College: #IIMC
Date: 15 Mar 2026

UG: BTech Computer Science and Business System
PG: NA
Work Ex (months): N/A
Certifications: NA

Background Notes:
9/7/8 GEM Fresher (2026 Passout) CAT 99.99 %tile. 3 Panelists (2F - P1 and P2, 1M - P3). ~20 minutes interview.

Experience Notes:
It was a conversational interview. No grilling as such.

Q&A:
P1:
You've been waiting for a long time. What time did you come?
When did you come to Mumbai? Where are you staying?
Are you missing college classes for the interview?
How do you generally travel to college location?

P3:
What subjects did you study?
What is DSA?
What is complexity? Types of complexities?
What are sorting algorithms? Their time and space complexity.
What is paging and its techniques?
What is a tuple in DBMS?

P2:
Why do an MBA now?

Will you stop learning after MBA?
Did you sit for campus placement?
Is this just a trial run for you?
What happens if you don't join a college this year?

P1:
You studied Probability and Statistics. What are they?
What is conditional probability?
What is Bayes Theorem?

P2:
I'm still not convinced about you doing an MBA at this stage. Keep in mind, this is an IIM faculty telling you that.

P3:
Have you been following happenings around AI?
Should a nation with population of 1.4 Billion focus on AI or jobs?
How will AI be able to create jobs?

What did you learn in Cloud and Microservices?
What are microservices?
How is a cloud different from Mainframe?

P2:
Which sectors will be impacted by the situation in Iran?

P1:
What are your hobbies?
What did you learn when you played state level basketball?

College: #IIMC
Date: 25 Mar 2026

UG: B.Tech, Mechanical Engineering
PG: NA
Work Ex (months): 22
Certifications: NA

Background Notes:
9/9/8 Mech from IIT, 22M workex as SDE,99.78%

Experience Notes:

Q&A:
3 panelists: 1 female and 2 males
Location: Bengaluru
Panel: 3 and I was 3rd in my panel

M1: TMAY
F: Explain your work at Amazon
F: Mention 3 problems you faced at Amazon

M2: Why did you resign last year?
M2: Asked about other calls and which interview was better. I misheard it as “bitter” and asked him again if he meant “bitter.” They all laughed and corrected it to "better.” I said B was better as it was more conversational.
M2: Rank ABC and don’t simply say C. I said I would choose B as I am interested in PM roles.
M2: Rate this panel. The female panelist said it was a tricky question. While answering they were all laughing.

M2: Asked me to comment on "DMK is emotive in TN elections" (Background: I am from TN)

M1: Lignite vs coal (my dad works in a thermal power plant)
M1: Why are you using lignite then? I said that’s what is available in our place. They laughed again.
M1: What are the alternatives your dad’s company is planning?
M1: Asked me to defend lignite and coal as a lawyer. I answered.

Overall, they seemed satisfied and at the end they said they were done and didn’t want to prolong the interview since I prefer short and conversational interviews (laughing here too). They wished me all the best for the future.

College: #IIMC
Date: 28 Mar 2026

UG: Bsc in Hospitality and Hotel Administration
PG: NA
Work Ex (months): 5
Certifications: NA

(Part 1/3)
Background Notes:
Bsc HHA. Workex as a chef. 3 panelists. (p1 p2 prof and p3 alum)

Experience Notes:
Felt like a kindaaaa rejection and then consolation at end. Baaki toh it was grilling thoda bahut. No sophistry was allowed. Very honest (?) conversation.

Q&A:
P2: Tell us about yourself quickly.

Candidate: Introduced using “Dum Biryani metaphor”

Got cut in between.

P3: huh? What do you mean by a biryani? Where did you get this “biryani recipe” from?

Candidate: Said it is self-created, because I am chef.

P2: exclaimed and said I remember reading your form right please continue.

Candidate: continued, layered personality, chef background, hobbies (reading, writing, ghazals).

P2: What have you been reading recently?

Candidate: Web novels.

