



CATKing NITIE WAT PI Workbook

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Interview and WAT Experience–1

I had an interview on 30th March 2017 (2 Pm slot) and I reached NITIE on the same day. The accommodation was pre-arranged at MDP and I seriously admired the view of lake from the building. It's a really beautiful campus.

I reported at the admin building and the process started off with the document verification. Tedious process and literally took more than 1 hr. It was followed by a GD and our topic was "One India One election". I had to wait for 1 hr to enter the Gd room.

GD

3 Profs in GD, P1 Female, P2 male, P3 Female

Due to the triviality of the topic, the discussion soon turned into an argument and people started attacking others instead of arguments. It ended in 12–15 mins and was a bad experience overall.

PI

Right after the GD, I was guided by Adcom to my panel (NO 7). After waiting for nearly 45 mins my Panel was shifted and I was told to go to panel no. 10. It was 5 o'clock by now and I was feeling a bit tired (wearing a suit and tie in humid weather causes a lot of discomforts). I was the second last candidate in my panel and hence had to wait.

Sitting outside the panel room

The room suddenly opened in the middle of an interview. A woman in her late 40s came out and inquired about something from the Adcom. An overzealous guy (lets name him Z) uttered something which seemed to me like a reply. Prof. looked at him slyly and asked her in a plain, smooth manner;

Prof: "You seem eager to answer question"

Z: "Yes Ma'am"

Prof; "I will grill you" (Tone was more a sweet warning)

Z: Smiled (A bit puzzled I guess).

In about 10–15 min I was called for the interview.

Interview panel: 3 profs, P1: F (Late 40s), P2 (M, early 50's), P3 (Early 40s) (Order - left to right)

They were sitting across a large table. P1 & P2 were busy with some documents and P3 was staring at his laptop (Bored probably)

I entered the room, greeted them all and sat on a small stool in the middle of the room.

P1: Introduce yourself!

Me: Started off in a high enthusiastic pitch and went on for about a minute.

P1: Where do you work, what is the sector?

Me: Tells them about the company I work for (I work in Oil & Gas Industry).

P2: Cuts me in middle and asks "what is upstream and downstream?"

Me: Tell them about it.

It was followed by a few more question from my work and then suddenly...

P1: What projects did you do in your college? (In a sharp tone)

Me: Told them, I have done a few on Automobiles, Alternate fuels and E rickshaw.

P1: (Suddenly makes an interesting face) Ohh did you? Tell me how an automobile starts?
(Condescending tone)

(P2 Staring right at me as if scrutinizing the thoughts in my brain with a cunning smile)

Me: (I felt a plunge inside my body and my mind was filled with bliss, Automotive is my area of interest) I started off right from the ignition system and ended on final transmission and drive.

(I felt quite pleased as in a previous interview I had fumbled on similar kind of thing)

(P1 & P2 seems happy. Both smile at me and look at me benevolently. P3 is sleepy)

P2 ask some more questions from materials used in cars which fortunately I was able to handle)

P2: "Okay tell me what do you do other than academics?"

Me: Sir, I write answers on Quora (Braggs about being most viewed in Diesel engine & Cars)

P1: So, you feel you are an expert in automobiles? Why don't you work for any automotive companies?

Me; Explained them about it.

P2: So, you write answers on online forums. Suggest me a car?

Me: Inquires about requirements and usage (Forgot to ask about Budget) Suggest Ford EcoSport.

P2: Oh no! It's way too costly, we are profs here not Managers (All of them laughs)

Me: Suggested a few hatchbacks.

(P2 was really inquiring about why I suggested these cars and their pros and cons)

P1: Which car do you drive?

Me: Vitara Brezza

P2: What did you say you do?

Me: Smiling a little and explaining how my father also love cars so its like a dream to own a compact SUV.

Inquires about my family background

All of them look at each other and wished me luck. I started walking outside and almost opened the gate when P1 called me started asking questions about my workex. I was feeling strange and they didn't stop. 10 more minutes of questioning before I leave.

I walked out of the room and called my sister (she also had the interview on same day). I

walked and reached the stairs when the adcom called me on top of his voice "They are calling you back". I was taken aback. Cut the phone call and rushed to the room. Opened the door and ask permission to enter. They smiled and asked, "What is your name?"

