

# Soumedhik Bharati

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## Education

### Sister Nivedita University

Sept. 2022 – Sept. 2026

B.Tech in Computer Science Engineering

- Current CGPA: 8.68/10
- **Selected Courses:** Linear Algebra, Probability, Problem Solving, Data Structures & Algorithms, Object-Oriented Programming, Operating Systems, Database Management Systems, Computer Architecture, Discrete Mathematics, Biology, Automata, Engineering Physics, Digital Electronics

## Research Experience

### Xu Lab, Carnegie Mellon University

Sept 2025 – Present

- Engineered a few-shot transfer learning pipeline by fine-tuning a 1.2B parameter spatio-temporal Transformer, pre-trained on a 100,000+ hour clinical EEG corpus. Achieved a **12%** absolute improvement in zero-shot seizure prediction, requiring **95%** less labeled data than training from scratch.
- Implemented a self-supervised contrastive learning objective during pre-training, producing a **3x** more robust latent space and reducing downstream fine-tuning convergence time by **80%** on 5 distinct neurological datasets.

### Sister Nivedita University

Mar 2024 – Present

- Designed HCAT-Net, a novel architecture for ordinal EEG emotion classification from 1D time-series data. The model integrates 1D ResNet blocks with a hierarchical Transformer encoder using Rotary Positional Embeddings (RoPE) and a cross-attention fusion layer to model multi-scale temporal dependencies. Introduced a custom Balanced Ordinal Loss function combining cross-entropy with a scaled MAE, achieving state-of-the-art results on the "EEG Brainwave Dataset" with a **99.8% test accuracy**, **100% ROC-AUC**, and a **99.7% MCC** (presented at CIACON 2025).
- Proposed a novel DNA sequence encoding technique and integrated it into a hybrid CNN-BiLSTM architecture, achieving 97.2% classification accuracy across 6 classes while reducing memory overhead and model parameters by 35% compared to traditional one-hot baselines (under review).
- Implemented CADET, a BiLSTM-based essay evaluation architecture with multi-head attention, achieving state-of-the-art performance with QWK of 0.98, MSE of 2.88, and  $R^2$  of 0.96 on the ASAP dataset (under review).
- Engineered a Reinforcement Learning agent to optimize employee training curricula de novo, without reliance on historical data. Formulated the problem as a POMDP and implemented an Actor-Critic agent with a hybrid reward function to solve the multi-objective task of maximizing skill gain under a hard budget constraint. The optimized policy achieved an **82% success rate** and a budget overrun frequency of only **18%** in a deterministic environment, outperforming four alternative reward-shaping strategies (manuscript in preparation).
- Developed and benchmarked a novel multi-scale UNet architecture for single-image dehazing, integrating Mamba state-space models and Ghost Convolutions which achieved a **55% reduction in trainable parameters** and a significant decrease in computational load (GFLOPs) compared to baseline UNet architectures. It attained state-of-the-art (SOTA) performance on the **RESIDE-6K** benchmark dataset, while demonstrating competitive, near-SOTA results on challenging real-world haze datasets including O-HAZE, I-HAZE, and NH-HAZE, validating its efficiency and generalization capabilities (manuscript in preparation).

### Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur (Completion Certificate) [🔗](#)

May 2025 – July 2025

- Developed a novel Information Retrieval (IR) reranking pipeline utilizing Large Language Models with a multi-stage caching mechanism to accelerate large-scale, reproducible experiments (manuscript in preparation).
- Engineered a novel parallelism strategy that outperformed top-down partitioning and sliding window approaches by 33% and 66% respectively in inference time, while maintaining or improving core IR evaluation metrics such as NDCG@k and MAP.
- Employed High-Performance Computing (HPC) infrastructure (Param Vidya cluster) using SLURM-based shell scripts for distributed training, inference, and large-scale benchmarking.

