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# **EDUCATION**

Degree/Certificate	Institute/Board	CGPA/Percentage	Year
B.Tech.	Indian Institute of Technology Indore	8.47 (Current)	2021-2025
Senior Secondary	HSC (grade 12)	94.67%	2021
Secondary	SSC (grade 10)	95.00%	2019

#### EXPERIENCE

• Environmental Robotics Lab(ERL) - ETH Zurich | Computer Vision & Robotics Intern

Aug.2024 - Present

- Developing an Optical/Scene Flow based method to estimate the rigidity of observed tree branches given a downward facing camera on a hovering drone used for sensor deployment.

• Autonomous Robots Lab(ARL) - NTNU | Robotics Research Intern

Oct.23 - Jul. 2024

- Developed a ROS wrapper for the HoloOcean Simulator. This is being used for generating datasets in rosbag format and handling the vehicle using existing ros packages.
- Worked on Encoding Depth Information using beta-VAEs to be used for Underwater Navigation Task.
- Achieved 500x compressed representation for learnt Depth Encoding.

• Big Data Lab - IIT Indore | Data Augmentation Intern

Jul.2023 - Sept. 2023

- Implemented traditional image augmentation techniques: rotations, blurring of different kinds, shadow, flares, and lot more, for 6 diseases + 1 healthy leaf class on existing 770 images to generate x9 times images to be used further.
- Reviewed and used GANs for Data Augmentaion, custom as well as models like CycleGAN.
- Quality of Generated images were qualitatively evaluated using perceptual studies.

#### Projects

#### • IITIHub- Institute App

Jan. 23 - Apr. 23

Software Course Project, under Prof. Puneet Gupta, CSE, IIT Indore

Github

- Followed principles of Incremental software development process, to develop flutter and firebase-based android
  application from scratch for IIT Indore community.
- Features: Student-Professor project collaboration, Automatic Email Categorization, Campus news & Campus map.

#### • Python API for Controlling Drona Aviation's Pluto Drone (Bronze Medal)

Dec. 22 - Feb. 23

Inter IIT TechMeet 11.0, IIT Kanpur

Presentation - Certificate - Github

- Achieved real-time performance using Multithreading and Multiprocessing to handle simultaneous vision and control processes. Established communication between the client computer and drone using Sockets.
- Demonstrated Hovering, Waypoint Navigation, Localisation, Drone Swarm Control, using the API we built.

# • Lidar Based Obstacle Avoiding Robot

Jul. 22 - Aug. 22

Team Lead, IIT Indore Summer of Code

Github

- Developed a static and dynamic obstacle avoiding Robot Simulation in Gazebo. Used ROS as the middleware,
   Jackal robot along with Velodyne Lidar.
- Used TEB local planner, after comparison with DWA and ElasticBand.

# TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Programming Languages: C++, Python, Bash, Dart\*, SQL\*
- OS & Platforms/Embedded devices: Linux, RaspberryPi, Arduino
- Tools/Frameworks/Libraries: Git, Github, PyTorch, OpenCV, ROS/ROS2, Singularity(HPC Containerization), Sockets, Flutter, Docker\*, OpenMP\*, Wireshark\*, Scapy\*, BOUML\*, Gazebo(Classic + Ignition)\*, HoloOcean

  \* Elementary proficiency\*

# KEY COURSES TAKEN

- Mathematics: Linear Algebra, Optimization, Numerical Approximations, Differential Equations, Basic Calculus
- Computer Science and Engineering: Computational Intelligence, Computer Networks, Operating Systems, Data Structures and Algorithms, Software Engineering, Parallel Computing, Database and Information System, Automata Theory & Logic, Computer Graphics, Compiler Techniques
- Online Courses: Fundamentals of Reinforcement Learning, Neural Networks and Deep Learning, Hyperparameter Tuning, Regularization and Optimization., other Course Certifications.

#### Positions of Responsibility

- Chair IEEE- RAS, Student Branch Chapter, IIT Indore- Prof. Trapti Jain (Advisor)

  Nov. 22 Present Discussions with industry professional on latest robotics developments, ROS workshops.link
- Head- Autonomy Division, IVDC Club, IIT Indore, IGVC team Autonomy lead. Apr. 23 Apr. 24
- Member, SIRC, International Relations Team (Students' International Relations Cell)

  Dec. 22 Apr. 24

Achievements	
• ThinkSwiss Scholar 2024, Scholarship for Fall 2024 internship at ETH Zurich	2024
• Bronze Medal, Inter IIT Tech Meet 11.0, IIT Kanpur	2023
• Ranked 12th Internationally, Team NotABot - CoderOne	2022
• Gold Medal, IIT Indore Summer of Code-Lidar Based Obstacle Avoiding Robot	2022
• All India Rank 1219, out of 250,000 Students, Ranked in Top 5 % Students, JEE Advanced	2021
• KVPY Fellow   All India Rank (AIR) 165,SX stream (12th Grade)	2021
• NTS Scholar–NCERT, (National Council of Education Research & Training)	2019