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### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

This is to certify that **Mr. Sagnik De** worked under my supervision as a **Research Intern** in the Department of Electronics & Communication Engineering, Maulana Azad National Institute of Technology, Bhopal, from **12th August 2024 to 10th November 2025**. During this period, he consistently demonstrated outstanding research aptitude, technical depth, and a highly disciplined work ethic.

Sagnik actively contributed to multiple research initiatives in **deep learning, neural signal processing, computational neuroscience, healthcare technologies** and **brain-computer interfaces**, showing remarkable clarity in understanding complex concepts and independence in executing research tasks. His ability to analyze scientific problems critically and implement solutions with precision reflects a research maturity well beyond his academic level.

During his internship, Sagnik developed a **novel deep learning framework** for classifying **dementia subtypes**, using EEG signal analysis. He efficiently pre-processed and segmented EEG recordings, generated advanced time-frequency representations, and evaluated multiple architectures, including the proposed KAN-ADViT (Kolmogorov-Arnold Network-based Vision Transformer). His method effectively captured long-range temporal patterns in EEG data and achieved highly competitive performance. This work has been submitted to **IEEE Sensors Journal**. In another project, Sagnik designed a **hybrid EEG-fNIRS fusion framework** that enabled inter-modal feature interaction and intra-modal spatio-temporal learning for **motor imagery** classification in Brain-Computer Interface (BCI) applications. By complementing EEG's temporal sensitivity with fNIRS's spatial specificity, his bi-modal architecture demonstrated superior decoding accuracy and interpretability. This study has produced promising results and is being prepared for submission to **IEEE Transactions on Instrumentation and Measurement** shortly.

Sagnik's zeal for research, his professionalism, and his ability to collaborate effectively with peers, co-faculty members, and senior researchers were truly commendable. He consistently maintained clear communication and strong coordination throughout all project phases. He has been an asset to my research group, and I wish him continued success in all future academic and professional endeavors. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need any additional information about Sagnik.

Yours sincerely,

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