PERSONAL STATEMENT
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Hailing from the culturally rich and diverse landscapes of Andhra Pradesh, India my journey towards pursuing a master's in computer science at the University of Illinois Urbana Champaign has been profoundly shaped by a confluence of life experiences that extend far beyond the confines of academia. As a proud member of the Kapu Hindu community, specifically the Naidu subgroup, my cultural background has been a cornerstone, fostering a strong sense of identity and values that deeply influence my aspirations and perspectives.

My upbringing in Pithapuram, Kakinada district, offered a blend of traditional values and exposure to different cities during my educational pursuits. From Visakhapatnam for my 11th and 12th studies to Hyderabad for JEE Mains and Advanced coaching, and presently residing in Kolkata for my undergraduate studies, I have seamlessly adapted to diverse environments. This journey has not only cultivated adaptability but also enabled me to effortlessly connect with individuals from various backgrounds.

Rooted in my family's background, the cultural milieu profoundly influences my determination and work ethic. My father, a resilient figure in the rice business navigating intricate supply chains, inspires me with the values of perseverance. His foray into politics as the chairman for Jai Ganesh Devasthanam exemplifies a commitment beyond business success. Actively contributing to our family business, especially in accounting, offers practical insights into financial management. Equally pivotal is my mother, a homemaker, whose unwavering support emphasizes empowerment through education.

My maternal uncle has been a significant influence in my life, starting his career as a junior faculty and advancing further, he has ascended to the role of co-founder and director at Sri Viswa Education Institutions, skillfully overseeing the operations of more than 10 branches with success. Through continuous learning and hard work, his guidance and support were invaluable during pivotal moments in my education and he encouraged me to pursue higher education from the beginning.

Throughout my academic journey, I pursued a Bachelor of Technology in Computer Science from the University of Engineering and Management, IEM-UEM Kolkata, one of the best universities in the East. The program delved into a diverse array of subjects, unveiling new dimensions of the technological landscape. My academic exploration was bolstered by a robust performance, culminating in a commendable 9.49 CGPA,equivalent to 3.978 reflecting my commitment to academic excellence in the field.

My motivation for selecting the University of Illinois Urbana Champaign for my graduate degree is fuelled by the historical significance of the first First Graphical Web Browser (Mosiac) by Eric Bina and Marc Andreessen in the year 1993 has the roots and upskilled from UOI campus The roots and advancements of this groundbreaking development trace back to the UOI campus . I am also inspired by distinguished alumni like chemist & scientist Arnold Beckman and author Iris Chang

In essence, my personal and cultural background, coupled with the values instilled by my family, has shaped me into a resilient, adaptable, and socially conscious individual. I am eager to bring my unique perspective and experiences to the vibrant academic community at the University of Illinois Urbana Champaign, as I embark on this transformative phase of my educational and professional journey.