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# VISION & MISSION OF THE DEPARTMENT

## **VISION OF THE DEPARTMENT**

To become a nationally recognized centre of excellence in the field of Information Technology through Teaching, Research, Consultancy and Service.

## **MISSION OF THE DEPARTMENT**

- Producing graduates with high quality, state-of-art knowledge, ethics, and social responsibility
- Promoting excellence in teaching, research, leadership and strong contribution to the society
- Enhancing the student's knowledge in the recent technology by conducting continuing education programs, organizing and participating in various technical events
- Promoting the industry-institute collaboration and empowering the students in multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary activities

# PROGRAM EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

**PEO I:** Graduates will have a high level of technical competency in the field of Information Technology to identify problems and to produce innovative solutions for industrial needs.

**PEO II:** Graduates will have the capability to adapt to changes in roles and responsibilities through professional development and lifelong learning over self-study or continuing education in IT or managerial studies.

**PEO III:** Graduates of this program ethically apply their computing knowledge and skills, considering societal, economic and environmental factors.

# PROGRAM SPECIFIC OUTCOMES

**PSO I:** Apply the knowledge of mathematics, science and engineering to solve complex problems in the IT field and have ability to design, develop and provide a solution using modern tools.

**PSO II:** Apply the knowledge of technology, ethics, management principles and soft skills to carry out societal IT projects in diverse environments as a member and leader in a team.

# PROGRAM OUTCOMES

**01. Engineering knowledge:** Apply the knowledge of mathematics, science, engineering fundamentals, and an engineering specialization to the solution of complex engineering problems

**02. Problem analysis:** Identify, formulate, review research literature, and analyse complex engineering problems, reaching substantiated conclusions using first principles of mathematics, natural sciences, and engineering sciences

**03. Design/development of solutions:** Design solutions for complex engineering problems and design system components or processes that meet the specified needs with appropriate consideration for the public health and safety, and the cultural, societal, and environmental considerations

**04. Conduct investigations of complex problems:** Use research based knowledge and research methods including design of experiments, analysis and interpretation of data, and synthesis of the information to provide valid conclusions

# PROGRAM OUTCOMES

**05. Modern tool usage:** Create, select, and apply appropriate techniques, resources, and modern engineering and IT tools, including prediction and modelling, to complex engineering activities with an understanding of the limitations

**06. The engineer and society:** Apply reasoning informed by the contextual knowledge to assess societal, health, safety, legal and cultural issues and the consequent responsibilities relevant to the professional engineering practice

**07. Environment and sustainability:** Understand the impact of the professional engineering solutions in societal and environmental contexts, and demonstrate the knowledge of, and need for, sustainable development

**08. Ethics:** Apply ethical principles and commit to professional ethics and responsibilities and norms of the engineering practice

# PROGRAM OUTCOMES

**09. Communication:** Communicate effectively on complex engineering activities with the engineering community and with society at large, such as, being able to comprehend and write effective reports and design documentation, make effective presentations, and give and receive clear instructions

**10. Project management and finance:** Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the engineering and management principles and apply these to one's own work, as a member and leader in a team, to manage projects and in multidisciplinary environments

**11. Life-long learning:** Recognize the need for, and have the preparation and ability to engage in independent and life-long learning in the broadest context of technological change

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# OUR RECRUITERS

Infosys



 **accenture**

**Garrett**  
ADVANCING MOTION



 **cis**

# OUR RECRUITERS



**Crio.Do**

Unlimited  
**Innovations**  
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**SUPERNOVA**  
COMPANIES



**cognizant**



**PSIOG**  
DIGITAL



**HEXAWARE**



# ACHEIVERS COLUMN



## Winners of 24hr Wonders of AI Hackathon at Kalasalingam University

The students of 3rd Year IT-A have achieved a remarkable milestone by winning the 1st Prize at the "Wonders of AI" 24-hour national-level hackathon hosted by Kalasalingam University. The winning team, consisting of Sanjai, Shreesh, and their teammate, demonstrated exceptional technical skill and innovation, securing a cash prize of ₹25,000. Their project was highly commended by an esteemed jury from IBM India, who recognized the team's ability to develop high-impact AI solutions under the intense pressure of a 24-hour deadline.

This victory was made possible through the team's seamless synergy and the dedicated mentorship of Dr. R. Raja Sudharsan. His expert guidance proved invaluable in helping the students navigate complex technical hurdles and refine their vision into a championship-winning product. By pushing the boundaries of Artificial Intelligence, these 3rd-year students have not only brought pride to the IT Department but have also set a high standard for innovation and perseverance within the campus community.

Student Vision, Golden Precision.

# GUESS WHO?

Who Hides Behind the Clues?

*Curious to know who's been achieving big things on campus? This section reveals the stars behind the certificates, the talents behind the titles, and the people making waves. Flip through and find out who's the talk of the college!*

