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EDUCATION

Duration	Degree/Certificate	College/School	CGPA (10)/%
July 2024 - Present	Ph.D. Civil Engineering (Hydraulics)	IIT Gandhinagar	10.0
July 2014 - August 2018	B.Tech (Civil Engineering)	IIT Patna	7.57
May 2011 - June 2013	Senior Secondary Examination	RBSE	88.80
May 2009 - May 2011	Secondary Examination	RBSE	88.50

PUBLICATIONS

- [1] I. M. Tripathi, **S. Kumar**, A. Modi, A. M. Bhat, C. Bhagat, P. K. Mohapatra, and M. L. Kansal, "Towards Water Sensitivity: A Critical Review of Urban Water Management Strategies," *Water Resources Management*, 2025, (accepted).
- [2] **S. Kumar**, A. M. Bhat, and P. K. Mohapatra, "Flood inundation management in the Narmada basin: An AIML application for the upstream area of Sardar Sarovar Dam," 2026, (Under Preparation).
- [3] **S. Kumar** and P. K. Mohapatra, "Unsteady and Non-Newtonian Flow in Vortex Drop Shafts: A Critical Review," 2026, (Under Preparation).
- [4] **S. Kumar** and P. K. Mohapatra, "Numerical investigation of multiphase flow hydrodynamics in a vortex drop shaft with tangential inlet," 2026, (Under Preparation).
- [5] **S. Kumar** and P. K. Mohapatra, "Application of Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) in vortex drop shafts: A critical review," 2026, (Under Preparation).

DOCTORAL THESIS

Numerical Simulation of Vortex Drop Shaft Hydrodynamics under Multiphase Flow Conditions

(Supervisor: Prof. Pranab K. Mohapatra)

Proposal Defended: Oct 8, 2025

- **Research Scope:** Numerical and experimental investigation of vortex drop shafts using tangential inlet designs.
- **Methodology:** Utilizing Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) to model complex multiphase flow conditions.
- **Experimental Validation:** Designing a physical experimental setup in the hydraulics laboratory using tangential inlets to validate numerical models.
- **Coursework:** Applied Hydraulic Transients, Advanced Hydraulic Engineering, Advanced Engineering Hydrology, Microwave Remote Sensing.

EXPERIENCE

- **Junior Research Fellow (JRF), cNarmada Project, IIT Gandhinagar** *July 2024 – Present*
 - Developing an integrated river basin management plan for the Narmada River.
- **Graduate Teaching Fellow (GTF) IIT Gandhinagar, Gujarat, India** *August 2025 – November 2025*
 - Conducted tutorials and guided 39 M.Tech students in a PG writing course.
- **Teaching Assistant (TA) IIT Gandhinagar, Gujarat, India** *January 2025 – April 2025*
 - Assisted with the undergraduate Fluid Mechanics course for 2nd and 3rd year B.Tech students.
- **Junior Research Fellow (JRF) Water4Change Project, IIT Gandhinagar** *Sept 2022 - July 2024*
 - Contributed to an Indo-Dutch initiative for urban water challenges in India.
- **Summer Internship NWR Jaipur, India** *May 2017 – July 2017*
 - Conducted a study on managing performance in shed installation and initial steps of railway track construction.

RESEARCH & PROJECTS

- Numerical Simulation of Vortex Drop Shaft Hydrodynamics, IIT Gandhinagar Ongoing
 - Investigating the complex fluid dynamics of vortex drop shafts using experimental methods and advanced numerical modeling (CFD).
 - Modeling multiphase flow in vortex drop shafts to analyze flow behavior and efficiency.
- Ground Response Analysis of Soil Deposit, IIT Patna July 2017 - May 2018
 - Analyzed the ground response of soil deposits at the IIT Patna campus under the guidance of Dr. Amarnath Hegde.
 - Observed how response parameters like Peak Ground Acceleration (PGA) and maximum shear strain are affected by variations in input motion and shear wave velocity.
- Steel and Reinforced Concrete Design Projects, IIT Patna Sept 2016 - April 2017
 - Designed an industrial steel shed for a manufacturing unit using ETABS under Dr. Vaibhav Singhal.
 - Executed the design of a reinforced concrete structure for a three-story framed residential building using SAP2000.
- Sociology of Development Project, IIT Patna Jan 2017 - April 2017
 - Conducted a water quality check in the nearby area of the IIT Patna campus to assess environmental conditions.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Software & Simulation: FLOW-3D, FLOW-3D HYDRO, HEC-RAS, ANSYS Fluent, DeepSoil, SAP2000, ETABS.
- Design & GIS: AutoCAD Civil 3D, AutoCAD 2D Drafting, QGIS, ArcGIS, QSWAT.
- Programming: Python, MATLAB, Java, C/C++, LaTeX.
- Laboratory & Surveying: Vectrino+ (ADV), Dumpy Level, Auto Level, Theodolite, Total Station.

ACHIEVEMENTS & AWARDS

- Inspire Scholarship: Awarded by the Department of Science & Technology, Government of India.
- MCM Scholarship: Awarded Merit-cum-Means Scholarship two times during undergraduate studies.
- Competition Rank: Secured 1st rank in Hydraulic Arm designing competition.
- State Award: Awarded with a Laptop by the Rajasthan Government for academic excellence.

REFERENCES

Dr. Pranab K. Mohapatra Professor, Homepage IIT Gandhinagar, India PhD Supervisor pranabm@iitgn.ac.in	Dr. Amarnath Hegde Associate Professor, Homepage IIT Dharwad, India B.Tech Project Guide ahegde@iitdh.ac.in	Dr. Vaibhav Singhal Asst. Professor, Homepage IIT Patna, India B.Tech Project Guide singhal@iitp.ac.in
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