P2: Is it like manga?

Candidate: explained the webnovel concept and the IP chain (web novel → manga → anime → live action).

P2: Favorite ghazal?

Candidate: Mentioned “Kal Chaudhvin ki Raat Thi” and “Ab Kya Ghazal Sunaoon”.

Now P1 enters the room. They were about to ask why mba? But then they explained to P1 that we were asking him why MBA? Because he is a chef and very passionate about it. Told himself as a biryani.
Then

P2: You said you were aloo in the biryani?
Candidate: No sir, the whole biryani

P3: Do you know na there are aloos in biryani?

Candidate: Explained Wajid Ali Shah exile (1856);

P3:Is this true?

Candidate:- Yes sir many historic records state so.

P3: Is this authenticated?

Candidate: Yes sir (it was infact not 😭😭🔫🔫)

P3: ok by whom?

(Faaaaahhhhhh.)

Candidate:- accepted it’s not fully authenticated, more belief-based.

P3: exactly it is a belief not history. So say so.

P2 said to P3 that sir you would to definitely know you have published a paper on biryani’s history.

P3: If you want I will share it with you

P1: Okay okay. Aloo se yaad aaya tell me which port was the one responsible for introducing Aloo throughout India?

P3: And also answer who brought it to India? I hope you know its not native right.

Candidate: Portuguese via Goa; also mentioned chillies from South America replacing long pepper.

P2 gave a remark to others that “Atleast someone who knows his stuff unlike others today”

P2: You are doing well — why MBA?

Candidate: started saying my prepared answer——

Cut me off in between and said do not tell of this (😭😭🔫)
P2: what is your vision?

Candidate: Work in strategic roles in hospitality or build own chain in India.

P2/P3: Do you know people from hospitality → MBA?

Candidate: Gave example (senior - McKinsey), admitted limited knowledge.

Panel: Mentioned examples (e.g., Lemon Tree founder), said expected you to do a little more homework.

P2: What was your percentile in cat?

P2: Then toh you will be able to do maths na?

Candidate: Sir I have done maths till 10th and have——-

P2: Ye sab nhi jaan na mujhe. Seedhe seedhe btao maths kroge ki nhi? Else it is a zero and you may leave right now. (Khel khtm.😋😋🔫🔫😭😭)

Candidate: Said yes, willing to handle.

P1: How many varieties of chilli are there?
Candidate: Sir exact number is not known.
P1: no no just name few varieties.
Candidate:- Bhoot jalokia, guntur, kashmiri laal mirch ine from rajasthan.

P1: Good very good now tell me How do you measure hotness of chillies across groups? Suppose you have 5 people foreigner in a group how would you measure which chilli biryani is hotter?

P2: Have you understood the qs?
Candidate: said have understood the data portion not what is being asked? Do I have to tell which chilli is hotter at the end?

P1: No No how will you tell is what I am asking, suppose you have a mean of all 4 chillies then.
(Part 2/3)

P2: I suppose sir you have given the answer yourself

Candidate: Told yes sir it has to be done via average.

P1: Which average?

Candidate: Arithmetic mean.

P1: Now okay okay suppose you have a ₹5000 biryani there would be n number of people willing to spend on it and if you have ₹500 there would be n. Tell me how will you decide how to price your biryani? Which measure?

Candidate: Median, due to skewness/outliers.

P2: What is skewness?

Candidate: Variation of data from central tendency.

P2: Draw normal distribution curve.

Candidate: Drew bell curve.

P2: Draw skewed distributions.

Candidate: Drew negative and positive skew; initially struggled but completed.(kya gandi drawing hai bhai meri chiii same graph bnara dono baar explain krdia lekin eww 😭🔫)

P2: What kind of customers you get at Diablo high end low end etc?

Candidates: High end huge spenders due to alcohol.

P2: Where would you place Diablo in distribution compared to other restaurants who serve alcohol as in in-terms of how good?