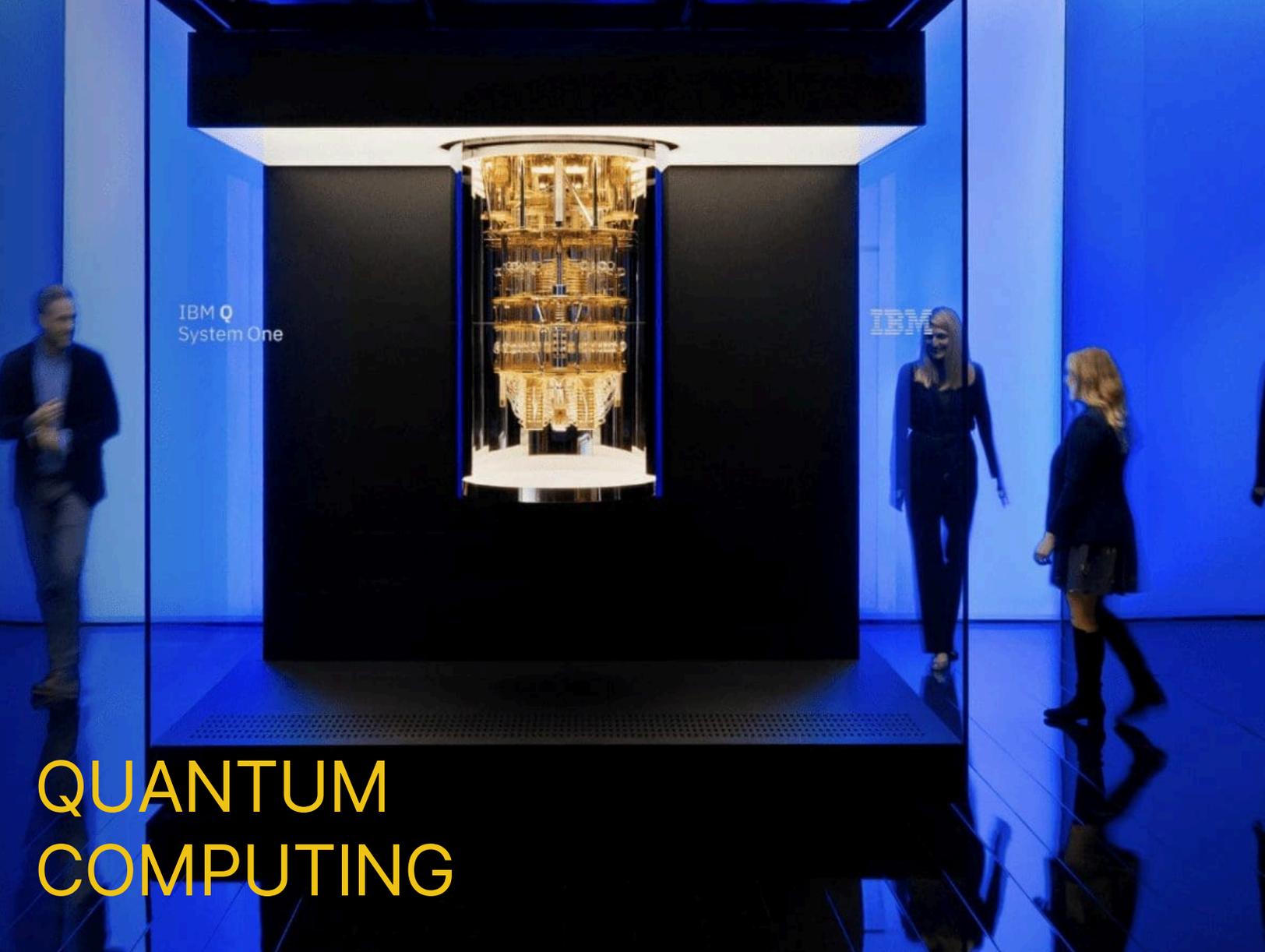


1. I founded one of the world's largest online marketplaces in 1994, starting from a garage.
2. My company began as an online bookstore before expanding into global e-commerce and cloud computing.
3. I stepped down as CEO but remained Executive Chairman of the company I built.
4. I own a private aerospace company focused on space tourism and reusable rockets.
5. I purchased a major American newspaper in 2013.
6. I have frequently ranked among the richest individuals in the world.
7. My company's logo features a smile-shaped arrow pointing from A to Z.

# B BEYOND THE INTERFACE

BY COVERING UPDATES, BREAKTHROUGHS, AND  
MEANINGFUL CONVERSATIONS FROM THE WORLD  
OF TECHNOLOGY.