I replied and they asked me to leave.

Ps - I was a good experience overall.

Interview and WAT Experience–2

22-April-2019

My GD-PI slot was 1.00PM

Had breakfast took a walk...

Went to my room took bath got ready....

12.45PM- Reached academic building ... never seen such an infrastructure in my life...

GD Panel No - 1

PI Panel No - 1

1.00PM - Went for a lecture hall where attendance was taken and ID cards were given... we were asked to arrange the documents in a specific order and attest the photocopies...

1.30PM- we were sent for 2nd attendance... and separation of photocopies...

1.45PM- we were sent for document verification....

2.00PM- we were sent for GD

2.30PM - GD started ...

Topic: EVM vs Paper voting

8 candidates including me...

GD was worse... all started shouting ... I waited assuming everyone will get a chance.... But none cared about others... so I too started interrupting others.... And gave my points everyone spoke for EVM I was the only one to talk for Paper voting... some compared US and Russia with India and told if they are following, we should also follow... but I told India is a country where population is the main drawback and still digitalization is not completely done... old age people should also be taken into account... digitalization favours only youth and mid aged people...but none was accepting me they kept shouting ... I was silent and placed my points ...

2Min points preparation - 10Min Discussion - 2Min conclusion.

3.00PM- Reached my PI panel ...

3.30PM- I was the first to be Interviewed...

My profile:

10th - 6.6/10 (CBSE) around 62.5%

12th - 1061/1200 (TN board) around 88.42%

BE Mechanical-8.35/10 (Anna University)83.5%

3 Panel members

P3- Tell us about yourself??

Me- Never prepared so started answering what I really am...

P1- What is famous in Madurai??

Me- Food and temples sir...

P1- Give some examples??

Me- Food - Jigar Thanda, Rose milk, Parotta, etc. sir. Temples- Meenakshi Amman temple, Alagar Kovil, Kudal Alagar Perumal Kovil... I can keep on saying the whole day sir... because Madurai is Tempe city...

(P1 laughed and was happy with my answer)

P1- Why Meenakshi amman temple is famous??

Me- In south India mostly people treat either lord Shiva or lord Vishnu as supreme one... but Madurai Meenakshi and Kancheepuram Kamakshi are the only female gods who are treated more supreme than the male god's so they are very famous.

(P1 seemed happy for my answer)

P3 - Asked about my final year project??

Me- Explained shortly... my project was on Time study and at the end I said that productivity can be increased by warning the operators alone...

(P3 and P1 laughed and was not satisfied with my answer)

P1- Your aim??

Me- Want to become a fitness entrepreneur sir...

P1- why so??

Me- Told them about my weight loss and told that Indian products are not up to the quality and results are poor too... I will not be able to give a superior quality product as cost may increase... I will give the same product at lower price...

P1- People nowadays see brand... why would they choose your product??

Me- Sir out of all gym goers 75% people are youngsters and youngsters in the sense I mean people of age 15–25.. At 15–25yrs most of them are students and students can't afford too much money considering brand alone... so eventually they choose cheaper products...that is where my products will come into picture...

P1- You are wrong it will not be possible...

Me- It is definitely possible sir... because in our country youngsters like me we go for a product seeing their brand ambassador... so I would work on choosing the right brand ambassador eventually people will start buying my products.

(P1 was not satisfied and gave a wicked smile)

P3- What is Ind engg??

Me- Gave an informal answer...

P1- What other options you have??

Me- I have applied for all IITs and NITs sir...

P1- What about PSU's??

Me- My gate score is not even up to the psu cutoff sir and I was not interested in job either so I am happy that I am here at NITIE..

P1- Ok you may leave ...

Me - Smiled at everyone and said thank you.. arranged the chair and left....

P2- Was simply on his mobile doing something throughout he didn't even see my face...
Around 4PM my interview got over... had chat with some fellow candidates ... had dinner and left the college at around 9.45PM..

At around 12AM in the airport started watching Game of thrones...

Returned Madurai 23-04-2019 afternoon 12PM

Overall experience-

New place, variety of people, great campus, costly environment...

An experience of lifetime...

Interview and WAT Experience-3

Date: 27th March 2019

Slot: Morning

Venue: NITIE Mumbai

Course: PGDIM/PGDISEM

Did not get accommodation so stayed in an OYO nearby. The document verification process is a little tedious so be ready for a long duration process.

