

Journey of Dreams!

Navigating Academia, Passion, and Leadership at IITH

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Hi everyone!

I'm Anand, a third-year BTech student in Industrial Chemistry, IITH. Hailing from Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, my journey to this esteemed institution began like many others – as an aspiring JEE candidate fuelled by dreams of academic excellence. While the pandemic forced our first semester online, stepping onto campus felt like stepping into that dream realized.

Surrounded by brilliant minds with diverse backgrounds, I quickly found myself drawn to exploring the various clubs and societies we had on our campus. Film-making and Photography emerged as a passion, allowing me to capture the essence of campus life and beyond. I also improved my leadership skills by joining various organizing teams and forging meaningful friendships along the way.

My academic pursuits held equal excitement. As part of the first batch of IITH's Industrial Chemistry program, we're pioneers in navigating a unique curriculum that blends the depths of chemistry with practical engineering applications. This curriculum ignited my interest in computational sciences; I also completed a summer project guided by a professor. This experience not only allowed me to explore my interests but also developed crucial research skills.



Beyond academics and clubs, I was fortunate to contribute to social causes by volunteering with the National Service Scheme (NSS). Teaching children at nearby government schools and orphanages and organizing donation drives on campus were incredibly rewarding experiences.



Furthermore, thanks to my involvement in the photography club, I had the opportunity to participate in the Inter-IIT cultural meet. Witnessing the fierce yet healthy competition between brilliant minds from all the IITs and even clinching a gold medal in a photography competition was an unforgettable experience.



Currently, I serve as the Media and PR Secretary in the Students' Gymkhana, leading a team of students. This role has brought immense personal growth. Witnessing the dedication and collaborative spirit within the team is truly inspiring. From effective communication to conflict resolution, the challenges I face have equipped me with invaluable life skills.

College life at IITH has been about more than just academics and extracurriculars. It's about the late-night study sessions fuelled by endless cups of chai, the impromptu laughter erupting in hostel rooms, and the camaraderie forged through shared experiences. It's about discovering oneself, pushing boundaries, and embracing opportunities that shape your future.

Looking back, my journey from a wide-eyed JEE aspirant to a campus leader has been both enriching and humbling. The experiences, challenges, and friendships I've encountered have moulded me into the person I am today. As I continue my journey at IITH, I'm excited to see what the future holds, confident that the foundation laid here will propel me towards achieving my dreams.

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