WHERE TECHNOLOGY MEETS  
INSIGHT



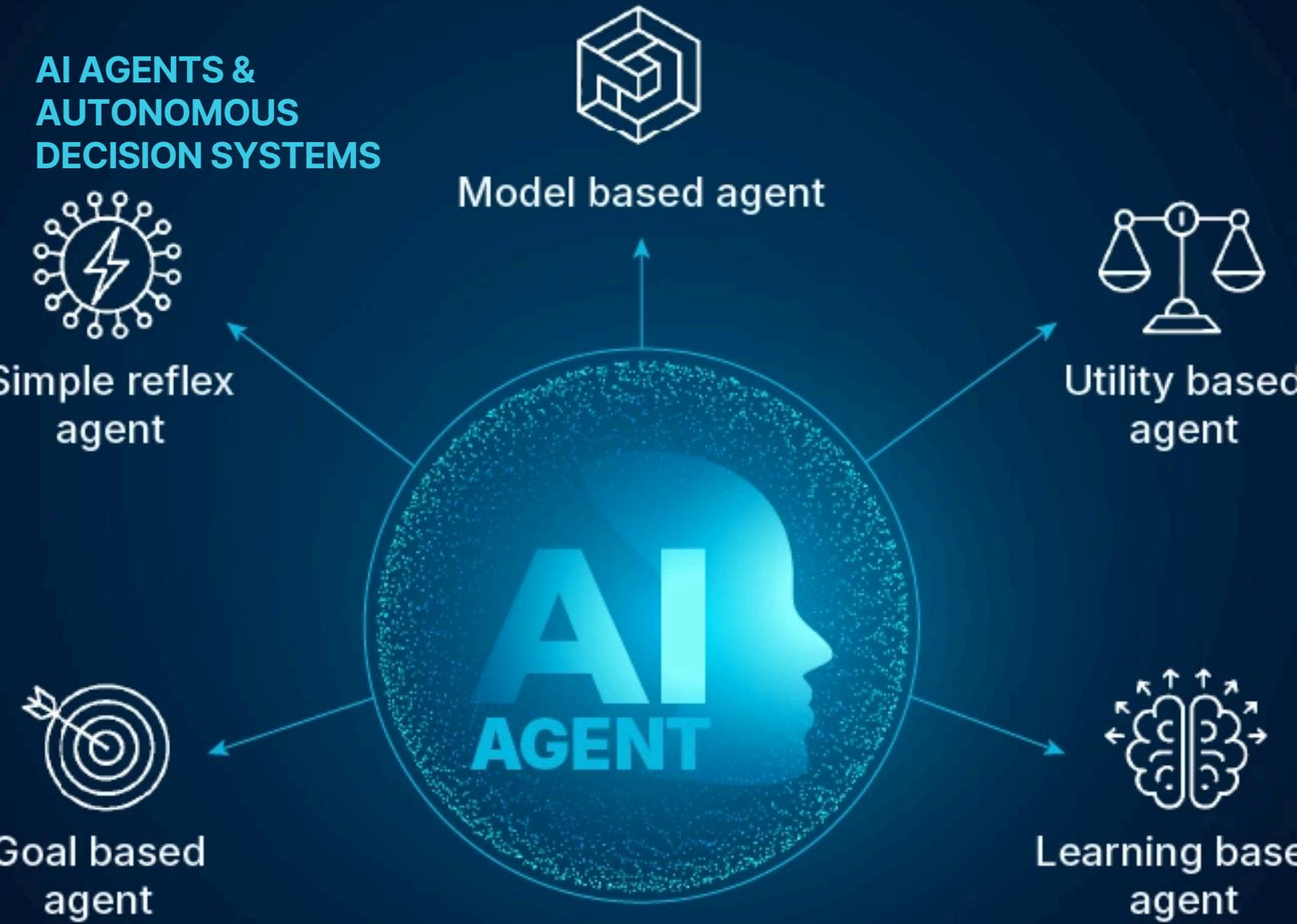
# QUANTUM COMPUTING

Quantum computing harnesses qubits that leverage superposition and entanglement to perform certain calculations exponentially faster than classical computers.\*\* This unlocks transformative potential for problems like breaking current encryption, accurately simulating molecular and chemical reactions for drug discovery, optimising complex financial portfolios or logistics, and designing advanced materials—tasks that remain impractical or impossible for even the most powerful supercomputers today.

Still in the noisy intermediate-scale quantum (NISQ) era, the field is advancing rapidly with improvements in qubit coherence, error correction, and logical qubits. Leading companies target practical quantum advantage in hybrid quantum-classical systems within the next few years, with fault-tolerant machines expected in the late 2020s to early 2030s. Pharmaceuticals, finance, materials science, and cybersecurity sectors are investing heavily now—building expertise, partnerships, and hybrid workflows—to capture first-mover advantages as scalable quantum computers begin to deliver real-world breakthroughs.

BY JAYANTH S  
II YEAR

## AI AGENTS & AUTONOMOUS DECISION SYSTEMS



AI agents represent a major evolution beyond traditional AI and rigid automation tools, becoming autonomous systems that can reason, plan, adapt, and execute complex multi-step tasks with minimal human input.\*\* Unlike rule-based scripts or basic chatbots, these agents understand context deeply, break high-level goals into sub-goals, dynamically replan when needed, use tools (APIs, browsers, databases, software), self-correct through reflection, and maintain memory across interactions—enabling them to handle open-ended workflows such as customer support escalation, financial research, competitive analysis, process orchestration, or even software development assistance.

In enterprises, AI agents act as powerful productivity multipliers by removing repetitive cognitive work, reducing coordination overhead, and enabling faster, more consistent, data-driven operations at scale. As models advance—becoming multimodal, longer-context, and stronger at chained reasoning—agents are shifting from assistants to genuine digital collaborators or semi-autonomous teammates. This transition is reshaping organizations: routine knowledge tasks move to agents, humans focus on strategy, creativity, ethics, and relationships, and companies that effectively orchestrate agents gain lasting advantages in speed, efficiency, and cost—positioning AI agents to become core business infrastructure much like cloud computing and APIs are today.

BY ABHINESH N  
II YEAR



## BLOCKCHAIN BEYOND CRYPTOCURRENCY

Blockchain technology has evolved far beyond its origins in cryptocurrencies, now serving as a tamper-resistant, distributed ledger foundation for secure, trust-minimized systems across industries.\*\* By enabling decentralized identity verification, self-executing smart contracts, transparent supply chain tracking, immutable healthcare records, tokenized real-world assets, and intermediary-free financial services, blockchain fundamentally reduces reliance on centralized authorities while providing verifiable provenance, auditability, and resilience against tampering or single points of failure. This shift allows organizations to build higher-trust digital interactions, automate complex agreements, and create new economic models through tokenization of assets, rights, and data.

Today's blockchain landscape emphasizes practical advancements in interoperability (cross-chain bridges and protocols), scalability (layer-2 solutions, sharding, and high-throughput chains), privacy (zero-knowledge proofs), and regulatory alignment to support enterprise and institutional adoption. Decentralized applications (dApps), DeFi platforms, NFT ecosystems, real-world asset tokenization, and enterprise-grade permissioned networks are seeing accelerating real-world use, positioning blockchain as core infrastructure for next-generation digital ecosystems—much like the internet protocol stack or cloud computing became foundational layers. As these improvements mature, blockchain is quietly transitioning from experimental technology to essential backbone for secure, transparent, and programmable value exchange in finance, supply chains, identity, governance, and beyond.

# EDGE AI & EDGE COMPUTING



Edge computing shifts data processing from distant centralised cloud servers to the network edge—closer to where data is actually generated on devices, sensors, gateways, or local servers.\*\* When combined with AI (edge AI), this architecture delivers ultra-low-latency inference and decision-making directly on or near the device itself, enabling real-time applications that classical cloud-only approaches cannot support reliably. Examples include smart cameras performing instant object detection and anomaly alerting, industrial IoT sensors running predictive maintenance models on factory floors, autonomous vehicles processing sensor fusion and path planning in milliseconds, drones executing obstacle avoidance mid-flight, and retail edge devices offering personalized in-store experiences without round-trip delays.

This decentralized model brings multiple strategic advantages: dramatically reduced latency (often sub-10ms), lower bandwidth usage and cloud egress costs, stronger data privacy and security (sensitive information stays local or is processed with minimal transmission), greater resilience during network outages, and the ability to support mission-critical, always-on use cases in smart manufacturing, remote healthcare monitoring, energy grid management, smart cities, and defense. As the number of connected IoT devices explodes into the tens of billions, edge AI is rapidly becoming essential infrastructure—bridging the physical and digital worlds, complementing rather than replacing cloud systems in hybrid architectures, and enabling organizations to extract maximum value from real-time data streams while meeting stringent performance, privacy, and reliability demands in an increasingly distributed, intelligent world.

**BY BALAJI R, III YEAR**



## 5G-ADVANCED & 6G RESEARCH

5G-Advanced (5G-A) significantly upgrades existing 5G networks with ultra-low latency (sub-1 ms in key scenarios), near-perfect reliability, and much higher spectrum efficiency. These improvements enable precise industrial automation, advanced vehicle-to-everything safety, immersive XR experiences, and massive, reliable IoT deployments—acting as a practical bridge to more demanding real-world applications while using current 5G infrastructure with software enhancements.