Group Discussion Topic: Make in India. Has it been successful?

Batch of 10. I killed it in the GD. Mentioned about various global indices. How it is a long-term plan and why China is ahead of us. Overall, only few people participated and I was able to stand out in the GD. Very happy and confident for the interview now.

Personal interview:

Two people. Both professors. One male, the other female. Let's call them M and F.

Me: "Good morning Sir. Good morning mam. May I" (Asking them to sit)

M: "Why you plan on standing?"

Me: "No sir." (Wow! What a start?)

M: "Then sit."

F: "Can you tell me what is stress?"

Me: Answered.

F: "What is Strain?"

Me: Answered.

F: "And which one of them are you right now? Stressed or strained?"

Me: "Neither of them. Mam"

M: "What have you learnt from Nirav Modi?"

Me: "You have to know when to leave a sinking ship."

M: "How does a submarine work?"

Me: "I don't know the exact answer but allow me to try. The sea has a buoyant force which needs to be countered by the vessel. So there needs to be a propelling mechanism that counteracts the force. I don't exactly know how that happens."

F: "Recently there was a movie on Submarines."

Me: "Yes Mam. Ghazi attack."

F: "Try answering from there."

Me: "Sorry mam. Can't recollect the scene right now."

M: "Okay what is your hobby?"

Me: "Sir, I like to sing. Bollywood mostly."

M: "Woh toh sab gaate hai."

Me: "Sir I have also had some informal training."

F: "Okay last question. Why should we take you?"

Me: "Because I am versatile. I have studied Mechanical engineering. Worked in IT. Switched to Advertising and I have been able to take key learning from these different fields and apply them in others."

M: "What versatile? You don't even know how a submarine works."

Me: (Smiles sheepishly!)

F: "Okay! We are done."

Me: "Thank you mam, sir."

Overall, a stress interview with very little time given for answers. The question was out of nowhere and followed no necessary pattern.

Result: Converted first list PGDIM. Merit rank 140.

Interview and WAT Experience-4

NITIE Mumbai

Slot- 11:00 AM

26th March'18

CAT Percentile: 98.44

Profile:

10th: 84.67 (RBSE)

12th: 74.77(RBSE)

Graduation: 7.78- Electronics and Communication Engineering-NIT Trichy

Work Exp: 31 Months-Automobile Sector

The entire process is managed by very friendly Team Impact.

GD Topic: Ease of Doing Business: A Reality or Dream in India

Time: 19 Mins

2 Mins for jot down the thoughts, 15 Mins for Discussion, 2 Mins for Conclusion.

3 Moderators and 12 Persons per panel.

(Spoke about the Ease of Business Doing Ranking improvement from 142 to 100, various parameters of Ease of Doing Business like Construction Permit, Electricity Permit, Insolvency Process (mention the improvement in rank in insolvency process from 136 to 103 and reduction in average time), Paying taxes (rank improved from 172 to 119). Spoke about the logistic cost (13% of GDP, US, UK approx. 6 to 8% and target of GOI to reduce it to 10% by 2022). Mention the 3 factors for Industry Development: Land (moved from 1894 Land Acquisition law to 2013 LAAR-Land Acquisition Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act), Labor (Improvement in Labor laws), Capital (GOI scrapped the FPIB-Foreign Investment Promotion board and set a deadline (10 weeks) to clear the proposals). Also mentioned the Tech Parks and Special Economic Zones and tax benefits to the companies. Concluded with considering the Govt. initiatives its reality in India now.)

GD and PI Panels were different

PI Process:

I was in the 7th panel. 4 Panelists, 2 Male, and 2 Female. let's Call them P1(Senior Professor), P2(Alumni), P3(Young Female Professor), P4(Senior Female Professor).

Student Coordinator called my name and I entered the room. I stand near the seat to wait for the permission to be seated.

P1: Sit Down, please.

Me: Thank You, Sir.

P3: So Ramraj, Introduce yourself.

Me: After the well-rehearsed introduction where I talked about My Strengths, Work Experience. I also talked about the Patent, Marketing Project. I also mentioned the college events I participated like Ruby Cup and explained this in details.

