APPING DATABASE

Personal Details

- Name / Roll no : Preyas Shah
- CPI/DR : (at the time of apping) 9.6/ rank 2, (now) 9.54/ dunno the rank
- TOEFL Score : 113/120
- Any papers published/How many?and wat are they? NONE

- Professors from whom recos are taken/For what did he give recommendation/How good the reco was/ Ne comments on the reco given by your professor?
  ---all recos are to be 'waived'. recos given by ur prof shldnt be read, unless some profs tell you to write the reco yourself and then just sign it. my recommenders were- JBD, UNG, AWD, UVB, German Intern Prof. (I used 3 of them at a time)

Universities

Which univs did you apply to and for which program *(Plz list in the decreasing order of the importance you gave to universities)*

University	Field	PhD/MS/ Combined	TA/RA/Fellow/admit/ Reject/other
MIT	*Mech*	*combined*	*reject*
Stanford	*Mech*	*combined*	*fellow*
UCB	*Mech*	*PhD*	*RA*
UIUC	*Mech*	*combined*	*admit*
Cornell	*Mech*	*PhD*	*RA*
Imperial College, London	*Mech*	*MS*	*admit*

3) On what basis did you choose the universities? USNEWS/Peers/Professors/Visited all sites? Also if you have any comments regarding what are the characteristics of that particular school for ex. Good research oppurtunities, good faculty, high imp to GRE, etc GRE SCORE IS NOT EVEN IMPORTANT. A LOW SCORE IS NO REASON TO STOP APPING. THEY WILL JUST MAKE U TAKE AN ENGLISH CLASS FOR SMALL NUMBER OF CREDITS FOR A QUARTER/ HALF-SEM IF YOUR SCORE IS VERY LOW (<1200-1300).

ALL OF THEM HAVE GOOD FACULTY. I USED USNEWS. USNEWS IS A TRUSTWORTHY SITE TO DECIDE WHICH UNIVS TO APP TO (UNLESS U WANT TO APP TO PARTICULAR FIELD). IF YOU WANT TO APP IN A PARTICULAR FIELD IN MECH, ASK YOUR RECOMMENDERS/PROFESSORS WHICH ONE IS BETTER THAN THE OTHER/ IF THEY KNOW ABOUT ANY PARTICULAR AWESOME GROUP. ABOUT STANFORD- IT IS BEST IN DESIGN AND THERMOSCIENCES AND SECOND BEST IN BIOMECH, COMPUTATIONS AND SOL-MECH.

5) Did you send suck mails? How useful are they? Any fundae regarding those?

Never did that. You may send a **couple** of guys mails for RA/TA after you have got admit. No fundae.

6) What were the other options open for you ? JOB(where), IIM? etc

IIM was my backup. Did get a good score- 99.98% but I ditched the interview, etc since I was already set on doing MS+PhD by the time the results of CAT were declared + I didn't have time due to PAF and Valfis.

7) Which app are you choosing? Why?

Stanford- I have a fellowship here. Cool campus, cool weather throughout the year, high ranking in all the fields in Mech, highest in the one I am interested in, know many seniors here from before, laid back culture, industry contacts due to location in Bay Area, Silicon Valley

8) What was your BTP/DDP/MTP Topic? Who was your guide? Seminar guide? Why chose him?

BTP Topic was in Computations- error estimation in Heat transfer central difference schemes. Guide- UNG, Reason- The chap's so peaceful

9) If you can share you SOP? Please send it to me.

Sorry, I won't be sharing my SOP. And anyways, most of you who would successfully (depends on person to person) app will realize the 'truth' about SOP very soon.

10) Any other inputs/comments concerning app?

(opinions will differ)

Don't worry about funding if you don't get funding in any univ, it is almost impossible to get funding for just a MS. MS+PhD/ PhD admits are provided with some sort of funding 90% of the times.

Be decided on what you want to do- IIM/Job/App otherwise it will be hell for you later when you remain undecided

Best of Luck!