

A mini-IITH in Japan

I completed my dual degree (MTech+PhD) from the Department of Computer Science & Engineering, IITH in 2019. Under the Suzuki Foundation Research grant, I joined Shizuoka University as a researcher for 1 year.

Currently, I am working as an IT Consultant for a Japanese company. In 2013, I read in news about Japan providing assistance and collaboration to IITH. Going to Japan had been a lifelong dream for me. Moreover, when I came for the interview, the faculty was welcoming, friendly, open-minded and talked about opportunities for collaborative work with Japan. That moment I felt like I was destined to join IITH although I got admission to older IITs.

I enrolled on a 4-week Creative Arts course on Photography by the renowned Polish photographer Tomasz Sobiecki. The course opened up my perspective of seeing things and made me fall in love with photography. I started capturing memories of people and events at IITH.

When I was the event coordinator of Infocus (photography club), Infocus received the best club award of IITH. Eventually, my friend-circles tease me as the “Photographer of IITH”.

It is hard to point out my least enjoyable subject.

There were hardships and deadlines with every subject. But overcoming the hardships became enjoyable and satisfying.

I was an active member of Infocus, the photography club of IITH since the beginning. Along with Dileep (ex-coordinator), we started club programs such as Humans of IITH, Campus Xplore, and Photowalks. Along with Vipul, we

successfully introduced vending machines on the campus, to alleviate the scarcity of shops.

IITH days is filled with full of enjoyable and unforgettable memories. Clicking photos of people, events, Humans of IITH, and photo-walks on campus with friends were some of the most enjoyable times.

Every year, I looked forward to Holi celebrations, ice-cream nights, Elan nights to hang out with friends. IITH gets lots of opportunities for internships and collaboration with Japan, which are hard to get otherwise. So, make sure you explore and get involved.

The research mindset, openness and flexibility of faculty makes IITH unique and appealing.

An increase in funding for research would help IITH take the next step to become a top institute in the world. I feel it is important for both IITH and alumni to stay connected and help each other grow.

In 2016, I had the opportunity to do an internship at the Suzuki Motor Corporation headquarters, Japan. I experienced the software development process that was happening in their IT Division. Courses in Data Mining, Linear Algebra, Programming and TA-ship helped me prepare to deal with problems that arise in my current job.

Life in Japan is like a learning curve. Difficult to adapt initially - cultural shocks, language problems, food adjustments, etc. Once I understand the system, life becomes systematic and enjoyable.

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It is admirable to see the Japanese giving attention to details in every aspect of their life. People are extremely polite, there are many sightseeing places. Last but not the least, the presence of 200+ IITH alumni is a welcoming sign and it gives a feeling of there is a mini-IITH in Japan.

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Studying abroad make you learn a lot

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In the last year of my Bachelor's degree, I decided to do my master's in one of the IIT's. I sat for the IIT JAM exam. I failed in my first attempt, but I cleared the exam on the second attempt. After the counselling, based on the rank I got into IITH. Although IITH was not my first choice, I was happy to join any IIT at that time. I think I enjoyed quantum mechanics the most. The subject is quite interesting and, It was well taught by the lecturer. Maybe the subject I least enjoyed was Computational Physics. I was in the dance club for a year. I also played in the cricket tournaments at IITH. The basics of physics I learned helped me during my PhD. and also helping me in my current job.

When our team won the cricket, tournament is the best moment I can recall from my life @IIT

Hyderabad. I want to say to the existing students at IITH that, if possible, study or do an internship abroad for at least 1 year. I am sure you will learn a lot of things. Providing students with a chance to study abroad through IITH-Japan collaboration, for me is the best about IITH.

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