At the same time, 6G research targets 2030 commercialization with 100–1,000 Gbps peak speeds, microsecond latency, terahertz bands, AI-native intelligence throughout the network, and integrated sensing for centimeter-level precision

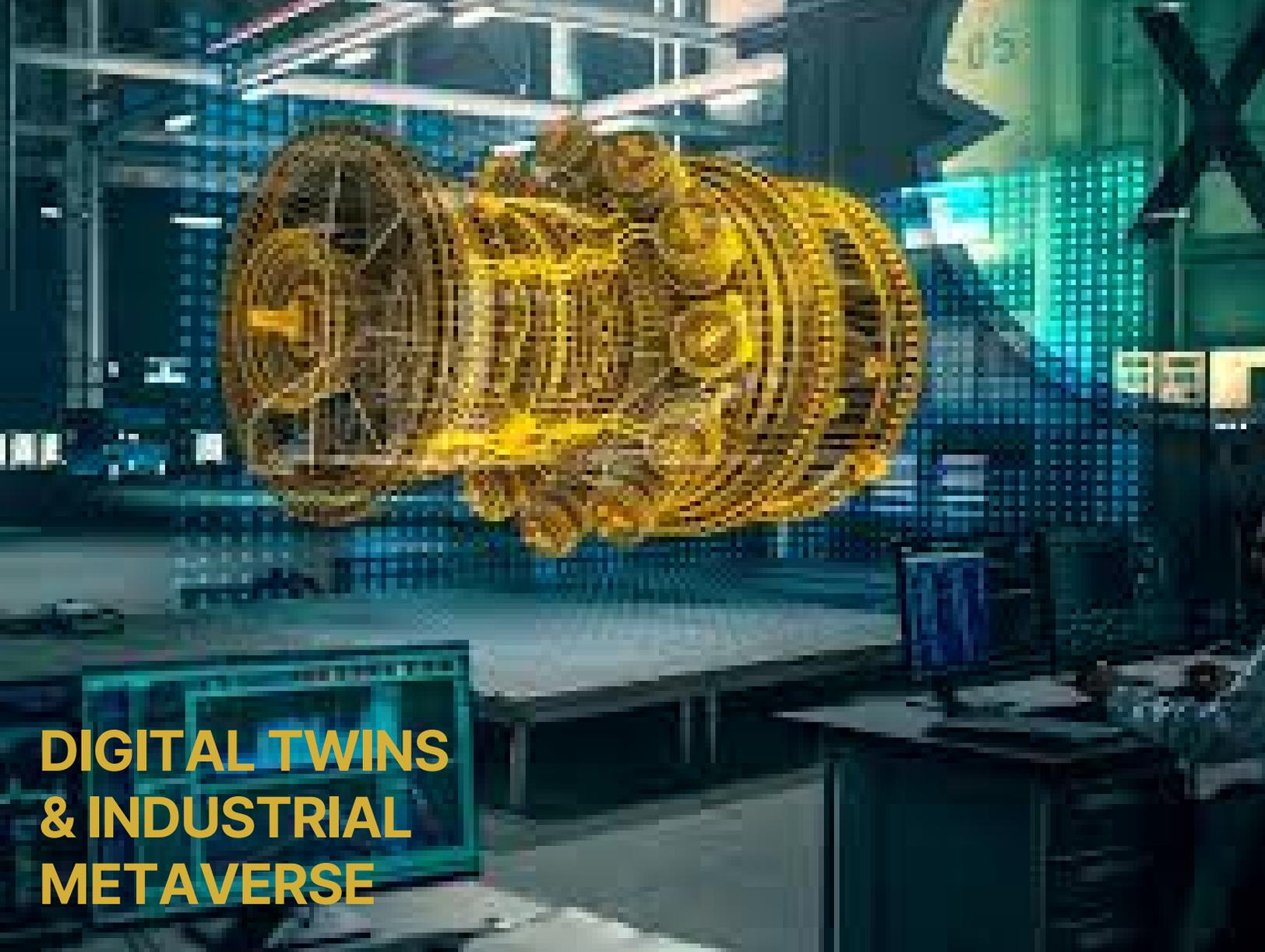
At the same time, 6G research targets 2030 commercialization with 100–1,000 Gbps peak speeds, microsecond latency, terahertz bands, AI-native intelligence throughout the network, and integrated sensing for centimeter-level precision. This will power hyper-connected smart cities, seamless autonomous mobility, holographic communication, industrial metaverses, and immersive multisensory experiences, with AI optimizing every layer for predictive, self-managing networks—establishing 6G as foundational infrastructure for a fully intelligent, connected physical-digital world.

# ROBOTICS & HUMANOID AUTOMATION



Modern robotics has advanced significantly by integrating artificial intelligence, computer vision, and sophisticated mechanical designs, enabling robots to perform complex, adaptive tasks across manufacturing, logistics, healthcare, and service industries. Humanoid robots, engineered to match human environments with bipedal locomotion and dexterous hands, provide exceptional flexibility without requiring costly facility modifications. Enhanced sensors combined with powerful machine-learning algorithms have transformed robots from rigid, repetitive machines into intelligent, collaborative systems capable of real-time perception, learning, and decision-making in dynamic settings.

This evolution is redefining workforce dynamics and operational efficiency by augmenting human capabilities rather than fully replacing them. Robots now handle dangerous, monotonous, or physically demanding work, allowing people to focus on creative problem-solving, strategic oversight, and innovation. Leading examples in 2026, such as Tesla's Optimus, 1X's NEO, Boston Dynamics' Atlas, and Unitree's G1, are transitioning from prototypes to practical deployments in factories, warehouses, homes, and hospitals, addressing labor shortages and driving new levels of productivity and adaptability across industries.



## DIGITAL TWINS & INDUSTRIAL METAVERSE

Digital twins are virtual replicas of physical assets, processes, or systems that leverage real-time data from sensors and IoT for accurate simulation, continuous monitoring, and predictive analytics. In industrial settings, they drive **\*\*predictive maintenance\*\*** by forecasting equipment failures before they occur, optimize performance through scenario testing and efficiency tweaks, and minimize risks by identifying potential issues in virtual environments—ultimately reducing costs, unplanned downtime, and safety hazards in manufacturing, energy, and infrastructure.

