College: #IIML
Date: 11 Mar 2026

UG: Bachelor of Management studies
PG: NA
Work Ex (months): N/A
Certifications: NA

Background Notes:
9/9/7, 99.09%ile, Degree: BMS, No workex, 2 member panel (1M 1F)

Experience Notes:
Felt good. It lasted around 30 mins.

Q&A:
No TMAY
P2 Youve scored 100 in maths in 10th are you good at it? I said yes, she seemed satisfied.
P1: Why have your grades dipped in graduation? I mentioned some extracurriculars and acknowledged not being able to balance it properly but have learned from it now, she seemed satisfied with the answer.
P1: why mba why not a job first? Gave answer, no cross questioning.
What have you studied in graduation? I said finance.
Asked NPV IRR GDP GNP. Answered
P1: What mathematical subject have you studied? I said statistics. He asked what in statistics? I mentioned correlation regression skewness etc. And continued about how i applied these in my research papers in college. A bit of discussion about the paper and some questioning on stats concepts like hypothesis, anova etc.
P1: What is the impact of middle east war on india? (Oil, stock market, fii, gold silver impact)
Will it have a long term or short term impact on india? (I said short term and gave some reasons)

Who is affected by the lpg crisis the most? (Mentioned the percent of domestic vs export supply of lpg and then told about the restaurants)
How is the budget different from last year? (Said i wasnt aware about last years budget but continued to give all the main points of this years budget)
Have tax slabs changed? How much will a person have to pay in tax if their income is 11L? What is the threshold for tax rebate?
Youve pitched yourself, now tell us a weakness.
What are your hobbies?
What other calls do you have? Why lucknow?

College: #IIML
Date: 1 Apr 2026

UG: Btech. Aerospace
PG: NA
Work Ex (months): 16
Certifications: NA

(Part 1/2)
Background Notes:
9/9/8; WorkEx as SDE; Both PGP and PGP-ABM calls

Experience Notes:
Venue: IIM Lucknow
2 male panelists (M1 and M2). Could not find them on the website.
A very stress interview overall. There was basically grilling on every sentence and they also went a bit into technical stuff at places. Would appreciate any feedback on the transcript.

Q&A:
M1: Introduce yourself
Me: Answered

M2 interrupted
M2: So you have your degree in Aerospace. Why are you not working there?
Me: Mentioned interest diverged during UG and took up a minor degree in Data Science and ML. Applying the same in my work as SDE as well.

M1: But why not make your aerospace degree of some use? Currently its useless. What use does data science have in aerospace?
Me: Mentioned some aspects of flight simulation related data analysis and also in aircraft design

M1: Why don't you do simulation or something like that? Aerospace has so many things
Me: Answered I have explored that in my UG in a tech team.
M1: Did you sit for placements in aero companies? Did you apply to ISRO?
Me: Answered no because by then I had gained an interest towards software and ML roles, and secondly they require a masters degree in aerospace and my core interest was somewhere else.

M1: Okay how are you using data analysis in your current job? What algorithms do you use?
Me: Mentioned using forecasting algorithms
M1: Which forecasting algorithm?
Me: Triple exponential smoothing
M1: Why do you need triple? Why not double?
Me: Answered
M1: Why are you using forecasting algorithms?
Me: Mentioned handling time-series data
M1: Why are you using such a simple algorithm? This is toh very basic
Me: Mentioned our use case and we have achieved decent accuracy with it
M1: Have you used auto-regressive models?
Me: Mentioned no but will explore
M1: Atleast use your data science degree to good. Ok tell me a deep learning algorithm
Me: Mentioned NLP initially. He said its not an algorithm. Then mentioned neural networks.
M1: Ye toh bohot basic hai yaar. What DL courses did you do in your UG?
Me: NLP
M1: Okay, what ML algorithms do you use or have worked with?
Me: Started with Regression - M1 mentioned aajkal regression se kya hota hai, then I mentioned k means clustering
M1: How do you decide k in k means clustering?
Me: Answered some methods
M1: What is the convergence rate in k means clustering? - Didn't know this
M1: Ye bhi nahi aata tumhe 😭
M1: When do we prefer simple ML algorithms over DL?
Me: Mentioned white-box and black box models

M1: Why is there black box? I know what mathematics is going on in neural networks also
Me: Mentioned there is more flexibility and visibility of parameter tuning and added we might take dataset size also into consideration.
M1: You have a very basic understanding of ML as well. Isse accha aerospace me hi kuch kar lete, that was your core branch. Minor me kitna hi sikhate honge aur ab aerospace bhi nahi kar rahe tum.

