

# Tajamul Ashraf

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

My research lies at the intersection of model generalization, multi-modal learning, learning from limited data (zero- and few-shot learning), and continual lifelong learning systems for computer vision problems. I am particularly interested in building agentic systems that can actively perceive, reason, and interact with complex environments. These tasks collectively enable agents to better understand the real world and support critical domains such as healthcare, education, and assistive technologies.

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## EDUCATION

Indian Institute of Technology, (IIT Delhi) New Delhi, India

Master of Science (M.S. by Research) in Computer Science June 2024

GPA: 9.28/10.0 Department Rank: 1<sup>st</sup>

Advisor: [Prof. Chetan Arora](#), Co-Advisor: [Prof. \(Dr.\) Krithika Rangarajan](#)

Thesis title: *Domain Adaptation in Breast Cancer Detection from Mammograms.*

National Institute of Technology, (NIT Srinagar) Srinagar, Kashmir

Bachelors of Technology in Information Technology July 2022

GPA: 8.34/10.0 Top 10% of the cohort

Advisor: [Prof. Janibul Bashir](#)

Thesis title: *Robust DL Models for Analyzing the Impact of Coherent Climatic Factors.*

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## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Mohamed Bin Zayed University of Artificial Intelligence (MBZUAI) Abu Dhabi, UAE

Research Engineer July 2025 - Current

Line Manager(s): [Prof. Salman Khan](#) and [Prof. Rao Anwer](#).

- Working on MLLM agents focused on *grounding and decision-making* in complex environments.
- Developing *Multimodal RAG* framework for factual and adaptive medical agents.
- Designing RL-based *vision-language alignment* techniques for real-world agentic reasoning.

Research Associate II Jan 2025 - June 2025

Line Manager(s): [Prof. Salman Khan](#)

- Worked on **multimodal reasoning** in LLM agents, including post-training techniques for vision-language alignment, and reinforcement learning based agent interaction with multimodal LLMs.
- Created **Agent-X**, the first large-scale reasoning benchmark designed to evaluate MLLMs across diverse real-world tasks involving perception, grounding, and decision-making.

Microsoft Research (MSR)

Bangalore, INDIA

Research Intern

July 2024 - Dec 2024

Host Advisor(s): [Dr. Mohit Jain](#) and [Dr. Prachi Jain](#).

- Worked on Knowledge Graph-based Information Retrieval with RAG.
- Automated LLM pipelines with a semi-structured knowledge base (SKB) for medical chatbots.
- Introduced **Cataract-MSICS** dataset and proposed a phase-conditioned method with pseudo-labeling for surgical tool segmentation.

AI & Robotics Technology Park, I-Hub (ARTPARK)

Bangalore, INDIA

Visiting Student

Dec 2021 - May 2022

Advisor: [Prof. Raghu Krishnapuram](#).

- Developed an automated washroom cleaning robot **RoboJanitor**.
- Designed robust models for pose estimation, detection, classification, and SLAM.
- Developed 3D pose models and REST APIs for production.

Indian Institute of Science (IISc)

Bangalore, INDIA

Research Intern

Mar 2021 - Sep 2021

Advisor(s): [Prof. S.N. Omkar](#) and [Prof. Balaji Prabu](#).

- Developed a novel human pose comparison model to assist yoga teachers during online classes.
- Utilized BlazePose to accurately mark key points of both teachers and students during live sessions.
- Designed a feedback mechanism to compare poses and provide real-time corrections to students.

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## WORK EXPERIENCE

LEENA AI

Remote(WFH), USA

Software Developer I

May 2022 - Oct 2022

Line Manager: [Anand Prajapati](#)

- Executed full-stack software development for the Product and ML team.
- Worked on cross-functional projects, architecting solutions to meet client requirements.

BSNL ALTTC

Delhi, INDIA

Cybersecurity Trainee

Jan 2019 - Mar 2019

Line Manager: [R.K. Pandit](#)

- Troubleshoot and resolved network issues related to Wi-Fi, Bluetooth.
- Implemented security measures and optimized network performance in wireless environments.