Interrupted by P3

P3: Sorry to interrupt to you Ramraj, are you alone in these initiatives or you have a team.

Me: Ma'am Ideas are given by me and in few cases; some other people helped me in the process.

P3: How?

Me: Like that, I proposed a Tagline for the Tata Prima Trucks. Tata Prima truck many features are there like Armrest, Adjustable Seats and others. These features will improve the comfort of the drivers and productivity will increase. To consider all these I proposed a Tagline "Drive with Comfort" or "Comfort Unlimited" and subsequently our marketing team improved on this and outcome was "Higher Productivity with Improved Comfort and Fleet Utilization".

P3: How did you come across this?

Me: Ma'am I attended a workshop regarding this and I came to know about the various features of Tata Prima truck. I searched about the marketing way(tagline) of this. To understand it further I did a survey..

Interrupted by P3

P3: What were the survey questions?

Me: Explained the questions.

P3: Who were the people?

Me: Ma'am it includes the Drivers, Owners and Fleet Owners.

P3: Where did you do the survey?

Me: Ma'am Transport Nagar Pune. It is the logistics hub of Pune.

P4: So Ramraj, what was your final year project?

Me: Ma'am we designed a High Speed and Power Efficient Viterbi Decoder.

P4: What did you do in this project?

Me: In this Project, we used a GDIL (Gate Diffused Input logic) technique to reduce the complexity of Viterbi Decoder and this decoder has three Units: 1. Branch Metric Unit (BMU): to calculate the distance of various branches. 2. Path Metric Unit (PMU): to add all the distance and determine the best possible path. 3. Traceback Unit (TBU): PMU store the values in TBU and for the next operation can determine the path from TBU itself. TBU work like a cache memory for the faster operations.

P4 left the room

P2: Tell me about your work profile.

Me: Sir, I am working in the Current Quality department and Current Quality focuses on the quality of parts procured from the vendors throughout the life cycle of the project.

Interrupted by P2

P2: So, you work in Quality Department. What are your responsibilities?

Me: Sir if any defects occur at TML than we have to go to suppliers locations and have to review the process. We identify what went wrong in the processes and how it can be improved.

P2: What approaches do you follow for the Defect resolution?

Me: Sir, we follow the Brainstorming Technique and 5-Why analysis technique to resolve the issues and this is popularly known as 8-D analysis.

P2: Did you resolve any defect?

Me: Explained in details about a defect and solution of it and advantages of the adopted solution.

P2: Who else is involved in this?

Me: Sir other than me, a Plant Quality person was with me for this.

P2: Do not you think, Operators must be involved in the process?

Me: Sir, Plant Quality persons takes the input from the Operators and Production Managers and share with us and together we resolve the defects.

P2: What is the Inspection Process at your company?

Me: Sir Our Plant Quality checks whether the parts are as per drawing or not.

P2: How do you decide which parts to check?

Me: Sir We rate the suppliers based on their performance and identify the risk associated with these suppliers, 100% Inspection for the high-risk suppliers (Poor Rating) and sample-based inspection for low-risk suppliers (Good Rating).

*P1 did not ask a single question during the entire process. *

All four looked towards each other and

P4: Ok Ramraj, we are done. Thank You.

Me (Smiling): Thank You Sir and left the room.

And that was it. NO TOFFEES, NO COOKIES

Edit 1: Verdict: Converted

Interview and WAT Experience-5

Date: 28/03/2020

Profile: 10/12/BE (Civil Engg.) - 91.2/88/67.4, Work ex - 7 months

CAT 2019: 98.18 %ile, NC-OBC

This year, NITIE scrapped the GD and conducted online PI because of the lockdown. The application used was Talview.

It was not actually an interview as there were no panelists present. There was a set of questions that appeared on the screen that the candidate had to answer while the recording was going on. Around 7 minutes were allotted to answer these questions and the candidate had to answer them in one go.

The questions were as follows:

1. General profile (name, location, undergraduate/post-graduation and any other degrees).
2. Project(s) related details.
3. Job profile and major challenges faced (for people with work experience).
4. Internship related details (for people without work experience).
5. Any specific achievements like publications, conference presentations, awards, hackathon type participation etc.?
6. Why you have chosen NITIE?
7. What are your career goals?