When integrated into **\*\*industrial metaverse\*\*** platforms, digital twins enable immersive, collaborative experiences through photorealistic 3D visualizations, extended reality (XR), and shared virtual spaces. This allows global teams to interact with twins in real time for engineering reviews, design validation, training, and decision-making—such as Siemens' Digital Twin Composer (unveiled at CES 2026), which combines AI, simulation, and NVIDIA Omniverse for scalable metaverse environments. The result is faster innovation, enhanced cross-functional collaboration, and significantly lower operational downtime in complex manufacturing and large-scale infrastructure projects.

**BY SHERWYN MATTHEWS S,  
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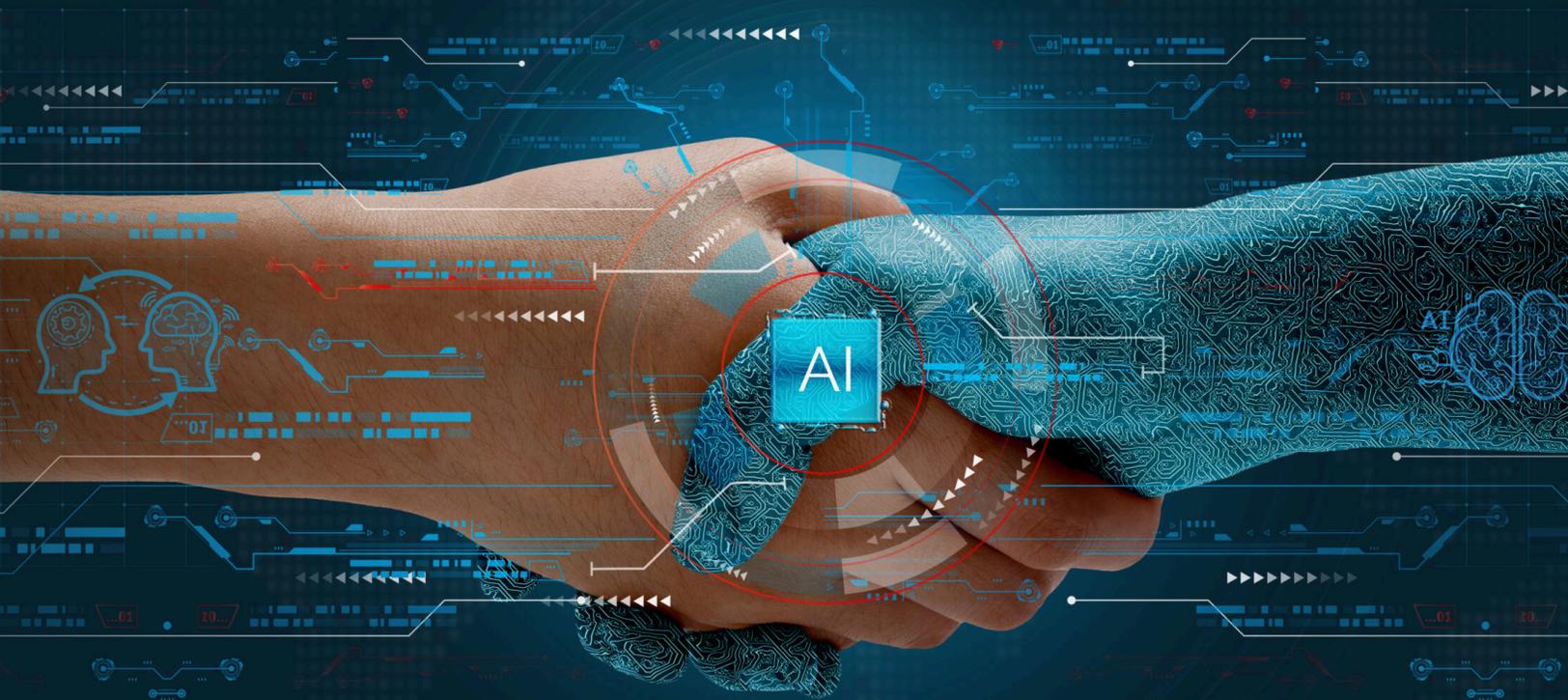
# SUSTAINABLE TECH & GREEN COMPUTING



Sustainable technology emphasizes minimizing environmental impact through **energy-efficient hardware**, **carbon-aware software**, and optimized data center operations, while **green computing** prioritizes reduced energy use, lower electronic waste, and sustained high performance. In industrial and enterprise contexts, this involves designing systems that consume less power per computation, adopting efficient cooling methods like liquid immersion, and shifting workloads via carbon-aware scheduling to times or regions with cleaner energy grids—addressing the surge in demand from AI, where data center electricity use is projected to exceed 1,000 TWh globally by 2026.

Organizations are rapidly adopting **renewable-powered data centers** (with hyperscalers committing to 100% renewable or carbon-free energy for AI workloads, often via on-site solar, wind, geothermal, and battery storage) and developing **energy-optimized AI models** through techniques like approximate computing, custom silicon, and edge AI deployment to cut consumption dramatically—often achieving 20-40% reductions. **Sustainability metrics**, such as power usage effectiveness (PUE), carbon intensity, emissions per workload, and renewable energy matching, have become core key performance indicators (KPIs) in corporate digital strategies, driving ROI-focused decisions, regulatory compliance, risk mitigation, and competitive advantage in a landscape where sustainability directly ties to long-term profitability and resilience

BY JAYANTH S, II YEAR



# HUMAN-AI COLLABORATION SYSTEMS

Human-AI collaboration systems focus on designing AI that works alongside humans rather than replacing them. These systems emphasize augmented intelligence, where AI enhances human decision-making in areas such as healthcare diagnostics, financial modeling, design prototyping, and content strategy. The core objective is synergy—combining computational speed with human judgment and contextual awareness.

As enterprises adopt AI copilots and decision-support tools, emphasis is shifting toward explainability, trust frameworks, and ethical AI governance. Transparent model outputs, human-in-the-loop feedback systems, and adaptive learning mechanisms are becoming essential components of collaborative AI environments.

