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## Education

Indian Institute of Information Technology, Nagpur

Aug 2023 – May 2027

B.Tech in Computer Science and Engineering (Specialization: Human Computer Interaction)

CGPA: 8.90

## Position of Responsibility

Team Lead (2x) | *Smart India Hackathon*

2024 – 2025

- Owned product delivery for a **6-member team** from problem definition to launch under **36-hour sprint conditions**.
- Translated ambiguous problem statements into structured roadmaps – **National Winner 2025, Grand Finalist 2024**.

Lead | *Startup Expo, E-Summit 2025 (E-Cell IIIT Nagpur)*

2025

- Managed onboarding of startup founders and exhibitors, aligning expectations with event goals and timelines.
- Coordinated cross-functional execution across logistics and communication for seamless on-time delivery.

Hospitality Lead | *Tantrafiesta 2025, IIIT Nagpur*

2025

- Led guest experience operations across venue, logistics, and participant touchpoints for the annual technical fest.
- Resolved real-time coordination challenges under pressure with strong **stakeholder communication**.

## Honors & Achievements

- Smart India Hackathon 2025 – National Winner** by leading end-to-end product development, defining user-centric solutions, and delivering a scalable system addressing real-world needs.
- Smart India Hackathon 2024 – National Finalist**. Recognized for strong product thinking, problem structuring, and effective execution among top teams nationwide.
- Nation Building Case Study – West Zone Finalist** (Top 10 among 50,000+ participants) for two consecutive years – 2025 and 2026 – by analyzing real-world problems and proposing impactful, user-focused solutions.

## Projects

SAKSHAM – Placement Management (SIH 2025 Winner) | [Live](#) | [PRD](#) | [Recommendation System](#)

Nov 2025

- Identified **fragmented internship workflows** as a key pain point → defined product requirements and designed unified application and approval workflows → reduced coordination effort by **40%**.
- Conducted user research to uncover opportunity-matching gaps → prioritized a **recommendation engine and role-based workflows** → improved matching relevance and reduced search time by **35%**.

AskYourSenior – Student Networking & Mentorship | [Case](#) | [Product Strategy](#) | [User Research](#)

May 2026

- Recognized **gaps in mentorship, referrals, and alumni access** → conceptualized a networking platform connecting students, seniors, and career opportunities across college ecosystems.
- Defined AI-driven features including **mentor matching, referral assistance, and career roadmaps** → designed a scalable multi-college ecosystem focused on accelerating career outcomes.

Acadence – Academic Management Platform | [Live](#) | [MVP Scoping](#) | [User Feedback](#) | [Multi-role Access](#)

Apr 2026

- Observed **fragmented academic resources** as a major productivity barrier → scoped and launched an MVP covering notes, PYQs, announcements, and collaboration → improved accessibility for **students**.
- Synthesized student feedback to prioritize **study groups, discussion spaces, and timetable management** → increased collaboration efficiency by **45%**.

AR/VR Landing Page (UI/UX Design) | [Live](#) | [Figma](#) | [Wireframing](#)

Dec 2025

- Designed a responsive **AR/VR landing page** in Figma by creating wireframes, high-fidelity UI, and interactive prototypes, applying user-centered design principles to deliver an intuitive and visually engaging experience.

## Technical Skills

**Product & Design:** User Research, Feature Prioritization, Requirement Gathering (PRDs), MVP Scoping, Stakeholder Management, Market Research & Competitive Analysis, UI/UX Design, Wireframing, User Workflows, Product Strategy

**Technologies:** Python, JavaScript, TypeScript, SQL, C++, Next.js, React.js, Node.js, REST APIs, PostgreSQL

**AI & Systems Exposure:** Generative AI, RAG Systems, Agentic AI, ML Fundamentals

**Tools:** Jira, Notion, Google Analytics, Figma, MS Excel, Google Sheets, Git, GitHub, VS Code

**Course Work:** UI/UX Design, SDLC, Agile Framework, HCI, DSA, OOP, DBMS, Operating Systems, CN