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A zealous and empathetic mechanical engineering graduate with a steadfast focus on addressing sustainability and climate change issues. An ardent learner and believer in the power of individuals in making a difference.

EDUCATION

B.Tech in Mechanical Engineering

PES University

CGPA 8.16, Specialization in Thermo-Fluids engineering.

Pre-University (11th and 12th Grade)

Athani Composite Pre-University College

Score - 94.16%

Jun 2016 – Mar 2018 Davangere, India

Aug 2018 – May 2022 Bengaluru, India

CBSE Class 10th Examinations

Bapuji Higher Primary English Medium (CBSE) School

CGPA 10

Mar 2016 Davangere, India

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Project Assistant

Combustion Gasification and Propulsion Laboratory (CGPL), Indian Institute of Science (IISc)

Work involved the following studies and experiments on Polymer Electrolyte Membrane Fuel Cells (PEMFCs) and Solid Oxide Fuel Cells (SOFCs) -

- Testing, characterization and performance analysis of fuel cells using polarization curves.
- Studies on the influence of component materials, parametric variation of fuel and oxidizer flow rates, temperature, and humidification on fuel cell performance.
- Electrochemical Impedance Spectroscopy (EIS) experiments to study the total impedance of the fuel cell.
- Analysis of PEM fuel cell performance utilizing Hydrogen produced through Biomass Gasification in the lab.

INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE

Project Intern

Combustion Gasification and Propulsion Laboratory, Indian Institute of Science

- Conducted testing and performance analysis of Polymer Electrolyte Membrane Fuel Cells.
- Carried out literature survey on hydrogen as a fuel, fuel cell technologies, components and electrochemistry of fuel cells.

Jul 2022 – present Bengaluru, India

Mar 2022 – May 2022 Bengaluru, India

Internship - 7th semester

PES University

Sep 2021 – Dec 2021 Bengaluru, India

Jan 2021 - Dec 2021

- Collection of illumination data on campus, urban solar street light planning based on Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) road lighting codes.
- Light wattage, solar panel and battery sizing calculations.
- Feasibility analysis and cost comparison between regular LED and solar LED street lighting for the potential installation on the campus of PES University, Bengaluru.

PROJECT WORK

Analysis of Flow Through Small Ducted Wind Turbines for Rooftop Applications

PES University, Bengaluru, India

An extensive literature survey was carried out on ducted wind turbines (DWTs) and wind flow modelling through wind turbines. Local wind velocity data collection, power requirement calculations and design calculations were carried out for different types of ducts, namely simple diffuser, flanged diffuser, and airfoil cross-section diffuser. A two-dimensional axisymmetric model was chosen for fluid flow analysis on ANSYS Fluent. Various geometrical parameters of the ducts, such as inlet angle, length of the diffuser, and area ratio were varied and velocity variation across the duct was analyzed. The airfoil cross-section diffuser provided the best velocity augmentation among the chosen designs for given inlet velocities.

SKILLS

Softwares Soft skills

ANSYS Fluent, MATLAB, Python, C, Microsoft Office

Content writing, communication and outreach

COURSES AND CERTIFICATIONS

Understanding Research Methods Coursera	May 2021
Energy: The Enterprise Coursera	Aug 2020
Our Energy Future Coursera	Aug 2020
Communicating Climate Change and Health Coursera	Aug 2020
Crash Course in Energy Energy Club, IIT Bombay	Aug 2020
The Sustainable Development Goals - A global transdisciplinary vision for the future Coursera	Jul 2020
International Workshop on Recent Advances in Thermal Engineering (IWRATE 2020) BITS Pilani	Jul 2020
Introduction to Sustainability Coursera	Jul 2019
Basics of Rocket Propulsion - PESU I/O Course PES University	May 2019
Solid Edge - PESU I/O Course PES University	Dec 2018

VOLUNTEERING ACTIVITIES

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The Changemakers' Society club (CMS), PES University Research volunteer and part of the core team involved in planning for waste management on the university campus	Aug 2020 – Mar 2022
Chatramitra Programme, PES University Part of a team of students visiting a government school on a weekly basis to train students of class 7th for a government-funded scholarship exam	Aug 2019 – Mar 2022
World's Largest Lesson, AIESEC India + The Changemakers' Society Conducted activities for Baldwin Boys High School students to introduce them to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)	Aug 2019
Aatmatrisha Fest, PES University Involved in organizing and conducting a game event-MXC as part of the college fest, Aatmatrisha	Mar 2019
Collegiate Social Responsibility (CSR) club, PES University Participated in volunteering for a clean-up drive, blood donation camps, visit to a special school to conduct activities for the students	Sep 2018 – Mar 2020
The Amateur Scientist (TAS) fest, PES University Volunteered for conducting and managing registrations for a day-long science fest conducted for high-school students	Aug 2018
SPORTS	
PES University Throwball Team	Sep 2018 – Mar 2020

Member of PES University Throwball Team A and Team B for multiple throwball events/tournaments -

- i) Inter-Collegiate Throwball Tournament, BNMIT, Bengaluru Sept 2018
- ii) Infini Sports Fest, PES University, Bengaluru 2018 and 2019
- iii) Revels'20 fest throwball event, Manipal University, Manipal March 2020

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Languages **Interests** English, Kannada, Hindi Literature, languages, music, sports, tourism and social service