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## PUBLICATIONS



(\* indicates equal contribution, † indicates my role as mentor)

C10 *MIRA: A Novel Framework for Fusing Modalities in Medical RAG.* [🔗 Code](#) [📄 Paper](#)

Jinhong Wang\*, **Tajamul Ashraf**\*†, Zongyan Han, Jorma Laaksonen, Rao Muhammad Anwer  
MM 2025 (ACM Multimedia)


- C9 *TITAN: Query-Token based Domain Adaptive Adversarial Learning.*  [Code](#)  [Paper](#)  
**Tajamul Ashraf**, Janibul Bashir  
ICCV 2025 (IEEE/CVF International Conference on Computer Vision)
- A5 *Agent-X: Evaluating Deep Multimodal Reasoning in Vision-Centric Agentic Tasks.*  
 [Code](#)  [Paper](#)  [Data](#)  
**Tajamul Ashraf\***, Amal Saqib\*, Hanan Ghani, Muhra AlMahri, Yuhao Li, Noor Ahsan, Umair Nawaz, Jean Lahoud, Hisham Cholakkal, Mubarak Shah, Philip Torr, Fahad Shahbaz Khan, Rao Muhammad Anwer, Salman Khan  
arXiv 2025 (Under Review)
- A4 *ATR-Bench: Awesome-Domain-Adaptation-and-Federated-Learning.*  [Code](#)  [Paper](#).  
**Tajamul Ashraf**, Mohammed Mohsen Peerzada, Moloud Abdar, Yutong Xie, Yuyin Zhou, Xiaofeng Liu, Iqra Altaf Gillani, Janibul Bashir  
arXiv 2025 (Under Review)
- A3 *Context Aware Grounded Teacher for Source Free Object Detection.*  [Code](#)  [Paper](#).  
**Tajamul Ashraf<sup>†</sup>**, Rajes Manna\*, Partha Sarathi Purkayastha\*, Tavaheed Tariq, and Janibul Bashir.  
  
arXiv 2025 (Under Review) [Ranked 1<sup>st</sup> on Cityscapes benchmark \(Papers with Code\)](#)
- A2 *LLM Post-Training: A Deep Dive into Reasoning Large Language Models.*  [Code](#)  [Paper](#).  
Komal Kumar\*, **Tajamul Ashraf\***, Omkar Thawakar, Rao Muhammad Anwer, Hisham Cholakkal, Mubarak Shah, Ming-Hsuan Yang, Phillip HS Torr, Fahad Shahbaz Khan, Salman Khan  
arXiv 2025 (Under Review)
- C8 *Phase-Informed Tool Segmentation for Manual Small-Incision Cataract Surgery.*  [Paper](#).  
Bhuvan Sachdeva, Naren Akash, **Tajamul Ashraf**, Simon Mueller, Thomas Schultz, Maximilian WM Wintergerst, Niharika Singri Prasad, Kaushik Murali, Mohit Jain  
MICCAI 2025 (Medical Image Computing and Computer Assisted Intervention)
- C7 *Enhancing Climate Change Understanding: A Novel Deep Learning Framework with the Climate Change Parameter Model.*  [Paper](#).  
**Tajamul Ashraf**, Janibul Bashir  
MoSICom 2024 (International Conference on Modeling, Simulation & Intelligent Computing)
- A1 *FATE: Focal-modulated Attention Encoder for Temperature Prediction.*  [Code](#)  [Paper](#).  
**Tajamul Ashraf**, Janibul Bashir  
arXiv 2024 (Under Review)
- C6 *D-MASTER: Mask Annealed Transformer for Unsupervised Domain Adaptation in Breast Cancer Detection from Mammograms.*  [Code](#)  [Paper](#).  
**Tajamul Ashraf**, Krithika Rangarajan, Mohit Gambhir, Richa Gauba, Chetan Arora  
Medical Image Computing and Computer Assisted Intervention (MICCAI 2024).
- C5 *HF-Fed: Hierarchical based customized Federated Learning Framework for X-Ray Imaging.*  
 [Code](#)  [Paper](#).  
**Tajamul Ashraf**, Tisha Madame

MICCAI Workshop 2024 (Deep-Brea3th). **Best Student Paper Award!**

- C4 *TransFed: A way to epitomize Focal Modulation using Transformer-based Federated Learning.*  
 [Code](#)  [Paper](#).


**Tajamul Ashraf**, Fuzayil Mir, Iqra Altaf Gillani

IEEE/CVF Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV 2024).

- C3 *PoseWatch: Advancing Real-Time Human Pose Tracking and Juxtaposition with Deep Learning.*  
 [Paper](#).



**Tajamul Ashraf**, BV Balaji Prabu, OS Jois Narasipura

Computer Vision and Image Processing (CVIP 2023).

- C2 *Climate Change Parameter Dataset (CCPD): A Benchmark Dataset for Climate Change Parameters in Jammu and Kashmir.*  [Paper](#).

**Tajamul Ashraf**, Janibul Bashir

International Conference on Data Science and Applications (ICDSA 2023).

- C1 *An integral computer vision system for apple detection, classification, and semantic segmentation.*  
 [Code](#)  [Paper](#).

