APPING DATABASE

Personal Details

- Name / Roll no : Rishabh Bhandari / 05D10005
- CPI/DR : 8.8/ (DDR – 5)
- GRE Score (Vocab+Quant+Essay Writing) : 510 + 800 + 4.5/5 (don't remember)
- TOEFL Score : 116
- Any papers published/How many and wat are they? Title and publication
  None till I applied, have submitted one after my DDP on ABS controls and road surface prediction

- Professors from whom recos are taken/For what did he give recommendation/How good the reco was/ Any comments on the reco given by your professor?
  Prof. Ramesh Singh – FSAE, DDP – Gave an excellent reco. I could not have asked for more.
  Prof. Amarnath – ASME, FSAE, UMIC and 2 courses – It must have been a good reco as well
  Inter prof in Germany – Just to add some diversity, very general reco.

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
Stanford University	Automotive	Combined	Admit (MS)
UMich	Automotive	Combined	Reject
MIT	Automotive	PhD	Reject
Virginia Tech (Backup)	Automotive	PhD	RA

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 opportunities, good faculty, high imp to GRE, etc

All univs that I applied to had some good research going on in vehicle dynamics or controls. I personally think reco and SOP are the most important, obviously after CPI and publication.

University	Future Related Comments (Good research, etc)	Selection related comment(GRE score)

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

None, No idea if they are useful. May be after admit they can help.

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

Job - ITC

7) Which app are you choosing? Why?

I have deferred Stan. Right now working in ITC

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

DDP – Anti lock brakes with surface prediction – Ramesh Singh – Best professor in mech dept to work with, makes you work without paining you. Gives enough freedom to work and gives good grades if you have been regular.

Seminar guide – Prof. Kurien

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

(You may say that SOP is to be written by self which is absolutely true. But after writing a SOP by self, it can be very well polished by looking at other SOPs, I plan to put a word of caution for all the people (juniors) not to copy our SOPs blindly and advise them to write it on your own and use our SOPs only for reference.)

I will give it to people when they contact me, since I may apply again I would not like to share it right now.

10) Any other inputs/comments concerning app?