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Examination	University	Institute	Year	CPI / %
Graduation	IIT Bombay	IIT Bombay	2026	

Pursuing a Minor Degree in Artificial Intelligence and Data Science from C-MInDS, IIT Bombay (CPI: 9/10)

## SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENTS

- Among the **top 10% of the batch** who were awarded **branch change** for exemplary academic performance ('23)
- Awarded **AP** (Academic Proficiency) grade given to **top 1%** out of **1350+** students, in Introduction to Biology ('23)
- Attained a rank of **968** in **JEE Advanced** examination | Achieved a percentile of **99.87** in **JEE Main** exam ('22)
- Recipient of prestigious **KVPY** Fellowship, awarded by **IISc, Bengaluru** to **only 2%** of **0.1M+** candidates ('21)

## PROFESSIONAL AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

**Option Pricing using Artificial Neural Networks** | *SURP* | Prof. S. Baskar (Jul '24 - ongoing)

Working to train an **ANN** on data generated via **Black-Scholes** model to **increase performance** in online computing

- Utilised the **Black-Scholes** model to forecast option prices using Python & applied the model to **NIFTY50** data
- Applied **Brownian Motion**, **Itô's Lemma** and **Monte-Carlo approx.** to model volatility using historical data

**Quantitative Research Internship** | *ProSpace* (Jul '24 - ongoing)

Working to **classify market volatility**, spread to capitalize on recursive trends, utilizing **Iron Condor/Fly** strategies

- Achieved **profit** of **INR 36.6K** on downward trending asset by identifying optimal **dual-threshold** buy-sell points
- Utilizing **mean-reverting process** to predict market-movements; built backtest engine to simulate **option trades**

**Identifying Biomarkers for Meningioma** | *RnD Project: DH307* | Prof. S. Srivastava (Jan '24 - May '24)

Conducted thorough analysis on **Proteomics** and **Transcriptomics** datasets for comprehensive data insights

- Reduced the size of feature set by **95%** while still retaining **85%** variance by performing **MAD Scaling** and **PCA**
- Utilized **Partial Least Squares Analysis** to filter **70%** of insignificant features and identify key predictor variables
- Identified **10** potential biomarker genes for Meningioma using **t-Test**, **Hypothesis testing** & **Lasso regression**

## KEY PROJECTS

**Straddle Strategy Analysis** | *Algorithmic Trading* | Self Project (Apr '24)

Created **short straddle strategy** tailored for **BANKNIFTY FNO**, utilizing Python for algorithmic development

- Realized a **CAGR** of **9.47%** with a maximum drawdown of **2.11%** when backtested on historical data from 2017
- Achieved a **Calmar Ratio** of **4.49** by incorporating **stop loss** and away-wing long positions for risk-management

**Processor Design & FPGA Implementation** | *Course Project: EE224* | Prof. Virendra Singh (Nov '23)

Collaborated in team of 4 to design an **8-register, 16-bit CPU** in **VHDL**, capable of executing **14** instructions

- Utilized a **Moore type Finite State Machine** & state-equivalence to design **22** total states, following **Turing ISA**
- Employed **FPGA-based design** to perform **hardware testing**, with real-time display of memory & register states

**Mule Account Detection** | *Convolve 2.0* | Analytics Club, IIT Bombay (Dec '23 - Feb '24)

**Pan-IIT** data-analytics event, executed with data sourced from **IDFC Bank** | Shortlisted in top **25%** teams

- Reduced input features from **177** to **30** by using Feature Selection Algorithms like **Chi-Square** & **Fischer's Score**
- Achieved **Precision** of **0.89** & **Recall** of **0.91** by evaluating classification efficacy of **Random Forest** & **AdaBoost**

## POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY

**Sports Head, Football** | *Aavhan, IIT Bombay* (Feb '24 - May '24)

Part of 3-tier team of **60+** members to organize IIT Bombay's Sports Fest with **6K+** participants & budget **INR 1 Cr**

- In-charge** of conducting the Aavhan Football Tournament, seeing **20+ teams** and cash prizes worth **INR 50K+**
- Allocated **over INR 60,000** towards essential resources, including refreshments, logistics and medical equipment

**Mentor** | *Seasons of Code* | Web and Coding Club, IIT Bombay (May '24 - ongoing)

Part of a team of **250+** mentors who helped supervise **140+** coding related projects over a period of **2 months**

- Mentored group of **10** freshmen and sophomores; conducted test on probability for shortlisting from **50+** candidates
- Curated 5+** assignments on **Derivative Pricing** using Python for progress assessment; provided weekly resources

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Football	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Stood <b>1st</b> in Freshiesta Football Tournament and Mech Dept Football Tournament (<b>Captain</b>) ('22)</li><li><b>1 of 25</b> selected from <b>15K+</b> for <b>Inter IIT Camp</b>   Represented IITB team at <b>Aavhan 2024</b> ('23)</li><li>Secured <b>1st</b> position in CBSE Clusters   Participated in <b>CBSE Nationals</b> Championship (U17) ('19)</li></ul>
Technical	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Utilised <b>Computer Vision</b> to develop <b>Facial Recognition</b> and <b>Virtual Painter</b> models ('23)</li><li>One of <b>7</b> top-performers selected from <b>150+</b> institute-wide participants in Summer of Quant ('24)</li><li><b>Languages:</b> Embedded C, Python, VHDL, Assembly 51   <b>Softwares:</b> LTSpice, Keil, Ansys, Quartus</li></ul>
Business Acumen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Selected by <b>BCG</b> to make a 5-slide <b>pitch-deck</b> involving market research &amp; entry strategy ('24)</li><li>Planned healthcare startup's <b>market entry</b> at SJMSOM's Strategy Case Competition (BCC) ('23)</li></ul>