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About

I am a 1st year PhD scholar at the Department of Artificial Intelligence (AI), IIT Kharagpur. I am working in the [PSALM](#) (Predictive Stochastic Adaptive Learning Machine) Lab under the supervision of [Dr. Prabhat Kumar Mishra](#). My research focuses on developing new robust RL algorithms with applications in LLM, Robotics, etc.

Research Interest

Reinforcement Learning • RLHF • Machine Learning • Optimization • Agentic AI

Work Experience

2023 – 2024: Senior Business Analyst • **EXL Service**
Gurgaon, India

Education

- 2025 – Present: Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur
PhD, Artificial Intelligence
- 2021 – 2023: Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur
Master of Science (MSc), Mathematics
CGPA: 8.76/10
- 2018 – 2021: Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira (University of Calcutta)
Bachelor of Science (BSc), Mathematics
CGPA: 9.15/10
- 2018: Raiganj Coronation High School (HS) • WBCHSE
12th Standard, Science Stream
Percentage: 88.6%
- 2016: Raiganj Coronation High School (HS) • WBBSE
10th Standard
Percentage: 94.57%

Teaching Assistant

AI61006 • AI for Cyber Physical Systems

Spring 2026 | Course Instructor - Dr. Prabhat Kumar Mishra

AI60211 • Algorithmic and Mathematical Foundations for AI

Autumn 2025 | Course Instructor - Prof. Adway Mitra

Projects

Master's Thesis: Image Compression (2022-2023)

Supervisor: Prof. Swanand Khare, Department of Mathematics, IIT Kharagpur

- **Tensor CP decomposition** is implemented in a Python notebook.
- The **Alternative Least Square (ALS)** Optimization Method has been applied to get the low-rank approximation of the RGB image tensor.

Courses & Skills

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Linear Algebra• Probability & Statistics• Real Analysis• Machine Learning• Deep Learning• Artificial Intelligence | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advanced Numerical Techniques• Convex Optimization• Non-Linear Programming• AI for Cyber Physical Systems• AI for Robot Autonomy |
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C, Python, LaTeX, Numpy, Pandas, Sympy, CasADi, PyTorch, TensorFlow, Scikit-Learn, Jupyter etc.

Awards & Achievements

1. Qualified Joint CSIR-UGC NET (June 2024) with All India Rank (AIR) 83.
2. **INSPIRE Scholarship** Recipient (2018-2023) by DST (Department of Science and Technology), Govt. of India.

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