All the candidates were already informed about these questions, so I had prepared well what to speak.

After this, it was time for the surprise question. The candidate had to speak for about 2 minutes on a topic.

The topic I got was "Is Make in India a success or failure?"

Verdict: Converted (2nd list)

NITIE really did a good job in completing their process. Infact, they were the first one to act and complete the process online.

Interview and WAT Experience-6

Call for both PGDIM AND PGDSM

7th April 2021

Profile -87/78/77 - Mechanical Engineer

CAT percentile -99.51 (94.4/98.66/99.46)

4 months work ex.

Interview was on Microsoft teams. Glitches all around

M1, M2

Me - Hello sir am i audible and visible? (A bit confused because the screen froze and the buttons stopped working)

Fortunately, they said

M1 - Yes pavan. you are audible. Our video is off
(I decided to leave the laptop alone)

Me - Ok sir

M1 - Introduce yourself

Me -Live in pune

Family background and business

F1 interest and SAE SUPRA Rank 3 and Research paper

Ppo from atlas copco

M1 - Hobbies?

Me- F1 enthusiast

read novels

like to watch sitcoms for leisure

M1 - What electives did you have?

Sir we had very few electives in our college. I took CFD in final year

M1- In third year?

No sir. unfortunately, our college changed the portion for my batch and we didn't have electives.

M1- Why industrial management?

Me-Told about interest in management with was developed through various participation and through reading a few books. The goal etc.

M1- What operations subject did you have?

Me- None. Cuz, we didn't have any electives.

M1- Not even production planning?

Me - No sir there was a small part of it in Manufacturing technology. There was introduction to six sigma basics.

M1- Asked about "DMAIC" i had no idea what that was

Me - i don't know that

M1 - You know six sigma, right?

Me - Just the basics

M1 - Ok tell me what you know about six sigma?

Went on a monologue about six sigma

Over to M2

M2- Difference between shaper nd planer?

Said something and i know it wasn't right

M2- Are you sure. there's a more basic difference.

Me- I don't remember that

M2- Ok your favourite subjects?

Me- FEA, RAC, Manufacturing Technology

M1 again

M1 - What kind of novels or books do you read?

Me - Mostly thriller novels but i like to mix it up with a few nonfiction too

M1- What nonfiction di you read last?

Me- Gandhi before India, Ramchandra Guha and told a bit about that

M1 - Are there more books in series?

Me - Yes sir there is India after Gandhi and Modern leaders of India.

M1- What are your long-term goals?

Me- Told that i want to learn and apply that in the industrial management field.

M1 - Dont you want to lead a company or a business of your own

Me- I would definitely like that but first i want to explore all the opportunities and then take a decision about the bigger picture.

M2 again

M2 - What quality is required as a manager?

Started explaining

Interrupted

M2- Explain precisely we have limited time

Me- Yes sir. The most important quality is embracing criticism. If we dont take feedback we might drive the company down the road. etc.

M2- Ok pavan you can leave now

Interview and WAT Experience–7

My interview was on 24th April, 2019 and I reached Mumbai on the before day. Enjoyed the Mumbai night views as it was the first time for me to visit there. Due to the all the excitement and tension I was not able to sleep till 3am and eventually woke up at 8 am. So, this was the story before reaching the campus.

Some brief details about me:

Education Qualification: B.E (Mechanical, 2015–2019), Matrusri Engineering College, Hyderabad.

Department Applied: PGDIE

No work experience and this is my first interview.

Initially the process started with document verification and it took long than I thought (nearly 1 hr).

GD

Topic was Demonetization was success or failure and this was unexpected for me because I thought generally GD topic will be from present issues. The panel consisted of 3 judges and 14 members.

They had given scribble pads for writing our particular points and this was about 2 mins. Then the discussion started and for me it was a flop show because in the group all were presenting it as failure and it was only me presenting as success. It lasted for 15 mins and 2 mins for conclusion.

Personal Interview

Panel consisted of 4 members all were women.

P1: Introduce yourself!

Me: Answered.

P1: Are you placed in any company?

Me: No madam.

P2: What made you to choose NITIE?

Me: Answered.

P1: What was your project?

Me: Answered it in the best possible way and I saw that wooww expression in all interviewers.

P3: What is BEP?

