

Bhakti Talele

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Aspiring PhD student with research experience in signal processing, image processing, computer vision, and AI/ML. Conducted projects and internships involving machine learning, deep learning, multimodal and multitemporal data analysis, and development of practical tools for SAR/PolSAR data classification, EEG analysis, and biometric systems. Interested in further exploring advanced AI techniques and computational methods to address challenging problems in imaging and signal analysis.

EDUCATION

Vidyalankar Institute of Technology (VIT), University of Mumbai, India

August 2021 - May 2025

Bachelor of Engineering

Major: Electronics and Telecommunications

Minor: Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning

CGPA: 9.75/10

MS in ECE (Admitted, Spring 2026) – Carnegie Mellon University

WORK EXPERIENCE

Project Lead, Chanakya Fellowship Program 2022-2023, Mumbai, India

April 2023 - Jan 2024

- Project Title: Voice Controlled Robot
- Grant: 6 Lakhs INR by Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India
- Institution: TIH-IoT, IIT Bombay
- Led a team of 5 project fellows in collaboration with Mathworks Pvt. Ltd.
- Utilized technologies: Python, Computer Vision, Image Processing, Robotics, Voice Recognition.

INTERNSHIPS

Research Intern, IIT Kanpur, Department of Electrical Engineering

Aug 2025 – Present

- Working on hidden object detection and trail mapping in dense canopy forests using multimodal (Sentinel-1/2, LiDAR) and multitemporal datasets.
- Employing advanced deep learning architectures (CNNs, MLPs, U-Net variants) along with decomposition techniques and cross-attention mechanisms on NVIDIA GPUs for multimodal feature fusion and large-scale analysis.

InfiCorridor Solutions Pvt. Ltd.

Oct 2024 - May 2025

- Designed GA, ACO-PSO, and transfer learning-based PolSAR classifiers, achieving up to 99% accuracy on ALOS-2 PALSAR & Sentinel-1 datasets.
- Applied speckle filtering, 7-component decomposition, and frequency-domain filters for feature extraction and image quality, and delivered a Python tool (SVM, RF, NN, DT) plus a MATLAB GUI (RF) with 90–99% cross-regional transferability.

Research Intern, IIT Patna, Department of Electrical Engineering

June 2024 - Aug 2024

- Developed enhanced bank locker security system using multi-modal biometrics (face, fingerprint) and real-time path monitoring.
- Deployed on NVIDIA Jetson Board with GPU acceleration for embedded AI applications.

RPA Developer Intern, The RPA Rookies

Dec 2022 - Mar 2023

- Built automation workflows using UiPath.
- Learned fundamentals of process automation and optimization.

Microcontroller Programming Intern, Go-Green Technologies Pvt. Ltd.

Dec 2022 - Jan 2023

- Programmed ATmega328P microcontroller (Embedded C) for IoT-based systems.
- Gained hands-on experience with embedded system design.

SKILLS

Programming:

Python, C, C++, Embedded C

Domain:

Signal & Image Processing, Computer Vision, AI & Machine Learning, Remote Sensing & GIS

Tools:

MATLAB, Arduino IDE, LaTeX, Microsoft Office Suite, MySQL, PostgreSQL, Python (NumPy, Pandas, SciPy, Scikit-learn, OpenCV, scikit-image), PyTorch, TensorFlow

Soft Skills:

Leadership, Analytical Thinking, Team Collaboration, Public Speaking, Project Management

Relevant Coursework:

Data Structures and Algorithms, Database Management Systems, Digital Signal Processing, Image Processing and Machine Vision, Artificial Neural Networks and Fuzzy Logic

PUBLICATIONS

2024 IEEE India Geoscience and Remote Sensing Symposium [IEEE InGARSS 2024]

PolSARHub: A Large-scale Repository for PolSAR Data

- Developed a repository for labelled Polarimetric SAR data to enhance deep learning applications.
- Created an automated labelling system for multiple sensors (UAVSAR, Sentinel, NISAR).
- Implemented a time-series data processing pipeline for high-quality training datasets.

International Journal of Computer Applications (Volume 187 – No.3, May 2025)

MATSAR: A Comprehensive Machine Learning Approach for PolSAR Data Processing

- Developed a comprehensive GUI-based machine learning tool for PolSAR data processing, implementing multiple decomposition techniques to address limitations in existing software like PolSARPro and SNAP
- Deployed SVM, Random Forest, Neural Networks, and Decision Tree classifiers for land cover classification (settlements, forest, water bodies, mangroves) with comparative analysis framework

2025 15th IEEE International Conference on Signal Processing, Communications and Computing (ICSPCC 2025), Hong Kong – (Presented)

Analysis of Machine Learning and Deep Learning Models for EEG-Based Emotion Classification

- Designed a robust EEG emotion classification pipeline with FFT-based preprocessing and data augmentation.
- Reported model accuracies: DBMM (31.28%), Random Forest (82.72%), ANN (97%), and CNN (99%).

- CNN achieved highest accuracy and generalization, establishing it as the state-of-the-art for EEG-based emotion classification.