### Collaborative Research with University of Lille

Feb 2025 – Present

- Developed a deep learning surrogate model to rapidly predict the coherent evolution of a quantum system, bypassing direct numerical integration of the Schrödinger equation. The model maps a set of Hamiltonian control parameters and an initial wavefunction to the final evolved quantum state using a feedforward architecture with batch normalization and optimized dropout regularization.
- Achieved an  **$R^2$  of 0.94** against the ground-truth solver and demonstrated the superiority of a Huber loss function

for handling heavy-tailed error distributions in the state space.

- Conducted in collaboration with postdoctoral researchers at the University of Lille (France); manuscript currently under review.

## Work Experience

### Exalt.ai

Jun. 2025 – Present

#### Product Engineer

- Deployed a production-scale RAG pipeline for a high-traffic news summarization service, implementing a hybrid retrieval strategy fusing BM25 sparse lexical search with dense vectors from a Faiss index, and employing a ColBERT-style re-ranker to enhance contextual relevance and mitigate hallucination.
- Fine-tuned multiple large language models (LLMs) for domain-specific tasks, including news summarization and sentiment analysis, achieving a 22% improvement in summarization accuracy and a 15% reduction in model inference time through parameter-efficient fine-tuning (PEFT) techniques.
- Implemented model quantization and distillation techniques to optimize LLM performance for edge devices, resulting in a 40% reduction in model size while maintaining 90% of the original model's performance.

### Raapid.ai (Joining Letter)

Apr. 2025 – Jun. 2025

#### R&D Intern

- Developed a novel deep learning model for Hierarchical Condition Category (HCC) code extraction from unstructured clinical notes, improving accuracy by 12% over the existing baseline.
- Contributed to the enhancement of a proprietary knowledge graph by implementing an automated entity-linking module, increasing data consistency and coverage by 18%.
- Optimized data processing pipelines for large-scale medical records, reducing data ingestion and preprocessing times by 25% through parallel processing and optimized query design.

## Projects

### Automatic Essay Grading System (SIT ICOE Hackathon Winner)

- Engineered a novel BiLSTM architecture with multi-head attention for automated essay evaluation.
- Developed custom hierarchical attention layers to improve model focus on essay coherence.
- Designed a domain-specific pre-processing pipeline for better data handling.
- Achieved state-of-the-art performance with MAE of 1.166 and QWK score of 0.674 on the ASAP dataset (n=12,978 essays).
- Outperformed previous SOTA models by 8.3% in coherence assessment metrics.

### Image Enhancement using Autoencoders

- Architected a multi-scale convolutional autoencoder with sub-pixel convolution layers for single-image super-resolution.
- Incorporated skip connections for enhanced feature preservation.
- Engineered a novel hybrid perceptual loss function combining SSIM-based structural similarity metrics with deep feature representations.
- Achieved a 42.8% improvement in PSNR over traditional interpolation methods.
- Implemented advanced training optimizations, resulting in state-of-the-art performance (31.2 dB PSNR, 0.897 SSIM) on the DIV2K benchmark dataset.

### Multi-Modal Face Tracking and Analysis System

- Created an end-to-end deep learning pipeline integrating VGG16 transfer learning with custom heads.
- Utilized Albumentations for data augmentation (15+ techniques) to enhance model generalization.
- Achieved real-time performance (30+ FPS) with localization accuracy of 95.2% (IoU > 0.5).
- Reduced model size by 47% through architecture optimization, maintaining efficiency.

### Assistive System for Blind People (Intel OneAPI Hackathon Winner)

- Built a multi-task computer vision system for visually impaired assistance using Intel OneAPI optimizations.
- Integrated YOLOv9 for real-time obstacle detection (98.3% accuracy) and MIDAS for depth estimation (MAE < 10cm).
- Used ResNet50 for Indian currency denomination recognition, achieving 99.4% accuracy.
- Achieved 25 FPS on edge devices with a 14.2MB model size and < 40ms latency, demonstrating a 92% success rate in real-world testing with 50 visually impaired users.

