

# MICHELLE THALAKOTTUR

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## EDUCATION

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**MKSSS's Cummins College of Engineering for Women, University of Pune** 2017 - Present  
B.Tech. in Computer Engineering Spring 2021, expected  
CGPA: 8.8 / 10.0

- Seminar report on *Machine Learning Based Compiler Optimization* was among the top 15 (out of 224) student seminars.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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**Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay** June 2020 - Present  
*Research Intern*  
Advisor: Professor Uday Khedker, Dept. of Computer Science  
Topic: Data Flow Analysis

- Worked on a research project where I provided an insight that allowed the algorithm to be generalized beyond its earlier application.
- Designed and implemented a data structure from the ground up to help represent a sparse family of sets that are discovered incrementally in Data Flow Analysis so that we can efficiently compare and perform operations on these sets.
- Currently building a Cpp library that would allow you to use data structures like BDDs and vector-clocks to efficiently represent a sparse family of sets for Data Flow Analysis.

**Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay** May 2020 - Present  
*B.Tech. Research Project*  
Advisor: Professor Uday Khedker, Dept. of Computer Science  
Topic: Formalization of Translation Performed by the SCLP Compiler Phases

**Indian Institute of Technology, Patna** Nov. 2018 - Apr. 2019 (remote)  
*Research Intern* May 2019 - June 2019 (lab work)  
Advisor: Professor Jimson Mathew, Dept. of Computer Science  
Topic: Dimensionality Reduction, Machine Learning

- Implemented, tested and presented a report of my results on a new algorithm that aimed to perform Dimensionality reduction in a Semi-supervised setting. I also compared the results to existing state-of-the-art algorithms and helped write a paper on the algorithm.
- This paper was later accepted after peer review for publication in the International Conference on Neural Information Processing (ICONIP 2019), Sydney, Australia.
- Of ten summer projects submitted to the conference, ours was one of two to be accepted.
- Worked on Relative Distance Constraints to better represent data embedded in a manifold.

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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**Semi-supervised Regularized Coplanar Discriminant Analysis** ICONIP 2019  
Rakesh Kumar Sanodiya, Michelle Davies Thalakottur, Jimson Mathew, Matloob Khushi  
In *Proceedings of the International Conference on Neural Information Processing (ICONIP)*.  
Sydney, Australia, December 2019

**Multi-objective Approach for Semi-Supervised Discriminant Analysis with Relative Distance**  
CEC 2019  
Rakesh Kumar Sanodiya, Sriparna Saha, Jimson Mathew, Michelle Davies Thalakottur, Utkarshinee Aadya  
In *Proceedings of the 2019 IEEE Congress on Evolutionary Computation (CEC)*.  
Wellington, New Zealand, June 2019

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## OUTREACH AND MENTORSHIP

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### Talks

- Pursuing Research as an Undergraduate from a Disconnected Program [video] [slides]

### Student Club: Artificial Intelligence and Computer Vision Society (AICVS)

AICVS is a club that aims to equip students with a primary skill set in Machine Learning, the knowledge to implement various algorithms and gain a good understanding of what happens behind the scenes.

#### *Head Coordinator*

2019 - 2020

- Head organizer of various technical talks and competitions to introduce students to Machine Learning.
- Coordinated outreach efforts for undergraduate research in computer science.
- Organized a bimonthly platform for students to present their ongoing work and projects.

#### *Website Coordinator*

2018 - 2019

- Set up and maintained the club website in the first year of the club.
- Coordinated student volunteer efforts to publish monthly blogs centered around Machine Learning.

### Student Chapter: Society of Women Engineers (SWE)

The Society of Women Engineers, founded in 1950, is an international not-for-profit educational and service organization headquartered in the United States. The Society of Women Engineers is the worlds largest advocate and catalyst for change for women in engineering and technology.

#### *Head of Student Representatives*

2019 - 2020

- Organized an STEM outreach program with 25 student volunteers in partnership with a local education NGO, the IDEA foundation for K-8 underprivileged students.
- Helped organize the Incube Conference which had several invited talks on the theme of Innovation and Inclusion and showcased various student research projects.
- Helped organize a SWE Mentorship program and was a mentor in the same.

#### *Student Representative*

2018 - 2019

- Helped organize a STEM Outreach program with 20 student volunteers to Maher Ashram, Pune for K-8 underprivileged students.
- Represented all sophomore Computer Engineering students.

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## SERVICE

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### Student Council: Elected Student Panel Member

#### *Assistant English Editor*

2018 - 2019

The Student Panel is a group of elected students working together within the administrative framework of the college to provide a means for student expression and encourage student - faculty - community relations.

- Edited articles and worked to publish the Annual College Magazine, Kshitij.
- Helped organize the Annual College Technical Fest, Innovation 2019 and the Cultural Fest, Gandhaar 2019.

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## OTHER ACTIVITIES

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### Programming Languages Mentoring Workshop (PLMW)

Aug. 2020

International Conference on Functional Programming (ICFP2020)