

PUNEET WALIA

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EDUCATION

Guru Nanak Dev Engineering College, Ludhiana
Bachelor of Technology in Information Technology
Electives: Big Data Analytics; Entrepreneurial Studies

Graduation - June 2025
CGPA- 8.56

EXPERIENCE

Technical University of Munich
Research Assistant (under Dr. Zewen Yang, AIM dept.)

Apr 2025 - Present

- Developing and implemented Gaussian Process algorithms for regression and approximation, focusing on scalability and kernel optimization.
- Conducted an extensive survey and data collection on state-of-the-art Gaussian Process methods, consolidating research insights for future applications.

Indian Institute of Technology, Indore
Research Intern (under Dr. Chandresh Kumar Maurya, AI lab)

April 2024 – March 2025

- Developed a speech-to-speech corpus for Indian languages to enhance dialogue generation accessibility and support for regional languages.
- Developed state-of-the-art models for Multilingual Neural Machine Translation .
- Expanded the system's capabilities to support multiple Indic languages within a unified framework.

Knowledge Media Institute, TOU
Research Intern (under Dr. Angelo Salatino)

Aug 2023 - Feb 2024

- Built a web crawler (Python) to extract data from IEEE, enriching the AIDA knowledge graph.
- Tackled IP restrictions by surmounting MAC address legally.
- Modularized the processing and parsed over 300,000 elements of data.

Trinity College Dublin, UOD
Research Intern (under Dr. Ashish Kumar Jha, TBD dept.)

Aug 2023 - Dec 2023

- Implemented a NLTK-based model to detect HR's perspective on Artificial intelligence, which will be included in TCD's business studies curriculum.
- Designed a Selenium model with Chrome Driver to preprocess and extract LinkedIn posts and arrange them in a spectrogram for sentiment analysis.

Creations Media
Machine Learning Engineer Intern (Project-based)

June 2022 - Sept 2022

- Developed a website for a Machine Learning forecasting model using the MERN Stack.
- Created APIs for the forecasting model using FastAPI and integrated them into the UI.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages Python, Java, SQL, C++
Frameworks TensorFlow, PyTorch, Hadoop, NLTK, Scapy,
FastAPI, Scikit

Tools Git, GitHub, Anaconda, Postman, Tableau
Platforms Linux, Web, Windows, Arduino

PROJECTS

- **CancerClassifier** *Pytorch, Image Classification, Streamlit* A web application to classify skin cancer types using a pre-trained ResNet-50 model. The project includes data preprocessing, model training, and a Streamlit web application for predicting types of skin cancer from uploaded images.
- **GNDECScan** *React.js, Express.js, MongoDB, FastAPI, Natural Language Processing*
A web app designed for my college to scan and upload students' answer sheets. This app uses OCR technology to detect text from handwriting (especially Indic languages) based on a cascade model and uploads it to an admin page where it is maintained in a database.
- **Netflix's Story** *Tableau, PostgreSQL, RDBMS, Data Analysis*
Developed a comprehensive data narrative by preprocessing Netflix's shows and movies dataset. Analyzed genre distribution and ratings using visualizations, and presented the findings in an interactive format for user engagement.

PUBLICATIONS

- Nivedita Sethiya, Saanvi Nair, **Puneet Walia** , Chandresh Kumar Maurya. Indic-ST: A Large-scale Multilingual Corpus for Low-Resource Speech-to-Text Translation – **ACM-TALLIP**.
- Rupinder Kaur, Sandeep Kumar, **Puneet Walia**. Predictive Analysis of Ludhiana's AQI **ICAET 11th edition**.

RECENT SUBMISSIONS

- Nivedita Sethiya, **Puneet Walia**, Saanvi Nair, Chandresh Kumar Maurya. Indic-S2ST: a Multilingual and Multimodal Many-to-Many Indic Speech-to-Speech Translation Dataset – **ACL**

VOLUNTEER

Center for Multi-Faceted Learning (CML)

Feb 2021 – Present

- Headed peer-to-peer machine learning workshops for 320+ students.
- Created dashboards to organize faculty and student financial data, simplifying interpretation, which helped reduce annual expenses by 10%.

CRY-Child Rights and You

June 2020 – Present

- Managed donor data and oversaw leads for children experiencing abuse.
- Instructed a class of 45 underprivileged children in fundamental Computer Science concepts.
- Initiated various offline and online crowdfunding programs which raised over 20,000 USD.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Selected in Illuminate AI as a mentee out of 10,000 applications - June 2023.
- Selected as a delegate in AIS Youth Conference 2023 in Bali, Indonesia - September 2023.
- Reached the pre-final round of Samsung's Solve for Tomorrow - June 2022.
- Won the Inter-college Basketball championship 2023 as vice-captain.