Publications (Under Review)

- Five manuscripts currently under review in **Advances in Space Research, Remote Sensing Applications: Society and Environment, and Applied Geomatics**.

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Computer Software for CAN Satellite - Embedded C (Registration Number – SW-17692/2023, Government of India)

UTILITY PATENT

Smart Robot DOG (Application Number – 202321046116, Government of India)

System And Method for Voice Controlled Robot (Application Number – 202421012725, Government of India) – Published, in process for grant

Revolutionizing Agriculture Bot with IOT (Application Number – 202421081383, Government of India)

Enhancing Bank Locker Security with Biometric Authentication and Sensor Monitoring (Deutsches Patent- und Markenamt)

DESIGN PATENT

Voice Controlled Robot (Application Number – 408696-001, Government of India) – in process

PROJECTS

- **Genetic Algorithm-Based Feature Selection for SAR Data Classification (Dec 2024 – Mar 2025):** Designed a GA-optimized Random Forest classifier for ALOS-2 PALSAR data, improving accuracy 64.3% → 84.7% in San Francisco. Applied speckle filtering and 7-component decomposition for feature extraction. Reduced training data needs by 92–99% while enhancing classification accuracy for large-scale land cover mapping.
- **Land-Cover Classification using ACO & PSO (Dec 2024 – Mar 2025):** Integrated Ant Colony Optimization for feature selection and Particle Swarm Optimization for Random Forest hyperparameter tuning, improving classification accuracy by 8–12%. Processed ALOS-2 PALSAR data of Mumbai, achieving 97%+ validation accuracy, accurately identifying complex land features (mangroves, bridges, wetlands) validated with Google Earth.
- **Frequency Domain Filters for PolSAR Image Quality Assessment (Dec 2024 – Mar 2025):** Applied nine frequency-domain filters to enhance T3 PolSAR components. Performed quantitative analysis using CV, SNR, ENL, SSIM, and PSNR, showing that frequency-domain filters can outperform the Lee Refined filter for specific features.
- **PolSAR Data Classification using Transfer Learning (Aug – Nov 2024):** Developed a MATLAB GUI for ALOS-2 PALSAR land cover classification using Random Forest. Achieved 99.02% accuracy in Mumbai and 94.56% overall across five cities. Demonstrated 90–92% cross-regional transferability and integrated real-time area computation.
- **Design and Development of PolSAR Classification Tool using Python (Jul – Aug 2024):** Built a Python tool for Sentinel-1 SAR data classification using SVM, Random Forest, Neural Networks, and Decision Trees.
- **Revolutionizing Agriculture Bot with IoT (Mar 2024):** Developed an autonomous crop monitoring and management system integrating deep learning algorithms and microcontrollers for real-time processing and precision watering. Techniques used: Object Detection, Plant Recognition, Soil Moisture Sensing, Environmental Monitoring.
- **Change Detection in Satellite Images (May 2024):** MATLAB-based system detecting constructional changes in Sentinel-2 satellite images. Techniques used: Subtraction Method, Edge Detection, Change Vector Analysis (CVA).
- **Face Recognition Attendance System (May 2023):** Real-time attendance system using Python, OpenCV, and face recognition algorithms for accurate face detection.

TEACHING ASSISTANT EXPERIENCE

- Assisted Dr. Rao in workshops on **Embedded Programming for First-year students (2022-2023)**
- Assisted Dr. Varsha Turkar in lab sessions on **Remote Sensing for Master's students (2024)**

AWARDS AND CERTIFICATIONS

- **Earned Elite + Silver certification from National Programme for Technology Enhanced Learning (NPTEL)**
 - Secured rank among top 5%
 - Introduction to Machine Learning (IIT Kharagpur)
- **Coursera, Introduction to Microsoft Excel (December 2023) – certification course**
- **Anaconda, Inc., Anaconda Python for Data Science Professional Certificate (May 2025) – certification course**
- **Wolfram Research, Statistics Foundations Professional Certificate (May 2025) – certification course**
- **Deloitte, Technology Job Simulation (July 2024) – certification course**
- **Machine Learning Specialization (DeepLearning.AI) – certification course (ongoing)**
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- **Academic Excellence Award, Vidyalankar Institute of Technology (2022, 2023, 2024)**
- **Best Volunteer Award, IEEE Bombay Section (2024)**
- **Winner of IEEE Region 10 Robotics International Competition (Stage 1) in 2024**
- **Winner of IEEE Shark Tank Competition, 2022**
- **Secured 2nd position in IEEE Bombay Section Can Satellite Competition 2022, funded by IEEE AEES**
- **Secured 1st prize in YES Reliance Competition (2018) along with cash prize of INR 30,000**

LEADERSHIP, VOLUNTEERING and SOCIAL WORK

Founding Member and General Secretary, IEEE AEES Student Chapter, VIT, Mumbai

- Initiating a formation of a new student chapter with 30+ student members, conducting 15+ activities

Aug 2023 - July 2024

Praan Vaayu E-Waste Awareness Foundation

- Supporting e-waste awareness and sustainability campaigns.

2022 - Present

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- **Member of IEEE Bombay Section, IEEE AEES and IEEE GRSS** – December 2021 – Present