### Image-to-Music Synthesis System

[Live Demo](#)

- Engineered a modular image-to-music synthesis pipeline by developing: (1) a multi-modal feature extractor that fuses 512-D semantic embeddings (Vision Transformer, CLIP) with quantitative color (K-means histograms), edge (Canny/Sobel), and texture (GLCM) statistics; (2) a cross-attention network to map visual features to latent

musical parameters (key, mode, tempo); (3) diffusion-based generators for chord, rhythm, and melody synthesis, constrained by rule-based music theory for harmonic coherence; and (4) a neural vocoder-style synthesizer using residual upsampling and Butterworth filtering for high-fidelity waveform generation.

- o Attained sub-second encoder latency on a GPU and an end-to-end generation time of under one second per second of audio; quantified output quality by achieving high tonal consistency ( $\pm 2$  semitones RMSE), precise rhythmic accuracy ( $\pm 5$  ms timing jitter), and strong emotional alignment ( $\geq 0.85$  Pearson correlation between image sentiment vectors and musical valence/arousal embeddings).

## Position Of Responsibility

### Core Technical Team ML Lead

Feb 2024 – Present

Google Developer Group (GDG), SNU

- o Led advanced workshops on transformer architectures and attention mechanisms, training 100+ students in deep learning implementation.
- o Developed comprehensive curriculum covering PyTorch, TensorFlow, and deep learning architectures.

### Machine Learning Lead (LOR) [🔗](#)

Oct 2023 – Present

SKEPSIS

- o Led 5 research initiatives in NLP and computer vision, supervising teams of 4-6 undergraduate researchers.
- o Designed and deployed a Book Recommendation System using collaborative filtering and k-means clustering, improving engagement by 20%. [🔗](#) [🔗](#)
- o Mentored 60+ students across multiple machine learning projects, with 4 successful project completions.

## Skills

**Specializations:** Natural Language Processing, Computer Vision, Time Series Forecasting

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

**Frameworks & Libraries:** TensorFlow, Keras, PyTorch, scikit-learn, Pandas, NumPy, Matplotlib, Seaborn, OpenCV, SciPy, Hugging Face

**Research Tools:** LaTeX, MATLAB, Tableau, Power BI, Zotero, Git/GitHub

## Conferences

- o **9th International Conference on Data Management, Analytics & Innovation (ICDMAI)**, Participated and felicitated ([ICDMAI 2025](#)) [🔗](#)
- o **International Annual Meeting of the International Alliance of Skills Development for Belt and Road & BRICS Big Data and AI Working Committee**, Chongqing, China
- o **IEEE International Conference on Computing, Intelligence and Application (CIACON 2025)** ([Certificate](#)) [🔗](#), Durgapur, India — Presented paper *HCAT-Net a Novel Hierarchical Cross-Attention Transformer Network with Enriched Balanced Ordinal Loss for EEG Emotion Classification* (Record ID: 65473)

## Awards and Achievements

**2nd prize in the BRICS International Vocational Skills Offline Competition 2024** [🔗](#) [🔗](#), Shandong, China. Represented India in this prestigious competition, competing against 178 top international competitors.

**Top 3 Teams Prize at the ICDMAI Offline Hackathon 2025** [🔗](#) [🔗](#) Competed against 1000+ teams in this prestigious event.

**Best Presenter Award at IEEE CIACON 2025** [🔗](#) [🔗](#) Recognized for outstanding presentation of research on HCAT-Net for EEG Emotion Classification.

**1st place in the SAP ICOE Hackathon 2024** [🔗](#) [🔗](#) Competed against 400+ teams in this prestigious event.

**Selected for the India Regional Bootcamp of Google Solution Challenge 2024** [🔗](#) [🔗](#).

**1st prize in the ML Mania Hackathon 2024** [🔗](#) [🔗](#), MCKV College of Engineering's Pragati 2k24.

**1st place in the Intel OneAPI Hackathon 2024** [🔗](#) [🔗](#).

**Attended and was felicitated at the 9th International Conference on Data Management, Analytics & Innovation** [🔗](#) [🔗](#) Participated in discussions on advancements in data management and analytics.

**Attended the International Annual Meeting of the International Alliance of Skills Development for Belt and Road** [🔗](#) [🔗](#) and the **BRICS Big Data and AI Working Committee** [🔗](#) [🔗](#) in Chongqing, China – Participated in discussions on skills development and AI.