# HARISH REDDY THALLA

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#### **EDUCATION:**

## **National Institute of Technology Warangal**

Warangal, India | 2017 - 2021

B.Tech in Mechanical Engineering - CGPA: 7.5/10 | CS Courses CGPA: 8.18/10

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

#### **Data Scientist - Standard Chartered Bank**

Jul 2021 - Present

- Developing generative conversational chatbot using encoder-decoder LSTM models to aid with banking queries
- Increased customer interactions by over 18% by deploying & maintaining the chatbot framework for domain specific reusability.

## **Robotics & AI Engineering Intern -** *Aufenbach*

Sep 2018 - Aug 2020

- <u>Project Armatus</u>: Enhanced gaming experience by developing an ML powered VR setup & <u>omnidirectional treadmill</u> using Human Activity Recognition model built on CNN-GRU architectures to map IMU sensor activities to VR environment.
- <u>Self-charging peripherals</u>: Achieved self-powered computer peripherals by designing electromagnetic energy harvesting mechanisms

# Machine Learning Summer Intern – Balnc Care

June - Sept 2019

- Built a 200k basketball activity image dataset by designing a Human Pose Estimation model using stacked conv-deconv framework.
- Developed a basketball activity classification model using KNNs, TPOT and CNN-LSTMs for intelligent scene analysis.

# Research Intern | Machine Learning Applications on Image Processing | NIT Warangal

May - Jul 2019

- (Advised by <u>Prof. J Ravi Kumar</u>)
- Provided Research Assistantship on multi-feature fusion architecture using HOG & VGG-Face for facial expression classification.
- Gave 3 seminars to 40 freshmen students on engineering applications of optimization techniques.

# Machine Learning Research Internship | NIT Warangal

Jan - May 2019

(Advised by <u>Prof. Hari Kumar Voruganti</u>)

• Stress Analysis using CNNs: Reduced stress analysis computation time from 6 minutes to 1 second with 0.32% mean relative error using CNNs and squeeze-excitation architectures like SE-ResNet that produce approximated stress fields for cantilevered structures.

Mentor, Educator- Unacademy Tutored Mathematics & Physics for class XI and XII JEE aspirants

Feb - May 2018

#### **PROJECTS:**

## Optimization of Welding parameters using GA and PSO algorithms | NIT Warangal

July 2020- June 2021

(Undergraduate Thesis, Advised by <u>Prof. Hari Kumar Vorugant</u>i)

• Improved weld strength & removed unnecessary distortions of Arc welding by optimizing control variables using Genetic and Particle Swarm Optimization Algorithms.

# Robocon International Competition | Undergrad Robotics Research Association

July 2019- June 2020

- Designed and fabricated 2 autonomous robots that collaboratively perform complex tasks on Rugby balls.
- Executed Motion planning & path planning with grid & sampling-based algorithms. Implemented object tracking using R-CNNs and DeepSort Techniques to actuate Robot's pneumatic system.

# **PATENTS:**

 $\bullet \quad \text{System for Harvesting Electrical Energy Generated from Mechanical Energy} \ | \ \textbf{Application No}: 202041057250 \ | \ \textbf{Status}: \ \textbf{Published Particle Policy Particle Particl$ 

# **PUBLICATIONS:**

• Self-charging Peripherals with inbuilt Power Harvesting System

Conference: ICMSMT2020 | Published in : IOP Conference Serie

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#### **SKILLS**

Artificial Intelligence | Programming | C++ | Python | Matlab | Tensorflow | Computer Vision | RNNs | GANs | Project Management

## **COURSES & CERTIFICATIONS:**

- Robotics: Vision Intelligence and Machine Learning | University of Pennsylvania | EdX Audit
- Machine Learning A-Z: Hands-On Python In Data Science | Udemy
- CS231N- Convolutional Networks | Stanford University | Youtube | Audit
- Machine Learning | Coursera | Andrew Ng
- Neural Networks and Deep Learning | Coursera | Andrew Ng
- Data Structures and Algorithms | GeeksforGeeks

### **EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:**

- Co-Founder Phasors, startup aiming to provide free education to underprivileged students.
- Founder, Team Lead
   – Undergrad Robotics Research Association, NITW
- Joint Secretary- Mechanical Engineering Association, NITW
- Event Manager (IPL Auction) & Subcore Technozion 2018 & 2019 (South India's biggest technical fest)

#### **ACHIEVEMENTS:**

- State 3rd Mark in Class XI Board examinations (Telangana | 2016)
- 1st in *Innovation Garage* Ideathon (NIT Warangal | 2018)
- 2nd in *Innovation Garage* Makeathon (NIT Warangal | 2019)