Alumni Diary

Believe in the Goal and Trust the Process

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This is Tatineni Ugesh. I Pursued a Masters from IITH in the stream of Geotechnical Engineering during 2013-15. I have cleared the Indian Engineering Services examination 2017 with AIR-42. I am currently working in the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH) as Technical Secretary to the Director General (Road Development) and Special Secretary.

One of my friend's suggestions regarding the emerging status of IIT Hyderabad as one of the top institutes of India brought me IITH. The most I enjoyed was my Project work on Ground Penetrating Radar in the 2nd year of my Masters, which was very innovative and challenging. I used to Play Volleyball and cricket. Our Team won the trophy in the intra-cricket tournament held in 2014. The education and training I got at IITH helped me overcome my fears and develop interpersonal skills. I had a lot of best moments during those two years and can't single out any.

To believe in the Goal and trust the process is what I would like to emphasize for the existing folk @ IITH.

IITH has Incredible Infrastructure, build on it for better future!





The Student - Teacher friendly interaction and the supportive nature of Professors is one of the best aspects of IITH. In any given way where my contribution is required, I would like to give back to my Alma matter.

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Hi, I'm Vinay Kumar, currently working as a Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Texas (UT) at Austin and soon joining Huesker USA as Technical Manager – Pavements. I was a graduate research assistant working for my PhD in the Dept. of Civil Engineering (2013-2018).

Well, I was working in the Republic of Mauritius briefly after my master's (MTech) and applied for a PhD position in Civil engineering (Geotechnical engineering) during my vacation to India (Jokes apart!). My interest to work with Dr Sireesh Saride on the topic of Transportation Geotechnics and Geosynthetics made me join IITH and work with him for my PhD.

To be frank, I did enjoy any of the subjects that I had to attend classes to get grades, since I was researching in Pavement engineering and courses were mostly on Geotechnical and Civil engineering topics. However, I enjoyed teaching (working as a TA) Advanced Soil Mechanics laboratory to the graduate students (Masters and PhD). Not many activities I was involved, but I did play cricket and volleyball, so mostly Sports. I presume the ability to be a good researcher, even when situations are not in your favor, is an incredible take away from IITH!



I'm actually implementing my PhD research from IITH in the Texas roadways (in coordination with Texas Department of Transportation) as part of my current job at UT Austin. It has helped me a lot. There are many best moments from my days at IITH. However, receiving my PhD certificate during the graduation ceremony would top it all.

IITH has been doing really well with very good infrastructure and research facilities. I'm glad the current students can make good use of it to achieve something better. However, the ability for undergraduate students to interact with the graduate students is excellent and developing new infrastructure would definitely a continuous evolving process, which I presume is already in process. I can contribute by mentoring the current Geotechnical/ Transportation students in their research activities and career.

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