

7. The best moment you can recall from yours' life @ IIT Hyderabad?

Best moments at IIT Hyderabad are almost always with my fellow batchmates and friends. We used to play "Age of Empires 2" game all night at the hostel, go for night walks in the campus, debate philosophy and astronomy and travel to Zam Zam Dhaba to eat spicy food! Friendships formed during the four years at IIT Hyderabad are still running strong! Because of shelter-in-place (covid-19), we started playing "Age of Empires 2" again which has rekindled so many cheerful memories of life at IIT Hyderabad!

8. What message do you want to convey to the existing student folk @ IIT, Hyderabad?

I had written a long post when I graduated from IIT Hyderabad in 2013 - "To all my IITH juniors - <https://daniket1992.wordpress.com/2013/07/23/to-all-my-iith-juniors/>" I still think all these points are relevant.

Briefly- Explore, try new things, work hard, maintain good academic standing, and have fun! IITH alumni are doing really well across the world. Don't worry about your future but have fun and work hard in the present.

9. What as per you is best about IITH and please suggest an improvement area for betterment?

IITH is a pioneer in academic innovation. IITH was the first one to start a fractal academic system, artificial intelligence focused degree and one of the first to start a double major system in India. IITH should continue to give more academic flexibility to students!

10. What is the best way to contact you?

Email – daniket1992@gmail.com, Web - <https://aniketde.github.io/>



Bharat Bhusan Sau
M.Tech 2016, CSE
KID: 20200231

1. Tell us a little about yourself?

Masters in Computer Science, 2016 pass out.

Senior Software Engineer in Mobiliya Technology, Bangalore.

Role: R&D in AI/DL.

We build great solutions for AI projects, as well as try to make significant progress in AI/DL research fields.

Continued...

2. What made you join IIT, Hyderabad?

Computer Science department in IITH became renowned in a few years only. I wanted to work under Dr. Vineeth Balasubramanian even before I joined there. I was lucky to get a chance to work under him and learn many important lessons during my thesis.

3. Which subject did you enjoy most and Least & Why?

Most: Randomized Algorithm(Taken by Subruk Sir)- It forced me to think so deeply and calmly to understand the varieties of algos. I enjoyed it just like playing chess!!

Least: Linear Optimization(Sobhan Sir)- Becoz I didn't attend many classes(I was over-burdened with other heavy courses), which I regret, I was clueless one week before the viva. Many others were in bad-shape like me, however, I could manage getting A-(8/10), after sleeplessly working on it for 7 days. Also, I remember that prof told us to attend all the classes if we wanted to pass, yet we ignored his advice!!

4. Which other activities were you involved in?

Cycling, playing cricket.

5. What specialized training have you had?

Using Deep Learning for computer vision tasks. I explored 'Deep Model Compression' and arxived a paper, which has gathered 69 citations to date.

6. How have your education and training prepared you for your current job role?

Today, I am working as an R&D engineer in the field of AI/DL because the courses I took, helped me to learn so many things which is difficult to learn while doing a job. Mindset and approach of good computer engineer can be built in IIT only.

7. The best moment you can recall from yours' life @ IIT Hyderabad?

Studying whole night in Kandi Lab and return by walking with friend in early morning.

8. What message do you want to convey to the existing student folk @ IIT, Hyderabad?

Enjoy your stay at IITH, you will cherish this whole in your life.

But have a single-minded focus on your goal, and work tirelessly, work hard and enjoy hard.

Take a thesis in the area of your interest only and make an impact on it before you pass out.

Join jobs which are mostly in your area of interest, don't look only for high package job.

Continued...

9. What as per you is best about IITH and please suggest an improvement area for betterment?

Best: I liked scolding of my guide :).

Improvements needed (maybe):

Academics: Many students take the courses lightly, the competition was not fierce among the students. The best result comes when the competition for the grade is fierce, and some of the below-performing students get F grade. Fear of getting F grade needs to be there among the students, else many will keep enjoying only. Although, plz don't make it as strict as IITK.

Non-academics: No cycling group during my time, lack of badminton court, need a restaurant inside the campus (like CCD/ biriyani house), swimming pool (very important for regular exercise and refreshment).

10. What is the best way to contact you?

Whatsapp: 9051193548, email: sau.bharatbhusan@gmail.com.

11. Any other message you want to communicate!

It feels good to share old memories, thanks for communicating us.



Neelesh Dewangan
M.Tech 2016, CSE
KID: 20200232

1. Tell us a little about yourself?

I was part of the batch 2014-2016 and completed my Masters degree in Computer Science and Engineering from IIT Hyderabad. After graduation, I moved to Tokyo, Japan and am currently working as a Machine Learning Engineer at SmartNews.

2. What made you join IIT, Hyderabad?

IIT Hyderabad was one of the best colleges to get a degree in Computer Science and its reputation for 100% placement was one of the factors that made me join there.

Continued...