**Tajamul Ashraf**, Nair Abbas, Mohammad Haseeb, Nadeem Yousuf, Janibul Bashir

International Conference on Machine Vision (ICMV 2022).

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## TEACHING and ACADEMIC SERVICES

Teaching Assistant | Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi

- Computer Vision (COL780) | Spring 2024 with [Prof. Chetan Arora](#)
- Computer Vision for Robotics (JRL780) | Spring 2024 with [Prof. Chetan Arora](#)
- Computer Science Fundamentals and Programming (COL100) | Fall 2023 with [Prof. Chetan Arora](#) and [Prof. Vireshwar Kumar](#)
- Special Topics in Machine Learning (COL870) | Spring 2023 with [Prof. Anurag Mittal](#)
- Data Structures and Algorithms (COL106) | Fall 2022 with [Prof. Naveen Garg](#) and [Prof. Ashish Chiplunkar](#)

Conference/Journal Activities | Reviewer

- ICCV'25 | ACM MM'25 | MICCAI'25, 24 | WACV'25, 24 | CVIP'23, 22 | HPEC'23
- IEEE Transactions on Artificial Intelligence
- IEEE Transactions on Parallel and Distributed Systems

Conference Volunteer | Organizer

- Student Volunteer for ACM COMPASS 2025 held in Toronto, Canada
- Served as a program volunteer for CVIP 2023 conference in IIT Jammu, INDIA

Invited Talk | Speaker

- Delivered a keynote talk on “Multimodal Systems for Vision-Language domains in Advancing Healthcare” at the BRAIN-AID Seminar, hosted by the College of Medicine, University of Lagos, Nigeria (April 2025).

- Presented two talks on Research Directions, Placements, and Internships to undergraduate IT students at the National Institute of Technology, Srinagar (June 2024).

#### **Pilot Mentorship Program | Mentor**

I actively mentor undergraduate students from the graduating batches. I guide them on their final year thesis and independent projects in pursuing potential research publications.

Students (\* denotes current)

3. [Suhaib Salmani](#)\* | NIT Srinagar | 2025  
Thesis: Foundational Models and Masked Learning for Efficient Medical Object Detection.
2. [Rajes Manna](#)\* | NIT Srinagar | 2025  
Thesis: Source Free Domain Adaptation using Adversarial Class Aware Teacher.
1. [Asrar ul Haq](#) | NIT Srinagar | 2024  
Thesis: Transformer-Based Unsupervised Domain Adaptation in a Federated Setup.

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#### **HONORS and AWARDS**

- Awarded MBZUAI Travel Grant to attend Agentic-AI Summit 2025 at UCB, California.
- Finalist, Agent-X LLM Agents MOOC Competition organized by UC Berkeley RDI.
- Awarded ACM COMPASS 2025 Registration Grant held in Toronto, Canada
- Secured 2nd place (AED 500 award) in the MBZUAI Department Logo Design Competition.
- Awarded \$500 compute grant from alphaXiv for my contributions in LLM research.
- Nominated as Diversity Intern by Microsoft Canada.
- Honorable mention by IIT Delhi for research contributions during my Master's degree.
- Awarded MICCAI 2024 Travel Grant.
- Awarded IIT Delhi Endowment Grant 2024.
- Won India's largest National Entrepreneurship Challenge at IIT Bombay.
- Gold Microsoft Student Learn Ambassador for NIT Srinagar.

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#### **TECHNICAL SKILLS**

Languages: Python, C, C++, MATLAB, SQL, HTML/CSS, Javascript

Frameworks: PyTorch, TensorFlow, Keras, Scikit-Learn, OpenCV, HuggingFace, Flask

Developer Tools: Git, Docker, VS Code, Visual Studio, PyCharm, Linux

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#### **EXTRACURRICULAR and SOCIAL ACTIVITIES**

Gold [Microsoft Student Learn Ambassador](#)

Actively promoted technology learning and fostered a community of student developers in Kashmir. Organized workshops, webinars, and hackathons to encourage student innovation and collaboration.

Founder [Ralith Milth](#)


Established an NGO focused on raising awareness and support for drug abuse prevention and rehabilitation. Spearheaded community outreach programs with local organizations to support affected individuals.

**Co-founder [AT Talks](#)**

Hosting a podcast discussing the intersection of technology and society, featuring expert insights. Managed guest interviews, content strategy, and promotion to grow the podcast's reach and impact.

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## REFERENCES

**Prof. Fahad Khan** 

Professor  
MBZUAI, UAE

**Mohit Jain** 

Principal Researcher  
Microsoft Research, India

**Prof. Chetan Arora** 

Professor  
IIT Delhi, India