Candidate: Said high-end, ~95th percentile; hesitated on side (right/left). Said right but eventually not very convincing they left. Told me to consider my answer post interview.

Now P2 had started giving me marks, and asked
Panel: Do you have any questions?

Candidate: said yes and Asked P3 for best Kolkata biryani places aa he had published a paper on biryani.

P3: said wow and was pleasantly surprised, little excited and Suggested places.

Took out my handwritten list from pocket to add those names

P1: You are super focused man
P2: Ye industry wale hote he aise hai inme apne kaam ko leke keeda hota hai (still giving me marks btw)

P2: Wherever you go be focused ekdum like you are, you do not really need an MBA to be honest, you will do well without it, and wherever you go I mean that's your choice, Do not fret over where you do an MBA from you have gotten a very special talent not many have it. Although I should not be telling you all of this.

P3: Which restaurant is doing well in dehradun?
Candidate: Karigari
P2: Oooh yeah thats nice. Plus there are lot of sampling restaurants also opening have you heard of naar in kasol?

Candidate: Yes sir
P3: Kuch waisa kholo yaar phir mba wagera kuch nhi rkha

P3 was about to about to continue the discussion when P2 reminded interview is over.
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(Part 3/3)
Laughed thanked and left.

College: #IIMC
Date: 30 Mar 2026

UG: Btech. CH
PG: NA
Work Ex (months): 17
Certifications: NA

Background Notes:
998, 99.93, Panel 2M 1F

Experience Notes:
Totally conversational, no grilling, no acads, no workex nothing

Q&A:
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30.03.26 2M 1F
F: What is the meaning of your name?(Told, mentioned a song)
F: So for what thing you have dedicated life for?
(I said sleep for better grades, they laughed)
F: What are you going to sacrifice for in MBA?(I said building friendships, connections, learning in between)
F: So you said building friendships, do you know what capital is? Like capital market?
(I said no clue, she said try, I said any market which is capital intensive, I didnt know I was saying wrong lol)
F: Any field you know which is like that? (I said semiconductor industries, told a bit about it somehow)
F: Are you dedicating your life for this industry?(Meaning of name still going on)
(I said no and was about to tell something then other prof came in)
M1: What managerial lesson you can find from Chander Pahar?
(Told about moving ahead without having clear path)

M: Lets say the protagonist was risk averse, what should he had done?(I said he would have ensured his survival first and wont take risky steps, took an example here from book where he did risky things)
M2: So you are interested in consumer facing industries, what kind of industry you want to go?(Told about hul, itc who produce daily commodities which impact our lives etc I want to be part in creating strategies etc)

isme bichme puchha tha iss field me kyu aana chahte ho, prof khudse boli money right? I said nahi not money, to dusra prof bolta kyu money bura hai kya, I said kaam me interest ho to money aa hi jata hai, sirf money ke liye kaam karna devoid of interest is not good

M2: So if you are interested in that, then why MBA, you can go to research and do a PhD where all the strategies are made?
(I said I took up job after UG and got interested during my job as it was similar to this, MBA i feel would be the bridge for the roles I want)
M2: Ok so you read books, how you see storytelling as a medium for managerial lessons?(Told that it is one of the most effective ways, one point we get to learn it in easy way also the retention is easier since we see ourselves in protagonists shoes many times etc)
M2: Do you follow stories of inventors?(I said not much but have read about apj abdul kalam's biography, isro etc)
M2: Ok so tell me was Thomas Alva Edison an inventor or entrepreneur?(I said a mix of both because he did so many patents then in later part of his career focussed on building business of his product like lightbulbs)
M2: Ok so this is why I asked you about storytelling, you should have paused a bit and thought about it. It is easy to say Edison was a mix of both but for us(he meant profs maybe or bschool as a whole) he will remain an entrepreneur because for any invention to see the light of day one needs a good distribution channel, entrepreneural mindset(he repeated entrepreneur quite a few times while he was explaining to me.
(I said then Nikola Tesla lacked in this aspect and he would have been more successful if he had focussed on this)