Me: Answered.

P3: Explain briefly about SCM?

Me: Just said that it is management of flow of goods and services.

P3: What is Marginal cost?

Me: Answered.

P4: How is Bench-Marking done?

Me: Said that by comparing products with various models. I knew that it was bullshit answer but the tension made me to answer.

P4: According to you which is better Delphi technique or Consumer survey?

Me: Consumer survey and explained about it. There was some discussion about 3–4 mins.

P2: What are your strengths and weaknesses?

Me: Answered.

P1: Thank you Yeshwanth you may leave and from next time when you attend an interview make sure you at least put on that collar button and Tie.

Me: Ok madam.

Interview and WAT Experience–8

Date: 28th March 2019

Slot: Afternoon

Course Applied: PGDIM

First, they conducted the document verification process and this is really a tedious one at NITIE. You need to submit two sets of photocopies at NITIE during the Document verification. And mine became an extended one because I am a Diploma Holder after 10th and the guy who was verifying everything did not know what is Diploma and hence, he took even more time verifying it with senior members. Finally, after a tedious half an hour, my documents were accepted.

GROUP DISCUSSION:

There were 2 faculty members. Both males and middle-aged. There were 8 of us in the group for GD. The Topic for discussion was -

Should Reservation be based on Financial Status of an Individual rather than the Social Status?

I Completely nailed the GD. I started second in the group Discussion and discussed the historical facts regarding why and how reservation came into the picture after independence. And thus continuing I put forward my points 4 times in the full GD along with providing a conclusion or summary of the discussion we had since I had jotted down all the main points. Thus, my group discussion was really good.

PERSONAL INTERVIEW -

I was nearly waiting for 1 and a half hours after my GD to get into the room for PI. In the meantime, I also went and had some snacks. Coming back to the PI, my name was called and I

Finally went inside the room. There were 2 panelists, both males and middle-aged and sitting behind a table, busy with some documents. They saw me standing and asked me to take the chair. I sat there with a polite Thank-you. Now they asked me where were my documents I told them I have submitted the same in the morning. They called the Ad-com member and grilled him regarding the same as to why they don't keep track of the candidate's documents and form. I had become a bit skeptical after this as to whether this had spoiled the mood of the interviewer's but the adcom member managed to calm them down and finally my interview started.

P1: So, tell us in brief about yourself...

Answer: I started with the well-rehearsed question starting with my academic background.

P1: [cuts in between] You said you have done a diploma in computer engineering after your 10th. Why is it so and why not 12th and then a degree?

Answer: Again, answered him the same politely since I had already prepared for such a question.

P2: So, tell me what all did they thought you in diploma?

Answer: I told them about the various subjects, the advantage of the diploma I had in degree, etc.

P1: So, tell me what is the difference between a Diploma and a Degree?

Answer: I told them how diploma helps to create a foundation for degree and that degree has few subjects much more advanced than those thought in Diploma.

P2: So, tell us an example like from a subject's perspective the difference between a Diploma and Degree.

Answer: I told them how in diploma I only had DBMS as a subject while in degree I have DBMS too but too a much-advanced level as well as an even higher subject such as the Distributed DBMS.

P1: So, tell me what is actually meant by a distributed DBMS?

Answer: Answered the same in detail with example.

P2: So, have you heard of the term Cloud Storage. [I answered in the affirmative] So explain to me what is cloud storage. [Jokingly] Does it mean storing data on the clouds that we see in the sky?

Answer: Smiling to his joke I explained to him how data is stored on some remote server and gave an example of Google Drive.

P1: So, tell me the advantages of cloud Storage over traditional data storage methods.

Answer: Explained to him the advantages of reliability, availability, better protection, etc.

P1: So is there any company in India Providing Cloud storage or using their systems in the cloud.

Answer: I answered to him that if you consider the Aadhar Database it is itself hosted on the cloud as well as the Railway Booking system which is also hosted on the cloud or by the C-DAC supercomputer.

P2: So coming back to distributed Databases tell me does it mean that the data from a database has been distributed or is it copied or something like that. Explain to me in detail.

Answer: I explained to him in detail how and what are distributed databases, how data is stored etc.

