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Graduation	IIT Bombay	IIT Bombay	2023	8.59

SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENTS

- Top 25 all India: INAO | State top 1%: NSEA | Invited to OCSC, the final trials for India's delegation to the International Olympiads

One among the 73 undergraduates selected nationwide for NIUS (Physics) | Recipient of the KVPY fellowship – All India Rank 326 **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE** Analyst Intern | Technology Investment Strategy | New ventures arm of the Tata Group Responsible for investment analysis and for creating plans & conducting explorations in two deep-tech sectors Opportunity of up to INR 20M+ revenue per year: Developed a model for a Corporate Social Responsibility **Tata Industries** plan to generate additional channels of revenue for farmer communities in water-scarce regions of India Limited (TIL) Developed and shared insights into various ad-hoc techno-commercial opportunities that were presented to [Mar'23-Jun'23] Tata Industries Limited (TIL) with a goal of enabling senior management in decision making Subject matter specialist: Shared working and theoretical knowledge with senior leadership to aid the development of a roadmap for the exploration of quantum computing and related quantum technologies Agriphany | Secured a grant of INR 50K through IDEAS, IIT Bombay | Carbon Credits via Sustainable Farming Co-Founder Developed marker recognition ML algorithm for drones | 92% accuracy despite vibration-induced blurry video [Feb'23-Aug'23] Conceptualized a framework to generate agricultural carbon credits through negative emissions technologies Visiting Research Intern - Biophysics | Paris, France (on-site) | Director Guillaume Tresset Université Univ. ranked 1st in Europe and 13th globally in physics | Worked directly under a Director of Research at CNRS • Discovered correlation in viral DNA content and light absorption using a novel analysis of 10.6k+ particles Paris-Saclay [May'22-Jul'22] Performed 3 experiments by rapidly mixing protein and RNA droplets under various ambient conditions Modelled icosahedral virus formation by analysing its kinetics data on MATLAB using Monte Carlo methods **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE** "Finding Zero-index Bound states in continuum by simulating photonic crystals" | Possibility of future publication Bachelor's Thesis Prof. A Kumar Discovered parameters allowing 0% radiation losses in a crystal | Fabricating the metamaterial at LOQM, IITB Only freshman to singlehandedly manage an entire subsystem - a role usually reserved for 3rd year students UMIC, IITB • Reduced code execution time by 45x through a custom-built algorithm – attaining almost real time speeds ML Subdivision Progress on active research problems: Developed DL code able to recognize 10-inch characters 80+ft away [Sep'19-Dec'20] International Competition: Cleared primary and secondary rounds of the Barcelona Smart Drone Challenge MELODE Labs, IITB Reservoir Training of Liquid State Machines (LSMs) using principles of Neuromorphic Computing & Engineering • Novel idea: Achieved 75% accuracy in simulating a brain disorder by hypothesising the underlying mechanism Algorithms Division [Oct'21-Mar'22] Analysed the working of LSMs in MATLAB by varying parameters such as synapse order & neuron quantity

LEADERSHIP AND ORGANISATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Student Mentor Program | Department & Academic Verticals | Supported 3.6k+ undergrads **Head of Cabinets** Recommended by Deans to lead a 3-tier, 340+ member team | Student Rep. (2/10k+) in IITB's ARP Committee [Feb'22-May'23] Supervised student heads of all departments; vetted the selection of 316 student mentors from 760+ applicants Team Building Conceptualised a 3-stage training for 440+ mentors, executed in collaboration with UK based professionals ■ Projected 15% reduction of students in the Academic Rehabilitation Program by recommending 12 amendments **Policy Making** • Empowered 30% of the populace - low income/disabled students - by proposing a Web Accessibility Policy ■ Led 6 Institute councils and pioneered 'Sophomore Immersion' for the offline onboarding of 1.3k+ students *Initiatives* Acquainted 1.4k+ students across 13 departments with future opportunities by revamping 'Branch Induction' Impact: Reduced 40% of the cost per drone by identifying alternatives to cost drivers of expensive components Coordinator, Secured INR 0.8 million in funds for building autonomous drones through a proposal pitched to STPC, IRCC Aerove [Dec'19-Jan'21] Designed the 7-day recruit training program | Enabled 30/30 beginners to build advanced ML code in 40 days Impact: Felicitated with the Special Recognition award (19/300+) in cognizance of extraordinary contribution **Student Mentor** [May'21-Jul'22] ■ Among the 13/550+ applicants chosen in 3rd year | Assisted 180+ students in career planning by organising talks In charge of a team of 35 teaching assistants | Conducted weekly tutorials & quizzes | 1st year Quantum Physics **Head TA** Aided 3000+ students by producing a 50-page booklet with detailed answers to 110+ challenging problems [Spring '22 & '23]

EXTRACURRICULAR ACHIEVEMENTS

	• Head Choreographer of the institute dance team and won prizes at prestigious competitions all over India			
Dance Tournaments	Trophies	Competitions	Significance	
	Winner	Group Dance: IIIT Hyderabad 2021	Beat 18 teams across India	
	2 nd place	Group Dance: IIT Madras 2023	Invited to choreograph for the judge	
	2 nd place	Group Dance: IIM Calcutta 2020	Bested professionally trained teams	
	2 nd place	Group Dance: Inter IIT 2019	One of only 4 freshmen to clear trials	
	Finalist (3 occasions)	Street Battles, Group Dance - Moodl '20, '22	Knocked out 3x defending champions	
IBM Hackathon	• 2 nd place: developed a twitter monitoring Al tool Created a pitch on the spot after a last-minute pivot			