

Two IIT Mandi Alumni clear Civil Services Examination 2019

Indian Institute of Technology Mandi Alumni, Mr. Anil Jhajharia and Mr. Lalitesh K. Meena, (2015 Batch), have secured 431st Rank and 689th Rank respectively in the final results of the prestigious Civil Services Examination (CSE) 2019.

Mr. Anil Jhajharia, a resident of Bassi in Sri Madhopur, Rajasthan, completed his B. Tech in Computer Science and Engineering from IIT Mandi in 2015. During his years at IIT Mandi, he studied various basic and advanced courses like Data Structures, Advanced Computer Architectures and courses from other disciplines like Basic Sciences and Humanities, among others.

Crediting IIT Mandi for his success, Mr. Anil Jhajharia said, *“The diverse nature of courses offered at IIT Mandi helped me build not only my technical competency but also social sensitivity, which is essential for civil services. Also, the open and free culture of IIT Mandi such as free credit basket system helped me prepare for the Civil Service Examination. Another crucial aspect is the peer group, which creates a conducive atmosphere for learning and confidence building. I humbly convey that IIT Mandi has been an essential part of my journey to civil service, and I convey my best wishes to the institute.”*

Mr. Anil Jhajharia is currently an Officer Trainee in the Internal Revenue Service – IT, selected from CSE’17 with a vision to serve the society and nation with his hard work. While sharing a message for the young aspirants of IIT Mandi, he said, *“Focus on your engineering and then develop basics. Make newspaper reading a part of the habit. For suggestions, feel free to reach to seniors and Alumni.”*

Mr. Lalitesh K. Meena completed his B. Tech in Electrical Engineering from IIT Mandi in 2015. During his academic years' tenure, Mr. Meena held many positions of responsibility such as Mess Secretary of Parashar Hostel, IIT Mandi (2013 - 14) and Core Member of Security team in Exodia 2014, the annual technical-cultural festival of IIT Mandi.

Speaking about the role of IIT Mandi in his success, Mr. Lalitesh Meena, said, *“IIT Mandi played an immense role in this achievement. I got all the support from the faculty members especially Prof. Bharat Singh Rajpurohit (Head of Department, Electrical Engineering) who inquired frequently about my progress in studies. I was able to get all the resources for my preparation from the beginning. And above all, I would like to thank Director sir, Prof. Timothy A. Gonsalves whose guidance and vision helped me in achieving this feat. I made some of the best friends in my four years of college life and they encouraged and helped me. I also got a lot of motivation from my senior, Mr. Athar Aamir Khan who secured AIR (All India Rank) # 2 in CSE 2015.”*

According to Mr. Meena, technology will be the backbone of the good governance in future which will not only handle complex matters such as taxation but also facilitate smooth, efficient and economic services delivery. Besides academic brilliance, Mr. Meena has won numerous accolades in extracurricular activities like a Gold medal in Cricket in Aagaz – 2012 and Silver medal in Volleyball in Ranneeti – 2014.

While sharing some tips for the young aspirants of IIT Mandi, he said, *“There are some points that I want to share with all the aspirants of CSE in IIT Mandi. First of all, be aware of all the subjects and their study material and read them thoroughly once and make notes. You have to do a regular revision, should attempt the test series as much as you can. The most important of all, choose the optional wisely based upon your interest and competition level.”*

Congratulating the students on their big achievement, Dr. Bharat S. Rajpurohit, Chairperson and Associate Professor, School of Computing and Electrical Engineering, IIT Mandi said, *“We are very proud of Mr. Lalitesh K. Meena and Mr. Anil Jhaharia for the success achieved due to their hard work. On behalf of IIT Mandi family, we wish the best for their bright and successful career.”*