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**ABHINESH N**  
**II YEAR**

# BIOINFORMATICS & COMPUTATIONAL BIOLOGY

Bioinformatics applies computational techniques to vast biological datasets, including genomic sequencing, transcriptomics, proteomics, and multi-omics integration, to uncover insights into genes, proteins, pathways, and disease mechanisms. **\*\*AI-driven analysis\*\***, powered by machine learning and deep learning models, dramatically accelerates processes like protein structure prediction (building on tools such as AlphaFold 3 and successors like IsoDDE), variant interpretation, biomarker discovery, and virtual screening—enabling faster drug discovery, more precise personalized medicine, and improved disease prediction through pattern recognition in high-dimensional data.

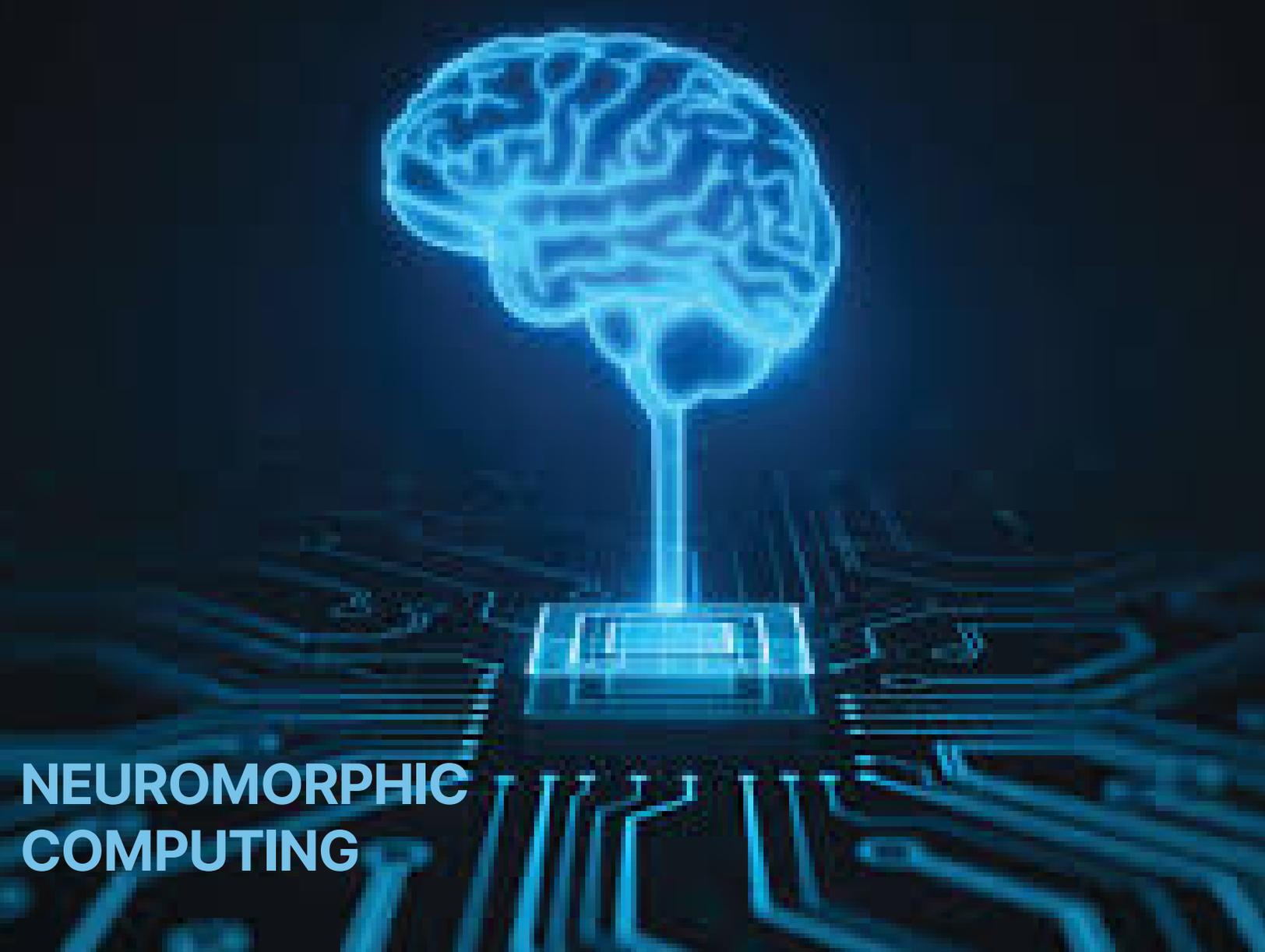
High-throughput sequencing and advanced ML models empower researchers to detect complex biological patterns that were previously inaccessible, transforming raw data into actionable knowledge for healthcare and pharmaceutical innovation. By 2026, AI has become essential rather than optional in drug discovery pipelines, with organizations embedding generative AI, ethical frameworks, and integrated platforms to shorten development timelines, reduce costs, and advance precision therapies—driving breakthroughs in oncology, rare diseases, and regenerative medicine while positioning bioinformatics as a cornerstone of modern biotech and clinical decision-making.



# SMART MATERIALS & ADAPTIVE MANUFACTURING

Smart materials are engineered substances that respond dynamically to environmental stimuli such as temperature, pressure, light, or electrical signals. These materials are increasingly integrated into aerospace engineering, medical devices, sustainable construction, and wearable technology. Combined with adaptive manufacturing techniques like advanced 3D printing, they enable self-healing structures and lightweight high-performance components.

This field bridges material science, nanotechnology, and AI-driven production systems. As supply chains move toward localized and sustainable production, adaptive manufacturing technologies reduce waste, optimize resource use, and enable rapid customization at scale.



# NEUROMORPHIC COMPUTING

Neuromorphic computing mimics the structure and function of the human brain through specialized hardware architectures that employ spiking neural networks, event-driven processing, and in-memory computation to deliver ultra-low-power, high-efficiency AI. These systems are optimized for **low-power** workloads, particularly at the edge, achieving energy reductions of 100x or more compared to conventional GPUs or CPUs by processing data only when events occur and avoiding constant data movement.

