

**Interests**

Machine Learning, Deep Learning, Computer Vision

**Research Experience**

- Real Time Object Detection in Mobile Devices** May 2017-July 2017  
*IBM India Research Laboratory, Bangalore*
  - *Objective:* To detect and identify objects in real time on mobile devices such that the model is memory, space and power efficient, and adaptable on arbitrary environments with relatively less training data
  - Intelligently **prune** redundant parameters in a **deep network**, reducing model size while maintaining similar accuracy, bringing applications from high-end immobile servers to mobile devices/robotics
  - Trained and Pruned the model on COCO with over a million object instances with competitive accuracy
  - Contributed Workplace Dataset and a Visual-IOT system for instance level recognition in mobile devices
  - Awarded the **IBM Blue Scholar Program Fellowship** for the work done during summers
- Person Re-Identification: Multi-Task Deep CNN with Triplet Loss** May 2016-July 2016  
*Supervisor: [Prof. Vinay Namboodiri](#), IIT Kanpur* [Report](#) [Code](#)
  - *Objective:* To solve the problem of Person Re-Identification i.e. Identifying a person in a **Low-resolution** Dataset given a query image of that person from a Same or a Different Camera
  - *Method:* Multi-Task Deep Convolutional Neural Network with shared parameters in lower layers to Jointly Learn Attributes and Features for Pedestrian Images with Multi-Task Loss
  - Achieved Results comparable to state-of-the-art on Market-1501 with over 32000 images
- Deep Hybrid Models for Semi-Supervised Learning** Sep 2017-Ongoing  
*Supervisor: [Prof. Piyush Rai](#), IIT Kanpur*
  - *Objective:* Training a Deep Network in a Semi-Supervised Framework with minimum labelled examples
  - *Model:* Combined strength of Discriminative-Generative Approaches in Multi-Task Setup with Feedback
  - Gaussian Mixture VAE for Generative branch and CNNs for Discriminative Branch with shared Encoder

**Relevant Projects**

- Zero-Shot Image Tagging** [Report](#) [Presentation](#) [Code](#)  
*Supervisor: [Prof. Piyush Rai](#)* *Course Project : Machine Learning Techniques*
  - *Problem Statement:* Automatic **Annotation** of Images with Previously Unseen Tags
  - Proposed a Deep Network for **FastTag**, experimented with **Co-occurrence** based tag embedding, and suggested a **Kernelized** Ridge Regression based model to learn the Principal Direction for an Image
- Training Sparse Neural Networks** Aug 2017-Ongoing  
*Supervisor: [Prof. Purushottam Kar](#)*
  - *Problem Statement:* To train sparse one-hidden layer Neural Network and recover the sparsity structure
  - Implemented and Experimented with **Tensor Methods** for Weight Initialization in the Sparse Setting
- Semantic Segmentation** [Survey-Report](#) [Survey-Presentation](#)  
*Supervisor: [Prof. Gaurav Pandey](#)*
  - *Problem Statement:* To solve the problem of **Pixel-level** Semantic Segmentation for Images/Videos/3D
  - Conducted a **survey** and studied research papers covering all the major algorithms such as Conditional Random Fields, Fully Convolutional Networks, HyperColumns, Dilated Convolutions, Sensor Fusion
- Texture Synthesis** [Code\(nps\)](#) [Code\(quilting\)](#)  
*Supervisor: [Prof. Vinay Namboodiri](#)* *Course Project : Introduction to Computer Vision*
  - *Objective:* To synthesize large Texture image from small samples, capturing important Texture Properties
  - Studied and Implemented Research Papers: "Image Quilting for Texture Synthesis and Transfer" by Alexei A. Efros, William T. Freeman and "Texture Synthesis by Non-parametric Sampling" by Efros et.al

## Other Selected Projects

- Varun : Autonomous Underwater Vehicle** [Webpage](#) [Github](#)
  - Faculty Advisers : [Prof. K.S. Venkatesh](#), [Prof. Sachin Y. Shinde](#)
    - Designed and implemented Object Detection Algorithms using OpenCV to detect various obstacles Underwater to help the vehicle maneuver autonomously around these obstacles
    - Developed the software architecture of the Vehicle using ROS(Robot Operating System)
- ShareCab** [Code](#)
  - Supervisors: [Prof. Satyadev Nandakumar](#), [Prof. Piyush Karur](#) Course Project: *Computing Laboratory II*
    - Developed Full Stack Ride-Sharing Web Application, based on Django, for Campus Community
    - Automated Search for Suitable Ride Matching based on Timings, Train/Flight Details, Destination
- Software Testing Tool** [Code](#)
  - Supervisors : [Prof. Amey Karkare](#), [Prof. Subhajit Roy](#) May 2015- July 2015
    - Developed a tool for Automatically Generating Test Cases for High MCDC coverage
    - Build the solution over open-source tools implemented in multiple languages like Ocaml,C and Python
- NachOS: Operating Systems** [Code](#)
  - Supervisor: [Prof. Mainak Chaudhury](#) Course Project: *Operating Systems*
    - Implemented System Calls such as Fork, Exec, Sleep, Yield over the basic implementation of NachOS
    - Implemented Shared Memory Interface, Demand Paging and various Page Replacement Algorithms
- Ada Compiler in Python** [Code](#)
  - Supervisor: [Prof. Amey Karkare](#) Course Project: *Compiler Design*
    - Implemented an end-to-end compiler from scratch for Ada95 in Python
    - Separate modules for parse trees, abstract syntax trees, intermediate code, and target code(x86)
- Game-Theoretic Analysis of Climate Change** [Report](#)
  - Supervisor: [Prof. Harish Karnick](#) Course Project: *Multi-Agent Systems*
    - Game Theoretic Framework to analyze the existing treaties namely, Kyoto Protocol and Paris Agreement
    - Proposed a novel system and showed that multiple local treaties may be better than a single global treaty
- Speech Recognition - Hidden Markov Models** [Report](#)
  - Supervisor: [Prof. Rajat Mittal](#) Course Project: *Discrete Mathematics*
    - Learned about the concepts related to Markov Chains and Hidden Markov Models
    - Automatic Speech Recognition using Hidden Markov Models considering the Markov assumption

## Technical Skills

LANGUAGES	C/C++, Python , Matlab
LIBRARIES AND TOOLS	OpenCV, ROS, Caffe, Tensorflow, Keras, Theano, Django
OPERATING SYSTEMS	Linux(Ubuntu, CentOS), Windows , BSD(FreeBSD)

## Academic Achievements

- Secured All India Rank 118 in JEE-2014 amongst 1,400,000 candidates (99.99 percentile)
- Kishore Vaigyanik Protsahan Yojana (KVPY) Scholar 2013-14 with an All India Rank 240
- Qualified for **INOI-2012** conducted by *IARCS* (Indian Association for Research in Computing Science)
- Secured 2<sup>nd</sup> position in the **National Student Competition of Save**, organized by *NIOT, India, 2016*

## Relevant Coursework

- Intro to Programming (A\*)
- Discrete Mathematics
- Data Structures and Algorithms
- Computing Laboratory
- Probability and Statistics
- Intro to Computer Vision
- Intro to Machine Learning
- Operating Systems
- Analysis of Algorithms
- Compiler Design
- Topics in Computer Vision
- Multi Agent Systems
- Neurobiology
- Probabilistic Machine Learning
- Computer Networks

A\* grade for exceptional performance