P1: Okay so I think that's it from our side. [I personally asked them before leaving if I can ask them a doubt to which they said yes]

Answer: Asked them regarding the elective subjects and the trimester pattern of the institute. [They explained to me how the combination of electives works and the trimester pattern and duration]. P2, however, did taunt me, "First you convert your call then you should think about this".

I smiled at him and finally thanked the interviewers and came out of the interview room. I was satisfied with the interview I gave. A good one lasting around 15 to 18 minutes.

VERDICT: CONVERTED

Interview and WAT Experience-9

Date: 26/3/2019

Venue: NITIE Campus

Slot: 10:00AM

Profile: (10th/12th/UG - 93.1/95.8/8.37)- GEM

CAT Percentile: 98.11

B. Tech.: Electrical Engineering from NIT Kurukshetra

Work-Ex: 22 Months as Automatic Train Supervision (ATS) Application Engineer at Alstom Transport India Limited

GD: "Should there be a limit on the freedom of press and media"

All the students were given their respective GD and PI panels and we were asked to go in groups of 10 for Document Verification which took almost 2 hours. I thought of going later so as to get an idea of how GDs were going. (I had heard from a student earlier that his GD ended up being a fish market.) So I waited till the last batch of GD of my panel and there were only 7 students left till then in my panel in which 1 guy was absent, so only 6 participants. Yay! So it was a moment of relief and we all actually decided beforehand that we will make it a balanced GD and will give everybody a chance to speak. We were given 2 mins to think 8 mins for the discussion and 2 mins to conclude. I started the GD. Everyone got a chance to speak and there was no finger pointing or shouting in between although few guys did interrupt in between but then it was a GD and we had only 8 mins. Everyone gave a conclusion and then I concluded with a phrase.

Performance: 3.5/5

We were then told to wait for the PI. I was 6th in the row and it was almost lunch time but the profs said they wanted to interview me before lunch break.

PI: Our panel had 2 profs, both male. let's call them M1 and M2 both in late 40's.

M1: So, Randhir please introduce yourself.

Me: Started with well prepared, 1000 times rehearsed version of it.

M2: (Interrupts in between) You have worked only for 21 months, why do you want to do MBA now?

Me: First told him the rehearsed version of "Why MBA?" and then explained him that being an ATS Application Engineer and having worked in different Metro projects like Lucknow, Kochi and Delhi I have worked with different subsystems in Metro Rail Industry and told him that personally I see my knowledge curve getting stagnated after a point of time so I wanted to act now. (Cliche answer)

M1: So Randhir, you said you know about every subsystem in Metro.

Me: No sir, I said I know about those with whom ATS has an interface.

M1: Write the names of the subsystems you know of in the paper before you and explain.

Me: Explained, 1. ATC (Automatic Train Control)

2. IXL: Interlocking Subsystem

3. MSS: Maintenance Sub System

4. DCS: Data and Communication Subsystem

5: Rolling Stock

M1: What about Infrastructure?

Me: Sir I mentioned only those sub system which is taken care by Alstom.

M2: So Randhir, you have a great academic record and its been less than two years since you graduated so you must be remembering your electrical engineering?

Me: Well, honestly I was not very well prepared with my engineering subjects, but I knew a NITIE interview is driven on your Engineering subjects so I said. Yes sir, I remember few of them.

M2: Can you tell me how can you make a transformer 100% efficient?

Me: Sir if all the losses like eddy current and hysteresis loss are zero with the leakage flux being zero and we are using CRGOS with lamination for its construction, it can be made 100% efficient. (Honestly, I was putting everything I remembered about transformer efficiency before them and hoped they picked whatever they wanted)

M2: What is leakage flux and also please explain in above answer in one line, I just want a single line answer for that?

Me: Explained leakage flux but didn't know what he was expecting in that single line so I just said sorry sir this is all I remember. (M2 wasn't satisfied and I was cursing myself inside)

M1: He was waiting for his time and asked me, Do you remember your Final year project?

Me: Well, it was my time, I happened to read everything on my major project which is usually asked in a NITIE interview so I began talking about my project.

M1: (Interrupted in Between) Don't explain it. So, since you did your major project on Inverters you must have researched about other converters. Right?

Me: Yes sir.

M1: Can you tell me what is a Cycloconverter?

