

# Anil Batra

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## Education

- 2020 – 2025    ♦ **Ph.D. Computer Science, University of Edinburgh, UK.**  
Supervisors: [Prof. Frank Keller](#), [Prof. Marcus Rohrbach](#), [Dr. Laura Sevilla](#)  
Research Focus: *Working at the intersection of Language and Vision, with a focus on developing models that can plan, reason, and execute goal-oriented tasks.*
- 2016 – 2019    ♦ **M.Sc. Computer Science, IIIT Hyderabad, India**  
Supervisors: [Prof. C.V. Jawahar](#)  
Thesis: *Road Topology Extraction from Satellite images by Knowledge Sharing.*  
GPA: 8.44/10
- 2003 – 2007    ♦ **B.Tech. Electronics & Communication, Punjab Technical University, India.**  
GPA: 8.38/10

## Employment

- 2022/06 – 2022/09    ♦ **Research Intern, Mediatech Research, UK**  
Research Focus: Focused on diffusion model baselines for unconditional image generation, laying the groundwork for future work '[Image generation with shortest path diffusion](#)', accepted at ICML 2023.  
Manager: Alberto Bernacchia
- 2020/05 – 2020/09    ♦ **Sr. Data Scientist, ESRI, India**  
Research Focus: Incorporated my published road extraction work [arc-gis](#) library for future use by OSM community engineers.  
Manager: Rohit Singh
- 2019/01 – 2020/04    ♦ **Research Engineer, Pro @ Facebook, India**  
Research Focus: Train and deploy road extraction pipeline to OSM maps. [Technical Blog by Meta](#)  
Manager: Saikat Basu

## Research Publications

### Preprints

- 1 M. Boris, **Anil, Batra**, R. Anna, and R. Marcus, "The surprising effectiveness of multimodal large language models for video moment retrieval," 2024. arXiv: 2406.18113 [cs.CV]. [🔗 URL: https://arxiv.org/abs/2406.18113.](#)
- 2 D. Gautier, L. Olga, and **Anil, Batra**, "Cast: Cross-modal alignment similarity test for vision language models," 2024. arXiv: 2409.11007 [cs.CV]. [🔗 URL: https://arxiv.org/abs/2409.11007.](#)

### Conference Proceedings

- 1 **Anil, Batra**, D. Moltisanti, L. Sevilla-Lara, M. Rohrbach, and F. Keller, "Efficient pre-training for localized instruction generation of videos," in *European conference on computer vision*, Springer, 2024.
- 2 A. Das, S. Fotiadis, **Anil, Batra**, et al., "Image generation with shortest path diffusion," in *International Conference on Machine Learning*, PMLR, 2023, pp. 7009–7024.
- 3 **Anil, Batra**, S. N. Gowda, F. Keller, and L. Sevilla-Lara, "A closer look at temporal ordering in the segmentation of instructional videos," in *British Machine Vision Conference*, 2022.

- 4 **Anil, Batra**, S. Singh, G. Pang, S. Basu, C. Jawahar, and M. Paluri, “Improved road connectivity by joint learning of orientation and segmentation,” in *Proceedings of the IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition*, 2019, pp. 10 385–10 393.
- 5 S. Singh, **Anil, Batra**, L. Torresani, *et al.*, “Self-supervised feature learning for semantic segmentation of overhead imagery,” BMVA Press, 2018.

## Skills

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Coding	◇ Python (advanced), C++ (beginner), C#.Net (intermediate)
ML Frameworks	◇ PyTorch (advanced), Jax (beginner), TensorFlow (beginner)
Misc.	◇ GDAL (beginner), SQL (beginner), Matlab (beginner)
Languages	◇ English (advanced), Hindi (native), Punjabi (native)

## Miscellaneous Experience

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### Teaching

2021 - 2024	◇ Teaching Support for Applied Machine Learning. Roles: Marker, Exam Marker, Tutor
2024	◇ Doing Research in NLP course for first-year PhD students. Roles: Marker
2023	◇ Teaching Support for Natural Language Generation & Understanding. Roles: Marker, Tutor
2021	◇ Teaching Support for Data Mining and Exploration. Roles: Demonstrator, Tutor

### Reviewer

2024 +	◇ I have contributed as a reviewer to ICLR/AAAI.
2021 +	◇ I have contributed as a reviewer to CVPR/ECCV/ICCV.

## References

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