M2: So you studied aerospace, now working in software and then you want to do an MBA. I still don't understand this.
M1: Don't you feel your college's resources are wasted when you went into software from aerospace?
(I was like bas bhi karo ab ispe)
Me: Gave a reasoning for choosing aero, then mentioned minor degree fueled interest in software and also I gained exposure to a lot of other fields in UG (including managerial) apart from my core subjects. Added that 80% people don't pursue their core branch and that it is good to carve your own path, etc, etc. (Don't know why I went a bit philosophical here)
(Both were smiling)
M2: (Pointing at M1 towards my Application Form)
M1: So you must have calls from other IIMs as well?
(Part 2/2)
Me: Yes. Mentioned ABC calls. M1 just said okay and moved on.
M2: So in your other interviews as well you keep on mentioning this minor degree baar baar?
Me: 😭😭😭
Me: No sir only when I'm asked about it and since it was relevant to this context
M2: So when you are asked you keep on saying it
Me: I'm sorry if it felt that way but I was mentioning it since it was a key aspect in my career decisions...

M2: Now in this whole khichdi where does ABM come into picture? ABM kyu apply kiya? Your workex is not related to the agricultural sector in any way, your UG is not related to ABM. So what made you interested in ABM?

Me: (This I had to make up somewhat) Mentioned my interest first stemmed from the air pollution crisis in NCR where I'm staying currently and one of the causes is stubble burning. This is due to lack of incentives for post harvest products for farmers, also then mentioned 2 other challenges in agricultural sector.
M1: Aise toh noise pollution bhi bohot hai, so you will do sound engineering then?
Me: No mentioned air pollution became a focus because it has impacted me medically (which was true).

M2: Okay thanks you can leave now.

College: #IIML
Date: 1 Apr 2026

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

Background Notes:
998, 99.93%ile, 2M

Experience Notes:
No grilling, conversational and fun

Q&A:
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01.04.26 2M

(I provided him the certificates by hand so he asked what were your other calls, said, so havent you given documents there? I said sorry sir there are a lot of photocopies in my file so thought of giving you in this way, he said you should not do this, there is a proper way to do so, what if some paper falls? I am telling for your own good, then I apologized again)

So, you are from prestigious institute, it is known for civil no?
(I said the history how it started as civil college)
So, in a college known for civil you must have felt some agony in being in chemical?
(I said no, branch was quite good and I enjoyed)
Still, you must have felt, like you are working as data scientist, you must have wanted to get out of chemical?
(I explained my reasoning through a project I did)

So you didnt try masters in data science?
(Explained my job background and I prefer MBA)
Ok so any managerial electives you took in college?
(I had one)
So, tell me about business models you learnt
(I said the elective was conducted by DoMS so we got mix of all management subjects like Marketing, product life cycle, red ocean blue ocean etc)

Tell me how can you distinguish between buyer and consumer, are they same always?
(Said not totally aware of that but maybe buyer who buys some product, consumer someone who uses some service etc
Gave example of zomato how hyperpure caters to restaurants of raw material, while in food delivery has customers, he then added so individuals become consumers)
Ok, so can you draw product life cycle?
(Drew a rough graph and forgot the names of stages lmao)
Can you draw two graphs one for nokia one for iphone?
(Drew, told nokia almost got extinct, iphone is in saturation phase, explained that iphones are getting very less change each year)
But you cannot say this, there is a lot of new features nowadays?
(Said that mostly around refinement, little bump in camera, was about to say AI integration but was stopped before)

M2 Starts

Ok so what you work in job in technical terms
(Said)
What ml model is used?
(Said k means)
Why kmeans why not k median?
(Said not aware of that, still he asked again why it is not existing, again said not aware)
Ok so tell me how kmeans works, forwarded the rough note
(Explained using graph)
How you decide the number of clusters?
(Said elbow method)
How can you decide the elbow, why not points after elbow?

(Said the sharp change, but then he countered how you decide upon the sharpness? I said not only this there is another method called sillhouette score I am not recalling but using both we decide the elbow

Ok we are done, what iim calls you had?
(I said had all, attended abc and udaipur)
Ok your name is _____ right, tell me the meaning?
(Said)
Have you dedicated your life for someone, had any girlfriend?
(Said not yet)

Ok so you are waiting for one!
All the best for both in this and also for the interview.