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Education

Bachelor of Technology (Mechanical Engg), Mahindra École Centrale Aug 2019 – July 2023
CGPA: 7.75/10
Intermediate, Sri Chaitanya Junior College, Hyderabad June 2017 – May 2019
Percentage: 96.5 %
10th Grade, Shine High School (SSC), Warangal May 2016 – June 2017
Percentage: 97 %

Projects

Indian Literature's Portrayal of Queerness

Feb 2023 – June 2023

Mahindra University, Hyderabad

- *The word 'queer' means being odd or unconventional. When you refer to a person as 'queer', it means that his or her sexual orientation is different from what's considered 'normal', i.e., heterosexuality.*
- *Having said that, this project aims to understand how queerness is portrayed in Indian literary works. To do so, a set of books that dealt with queerness were chosen to read and later analyse. They are 'That's True, I Love Her' by Priyanka M.A. Singh and 'Cobalt Blue' by Sachin Kundalkar.*
- *After thoroughly working on them, it is understood that 'ignorance', 'unacceptance', and 'forced heterosexual marriage' are the recurring themes of queerness in Indian literary works, and queer people are portrayed as individuals characterised by strong character, independence, and ambitiousness.*

Experience

President of Outreach Club

Nov 2021 – Sep 2022

Mahindra University, Hyderabad

- *The Outreach Club is the social welfare club of Mahindra University. I worked as its president for 11 months. In my tenure, I've led a team of secretaries, designers, and content writers to conduct various events inside and outside my college. The "Cleanliness Drive," which aimed to clean the campus by involving the people who made it dirty (students), and the "Blood Donation Drive," which encouraged students to donate blood, were among the events. The latter was conducted in collaboration with the NTR Trust, a non-profit organisation based in Hyderabad. Apart from this, I've also conducted minor events, such as taking students to orphanages and government schools to teach various subjects, sports, and yoga to children there. My major contributions to the club are acknowledging a need for designers and content writers, recruiting a talented set of individuals in those fields, changing the club's Instagram handle to an organised format and using unique methods to promote our events.*

Campus Ambassador at My Captain

Nov 2022 – Jan 2023

Mahindra University, Hyderabad

- *My Captain is an Ed-Tech start-up incubated at IIM Bangalore that offers online courses for students. I worked as a campus ambassador at this company for four months where I've done market research and promoted the company within my college and worked as a salesman to sell their courses to students.*

Blogger

Sep 2023 – present

- *I've started my own blog online, The Serene Poet, where I analyse films, their terminology, economics, and impact; over twenty articles have been published till date.*
- *Link: <https://theserenepoet.blog/>*

Freelance Writer at Track Tollywood

Jan 2024 – Aug 2024

- *Track Tollywood is one of the most popular web portals for cinephiles of Telugu cinema. As a part of it, I write news articles, predominantly on Telugu films, on a daily basis.*
- *Link-01: <https://tracktollywood.com/author/surya/>*
- *Link-02: <https://tracktollywood.com/author/nirvan/>*

AI Content Writer at Amazon India

Sep 2024 – present

- *I'm part of the team working on the tool, Nova (formerly known as Olympus), a Large Language Model (LLM) of Amazon, in the lines of Open AI's Chat GPT.*
- *I write content of various kinds to train this chatbot as per the latest industry standards.*

Skills**Design software:** WordPress (Elementor)**Awards and Achievements****President of Outreach Club**

Nov 2021 – Sep 2022

Mahindra University, Hyderabad

Academic Merit Scholarship

Feb 2020 – Feb 2020

Mahindra University, Hyderabad

Academic Merit Scholarship

Jan 2021 – Jan 2021

Mahindra University, Hyderabad

Interests/Extra-curricular activities**Sports:** Badminton & Sprinting**Interests:** Yoga, Martial Arts (Taekwondo)