Me: Now started going through every converter I read about in the past few days in my head DC-DC, AC-DC, DC-AC but couldn't remember Cycloconverter. (Which I did when I was telling about my interview to a friend after the interview got over) So I simply said, sorry sir I have read it in my B. Tech but I can't remember it now.

M1: Okay, tell me what is the advantage of three phase power supply?

Me: Explained about it.

M1: What kind of supply do you use in Metro trains, AC or DC?

Me: Sir we use both kind of supply, in projects like Bangalore Metro and Kochi Metro you will not see overhead lines because there we use 770 V DC supply being fed through the Third Rail (you can search about it). But in projects like Lucknow Metro and Delhi Metro we use 25kv AC supply fed through Pantograph.

Both M1 and M2: Okay, Randhir All the Best.

When I went to take my folder from M1 he said, there was a certificate regarding Adobe in your folder what was it?

Me: Sir I am an Adobe Creativity Scholarship recipient which was given to only 23 students across the globe in 2013.

Seemed impressed and wished me luck.

Performance: 3.5/5

Verdict-STRAIGHT CONVERT MERIT NO-141

Interview and WAT Experience-10

Date: 28/3/2018

Venue: NITIE Campus

Slot: 11:00AM

Profile: (10th/12th/UG - 89/86/7.5)-GEM

Work-ex: 30 Months as Project Manager at Tata Motors

GD: "should Facebook be allowed to give clear policies about the data that should be removed"

There were 12 members in the GD and the panel had 3 professors. The GD turned out to be a fish market with only 3-4 people shouting to get the chance to speak all the time. Amidst this chaos I was able to pitch in 3-4 times with some points regarding a regulatory body to be made

with members from different countries and proper rules must be formulated to verify the data before anyone posts it. also talked about developing AI algorithms to control data etc.

Preparation: 3/5; Performance: 2.5/5

PI: Our panel had 2 profs one male and one female. let's call them M (in early 40's) and F (in early 30's).

I was 9th in my Panel.

M: So, Vinay please introduce yourself

V: Told the well-rehearsed answer (practiced well after my blunders in my first interview :P)

M: So, what exactly is your profile at Tata Motors?

V: Sir, I work as a project Manager for ILCV Bus segment and I'm currently managing projects for State Transport Undertakings (STU's). Currently working on a regulatory project for Govt. of India. (Told some minor details about the project and how i play a crucial part in the on-time delivery of the project).

M: Asked few technical questions regarding applications of Electronics in Automobiles (My UG major is in ECE).

V: was fortunately able to answer all of them.

F: So, Vinay you have studied from NIT Kurukshetra. How was Kurukshetra for you?

V: Spoke about Kurukshetra and what i liked about the place and how i was able to mix with people from different cultures and how i learnt Punjabi and Haryanvi.

F: Asked something more about the cultural changes that i observed between South India and North India.

V: Gave some examples. (I think she was convinced :))

F: So, as a project Manager how do you choose Vendors for your Projects? Do you prefer those who have Global presence?

V: Not exactly madam. Instead, as a project manager I would look for suppliers who can give us better quality products with minimum cost and shorter time to market. This would help me complete my project in time and be accountable to the customer. In fact, we have had problems regarding quality with some vendors who are present globally. At that time we went for vendors who gave quality products for us.

M: So Vinay what is your take on electric vehicles?

V: sir, the Indian govt. has proposed to have electric vehicles by the end of 2030. According to me we are presently not ready with the proper infrastructure like charging stations, driver awareness etc. but Indian govt. is working towards accomplishing that and I think we can be successful by 2030.

Both M& F: okay Vinay Thank you (with a big smile)

Then suddenly F: (while I was standing) what other calls do you have Vinay?

V: Ma'am I have calls from new IIM's, MDI, NITIE as of now.

Both M & F: okay, All the best Vinay.

V: Thank you Madam, Thank you Sir.

Preparation: 4/5 ; Performance: 4/5

Verdict: Converted in the First List and Joining "NITIE



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Wednesday	How to Crack Interviews	10 to 11 pm
Thursday	How to Crack Case Study/SOP	10 to 11 pm
Friday	Finance Fridays	10 to 11 pm
Saturday	Personal Interview Must Do Questions	10 to 11 pm
Sunday	Concept Builders: GD/WAT	10 to 11 pm

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