In 2024, neuromorphic technology advanced through high-profile prototypes like Intel's Hala Point, which utilizes 1,152 Loihi 2 processors to achieve brain-scale AI with 1.15 billion neurons. Alongside IBM's efficiency-focused NorthPole and BrainChip's edge-ready Akida, these developments moved the field toward sustainable, event-based processing. By mimicking biological neural structures, these chips provide the low-latency, low-power intelligence essential for real-time robotics, "always-on" IoT sensors, and autonomous edge devices. While commercial scaling remains in its early stages, 2024 positioned neuromorphic architecture as a critical, energy-efficient alternative to traditional AI hardware.

**BY ABHINESH N, II YEAR**

# THE CREATIVE QUILL

Your thoughts, beautifully written

What's your story?



# Strength Beyond Force

A man stands tall, composed and wise,  
With calm resolve in watchful eyes.  
Not ruled by rage, nor fleeting whims,  
But strength of mind that never fades.

Not just by force is man defined,  
But by the wisdom in his mind.  
By silence deep, by words so true,  
By knowing when to fight—or rue.

Not one who sings of love in verse,  
Yet shields his own through best and worst.  
Not just a rebel, fists held high,  
But one who knows when to comply.

He bears his kin upon his back,  
Through light, through storm, on any track.  
A son who longs to bring them pride,  
A father standing by their side.

An explorer with a restless soul,  
A heart that burns with boundless goals.  
Yet in his home, his anchor stays,  
For love and blood he does not stray.

For men must not be lost in ease,  
Nor waste their days in thoughtless peace.  
To guard, to guide, to stand alone—  
A man must forge his path his own.

-SHERWYN MATTHEWS  
, 2<sup>ND</sup> YEAR IT

# Poetry Composition

## **The Therapist of Keys**

He enters the room of silence,  
his heart a cluttered archive of grief.  
No couch, no pen, no watchful eyes—  
only ivory and ebony waiting.

“Speak,” he whispers to the piano,  
and it answers with resonance,  
drawing out the sorrow he buried  
in the folds of yesterday’s mistakes.

Each chord listens without judgment,  
its tones like gentle hands  
pressing on wounds unseen,  
reminding him that pain can be reshaped  
into harmony.

The rhythm becomes his pulse,  
steady, grounding,  
a heartbeat louder than despair,  
teaching him that chaos  
can still march in time.

The piano does not ask,  
does not diagnose,  
does not prescribe.  
It simply mirrors—  
a therapist of vibrations,  
a confidant of frequencies.

And when the final note fades,  
he rises lighter,  
not cured, but understood.  
For in the language of keys,  
he found a listener  
who never interrupts.

**-SHERWYN MATTHEWS  
, 2<sup>ND</sup> YEAR IT**

# Poetry Composition

## The Traveler of Pages

He opens the book,  
and the world dissolves.  
Walls fade, clocks forget their duty,  
and ink becomes a doorway.

Each sentence is a path,  
each paragraph a portal.  
He walks through deserts of history,  
sails oceans of imagination,  
climbs mountains of philosophy,  
and kneels in gardens of poetry.

Characters greet him like old friends,  
their voices stitched in silence,  
yet louder than the noise of life.

He listens, and learns,  
that every realm is a mirror—  
reflecting fragments of himself.

The book is not paper,  
but a vessel of infinite skies.  
It teaches him that reality  
is only one chapter,  
and the mind,  
a library of countless universes.

When he closes the cover,  
the journey does not end.  
He carries the realms within him,  
like constellations folded into memory,  
ready to shine again  
whenever he dares to read.

**-SHERWYN MATTHEWS  
2<sup>ND</sup> YEAR IT**

# Poetry Composition

## அன்பே வாழ்க்கையின் வாழ்க்கையின்

வாழ்க்கை என்பது ஓர் ஓடம்,  
அலைகள் மோதும் கடலில் பயணம்.  
சில நேரம் சிரிப்பு, சில நேரம்  
கண்ணீர்,  
அனைத்தும் சேர்ந்து உருவாகும்  
அனுபவம்.

பிறப்பு ஒரு தொடக்கம்,  
இறப்பு ஒரு நிறைவு.  
இடையில் நாம் தேடும் பொருள்,  
அதுவே வாழ்க்கையின் உண்மை  
அர்த்தம்.

அன்பு தான் வழிகாட்டி,  
அறிவு தான் ஒளி.  
பகிர்வு தான் பெருமை,  
பொறுமை தான் பலம்.

வாழ்க்கை ஒரு பாடம்,  
ஒவ்வொரு நாளும் ஒரு புதிய  
அர்த்தம்.

நாம் வாழ்வது நம்மை அறிய,  
நம்மை அறிந்தால் உலகை அறிய.

-NAVEEN KUMAR V,  
2<sup>ND</sup> YEAR IT

# Poetry Composition

## கல்வி தான் சுதந்திரம்

கல்வி என்பது ஒளி,  
அறியாமை இருளை அகற்றும்  
தீபம்.

அது இல்லாமல் வாழ்வு  
வெறுமை,  
அது இருந்தால் உலகம் புதுமை.

கல்வி தான் சுதந்திரம்,  
அறிவு தான் ஆயுதம்.  
கற்றவன் உயர்வான்,  
அறியாதவன் தாழ்வான்.

கல்வி தரும் நம்பிக்கை,  
கல்வி தரும் வலிமை.  
கல்வி தரும் மனிதநேயம்,  
கல்வி தரும் முன்னேற்றம்.

வாழ்க்கை மலர்வது கல்வியால்,  
சமூகம் வளர்வது கல்வியால்.  
கல்வி என்பது ஒரு விதை,  
அது வளர்த்தால் உலகம் பசுமை.

-NAVEEN KUMAR V,  
2ND YEAR IT

## **SHORT Story- Gaslit Secret**

**-SHERWYN MATTHEWS  
, 2<sup>ND</sup> YEAR IT**

London, 1887. Fog curled through the narrow streets, swallowing lamplight and muffling the sound of carriage wheels. Dr. Elias Grey, a physician of high regard, lived in a townhouse on Cavendish Square. To his patients, he was the very model of propriety—measured speech, polished manners, and a reputation for charity. Yet behind the velvet curtains of his study, another life stirred.

