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## Education

### Vishwakarma Institute of Technology Pune

Bachelor of Technology in Computer Science (GPA: 8.47 / 10.00)

Nov 2022 - May 2026

Pune, Maharashtra

- **Relevant Coursework:** DSA (Java), MERN Web Development, Computer Networks

## Experience

### Microsoft Learn Students Club VIT Pune

Content Strategy Head

Pune, Maharashtra

July 2024 - Present

- Develop content strategies to boost engagement and growth.
- Manage content schedules and ensure timely delivery.

Web Developer

January 2024 - July 2024

- Built an NGO website for better outreach and donations.
- Presented Solidity at a major VIT Pune hackathon.

## Publications/Achievements

- Image Forgery Detection Using Machine Learning: **8th International Conference on Smart Trends in Computing and Communications (SmartCom'24) - 2024**
- Winner (3rd Place) - Business and System Innovation Challenge 2024, Indonesia: **Developed an anti-plagiarism software prototype for Binus University**
- Contributor at the Social Winter of Code Season 5: **Contributed to various Open Source Repositories with successful implementation of features and bug fixes**

## Projects

### Mesh-Up | ESP8266, Java, Android Studio

- A decentralized mesh network enabling communication without traditional infrastructure like Wifi and Mobile Data, using IoT devices, laptops, and mobiles. It features UDP-based messaging, rebroadcasting, and flood protection for reliable and efficient communication.
- Designed for disaster recovery, remote areas, and events, it ensures real-time connectivity when infrastructure is unavailable.

### Image Forgery Detection Using Machine Learning | Python, Kaggle Notebook, Virtual GPU

- Utilized Python and Kaggle Notebooks to develop "Image Forgery Detection Using Machine Learning," leveraging Keras and CNN algorithms to detect digital image manipulations effectively, thereby enhancing security and integrity across diverse domains.
- Achieved a remarkable accuracy rate of 93.34 percent in image forgery detection, showcasing the project's efficacy in detecting and mitigating digital image tampering, thereby contributing to bolstering data authenticity and trustworthiness.

### Heart Disease Prediction Using Machine Learning | Python

- Implemented Random Forest Algorithm in Python to predict the likelihood of heart disease using a Kaggle dataset, achieving an exceptional accuracy of 99 percent.

## Technical Skills

**Languages:** React Native, C, Java, SQL, Python, Git, Arduino, Solidity

**Web Development:** MERN Stack, JavaScript, HTML, CSS

**Concepts:** Compiler, Operating System, Computer Networks, Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, API, Cloud Computing, System Designs