSS, with core features like profiles, posts, and likes
- Designed scalable UI/UX foundation to support future backend integration and real-time user interactions on platform

# Automated Remote Payload Delivery | Self Project | IIT Kanpur | 🗬

(May'25 - Jun'25)

- Built a Python web server with auto-download triggers to simulate real-world payload delivery using Quasar RAT
- Exposed the server via **ngrok** and tested in a **sandboxed setup** to analyze delivery chains and remote access behavior

### LLM Fine-Tuning | Self Project | IIT Kanpur | 🕡

(May'25 - Jun'25)

- Fine-tuned open-source LLaMA model using instruction-tuning and PEFT methods to generate task-specific responses
- Evaluated uncensored Mistral-7B-Instruct-v0.2-GPTQ and achieved a functional local chatbot without cloud APIs

#### Technical Skills

Programming Languages	Libraries	Core Concepts	
C, C++, python, SQL, MATLAB	Numpy, Pandas, Keras, Matplotlib, TensorFlow	DBMS, OOPs, Probability & Statistics	

### Relevant Courses

Fundamentals of Computing	Computer Methods for Engineers	Introduction to Electronics
Single Variable Calculus	Linear Algebra	Ordinary Differential Equations

## Positions of Responsibility

Core Team Member, Chemineers Society | Dept. of Chemical Engineering, IIT Kanpur

(Apr'25 - Present)

Leadership	• Leading a <b>three-tier</b> team of <b>40+</b> to drive academic, skill-based and cultural growth for <b>700+ students</b>
Managament	• Managing INR 7.2 Lakh budget, targeting INR 10+ Lakh this year ensuring efficient resource allocation

- Recruited 15 secretaries out of multiple application received through two-stage elimination process
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# Intiative

• Led initiatives like Intern Marathons, alumni talks, and fresher sessions, enhancing career readiness

• Collaborated with 10 IITs to organise ChemBlitz, an inter-IIT E-sports Tournament featuring 6 games