Elias had devised a tincture, brewed from rare opiates and volatile compounds imported from the East. By day, he was the gentleman physician; by night, he became Ashen, a figure of reckless indulgence. Ashen prowled the taverns of Whitechapel, his laughter sharp as broken glass, his eyes burning with a hunger Elias dared not admit.

The transformation was not merely chemical—it was theatrical. Elias would don a darker coat, a hat pulled low, and stride into the fog as if London itself were his stage. Ashen thrived in the alleys where law and civility dissolved, where men gambled fortunes and women whispered secrets.

But the Victorian world was a cage of appearances. Respectability was currency, and scandal a death sentence. Elias began to fear discovery, not only by the police but by the society that worshipped his gentility. Each morning, as he washed the soot from his hands, he wondered if the fog clinging to his coat was visible to others—if Ashen's shadow had begun to stain Dr. Grey.

One evening, Elias stood before his mirror, candlelight flickering across his face. Ashen's grin seemed to hover in the reflection, though Elias had not yet taken the tincture.

"You cannot banish me," the shadow whispered.

Elias pressed his hand to the glass. "London may forgive a gentleman's sins, but it will never forgive mine." The mirror cracked, and the fog outside thickened, as though the city itself conspired to keep his secret. In that moment, Elias understood the truth of his age: the Victorian world was built on masks, and he had simply crafted one too dangerous to remove.

## ***SHORT Story- The Illusionists' Pact***

**-SHERWYN MATTHEWS  
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London, 1892. Gaslamps flickered against the velvet curtains of the Royal Theatre, where two magicians—Alaric Vale and Dorian Harthorne—competed for the city's admiration.

Alaric was a master of elegance, his tricks polished, his demeanor refined. Dorian, by contrast, thrived on shock and spectacle, conjuring illusions that unsettled as much as they amazed. Their rivalry was not merely professional—it was personal, each man determined to prove himself the greater conjurer of truth disguised as deception.

The obsession began with a single illusion: The Vanishing Man. Alaric would step into a cabinet and reappear instantly at the back of the theatre. The audience gasped, unable to fathom the mechanics. Dorian, consumed by envy, vowed to uncover the secret.

But Alaric's trick was not mechanical—it was metaphysical. He had discovered a way to split himself, to create a duplicate that lived only long enough to complete the illusion. Each performance was a sacrifice: one Alaric lived, the other dissolved into nothingness.

Dorian, relentless, pursued his own path. He turned to science, experimenting with mirrors, electricity, and dangerous contraptions. His illusions grew darker, more perilous, until the line between performance and reality blurred.

Their rivalry became a philosophy: was greatness achieved through sacrifice or through invention? Was the true magician the one who gave his life to the art, or the one who bent nature to his will?

The final duel came on a storm-swept night. Alaric performed The Vanishing Man once more, but when he reappeared, Dorian was waiting, his own machine humming with power. The audience saw two magicians standing side by side—one born of sacrifice, the other of science.

The curtain fell, but London never forgot. For in that moment, illusion became truth, and truth became illusion. The magicians had not merely entertained—they had revealed the Victorian soul itself: a world torn between progress and tradition, invention and faith, reality and shadow.

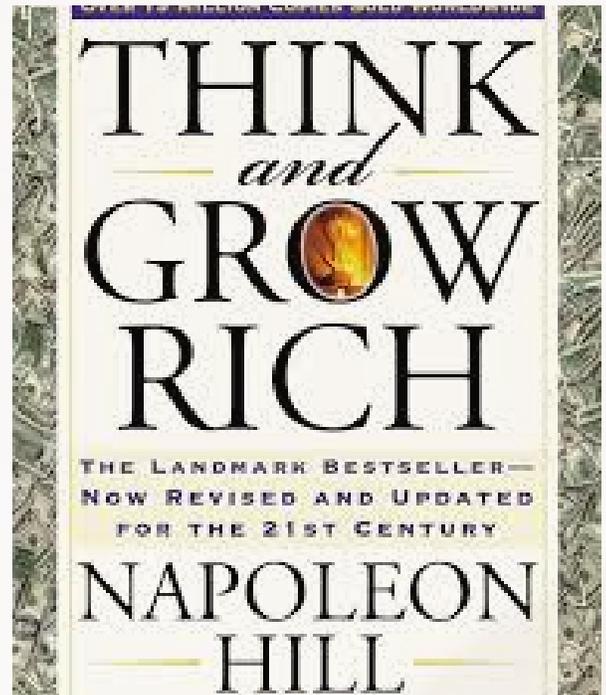
# BOOKS VS DEGREE

In the whirlwind of college life, we often mistake a degree for a guaranteed roadmap to success. However, reading Napoleon Hill's classic shifted my perspective: while my classes provided the technical "what," this book provided the psychological "how." It moved me beyond the passive role of a student waiting for a grade and toward the active mindset of a creator building a career.

The most immediate impact was on my personal discipline. Hill's emphasis on "Definiteness of Purpose" turned my vague academic goals into a burning desire. Instead of just "trying to pass," I began applying the principle of Auto-Suggestion to reprogram my internal dialogue, replacing mid-semester burnout and imposter syndrome with a structured, resilient work ethic.

Ultimately, the book's greatest lesson for any student is the power of the Master Mind. It taught me to curate my social circle—viewing my peers not just as friends to vent with, but as a collective brain to grow with. A degree may give you the tools, but Hill's principles provide the architectural plan to actually use them.

"Most people are ready to throw their aims and purposes overboard and give up at the first sign of opposition or misfortune. A few carry on despite all opposition until they attain their goal."



## Think and Grow Rich 13 Principles

**Desire.** You have to want it

**Have faith** in your goals

**Use affirmations** to program your mind

**Knowledge is power.** Make an effort to  
always continue to learn

**Use your imagination and visualize your success.**  
Make plans and **take action**

Learn to **be decisive**

**Be persistent** and learn to overcome  
your failures

**Surround yourself** with positive and  
creative people

Choose a **compatible partner**

**Dominate the mind.** Dismiss negative thoughts

Associate with smart people and **absorb**

-Dharani I, 4<sup>th</sup> YEAR IT

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