



Prashant Vhatkar's Journey from Rejections to 16L CTC @Zeta

When the right guidance meets determination, careers take shape

In 2024, after completing his Engineering degree, Prashant Vhatkar from Kalyan found himself standing at a crossroads familiar to many graduates. Armed with a degree but struggling to find the right opportunity, he spent months searching for a job, uncertain about what his next step should be.

Like thousands of young engineers across India, Prashant realised that academic knowledge alone wasn't enough to stand out in today's competitive technology industry.

It was during this phase that a

friend introduced him to Itvedant. Believing that practical skills could bridge the gap between education and employment, Prashant enrolled at the Kalyan branch and began a new chapter in his career journey.

What stood out for him was the structured learning environment that combined theoretical understanding with extensive hands-on training. Through project-based learning, practical assignments, and industry-focused mentoring, he gradually transformed his technical foundation into real-world skills.

"The biggest difference was



Prashant Vhatkar

the practical exposure. We weren't just learning concepts; we were applying them. That helped me build confidence and develop the skills that companies actually look for," says Prashant.

Over the next few months, he immersed himself in learning, working on projects, strengthening his technical knowledge, and preparing for interviews. The consistent focus on practical learning helped him gain clarity, confidence, and the ability to solve real-world challenges.

The hard work paid off.

Today, Prashant has secured an opportunity with Zeta, one of India's leading fintech companies, at an impressive package of ₹16L CTC in Bengaluru.

For Prashant, the offer letter was more than just a job; it was proof that the right skills, the right guidance, and persistent effort can transform aspirations into achievements.

His journey serves as a reminder that success is not always about where you start. Sometimes, it is about finding the right path and having the courage to stay committed to it.

What Employers Really Look for in Young IT Professionals

By Deepali Parte, Product Manager, Adani Group

The technology industry is evolving at an unprecedented pace. New tools, platforms, and innovations emerge every year, transforming the way businesses operate and creating exciting opportunities for aspiring professionals.

For students entering the IT industry, technical knowledge is undoubtedly important. Skills in programming, cloud computing, data analytics, cybersecurity, artificial intelligence, and software development continue to be highly valued. However, after spending years in the industry, I have learned that technical expertise alone is rarely enough.

The professionals who grow the fastest are those who combine technical skills with the ability to learn, adapt, and collaborate.

In today's workplace, projects are rarely completed by individuals working alone. Developers, testers, designers, analysts, and business teams work together to solve problems and deliver results. As a result, communication, teamwork, and professional behaviour are just as important as technical capability.

Another quality that distinguishes successful professionals is a commitment to continuous learning. Technology changes rapidly, and the skills that are relevant today may evolve tomorrow. Those who remain curious, seek new knowledge, and actively upgrade their skills are often the ones who create long-term career success.

The rise of AI, automation, cloud technologies, and digital transformation has further reinforced the importance of adaptability. Rather than viewing these changes as challenges, students should see them as opportunities to expand their capabilities and stay ahead of industry trends.

Equally important is professional integrity. Whether handling customer data, collaborating with

teams, or developing technology solutions, trust remains one of the most valuable qualities in any workplace. Strong ethics, accountability, and responsibility build credibility that lasts throughout a career.

As remote and hybrid work environments become increasingly common, self-discipline and effective communication have also become essential skills. The ability to manage time, stay organised, and remain productive, regardless

of where you work, is now expected across many organisations.

My advice to every student entering the industry is simple: focus on building strong fundamentals, stay curious, embrace continuous learning, and never underestimate the value of professionalism.

Technology will continue to evolve. The opportunities will continue to grow. Those who combine technical expertise with the right mindset will always be best positioned to succeed.

Because in the IT industry, careers are not built solely on what you know; they are built on how willing you are to keep learning.



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160% Salary Hike. The Best Career Decision She Ever Made

From ₹3.8 LPA to ₹12 LPA: Poonam Jungare's Journey to Persistent Systems

Sometimes, career growth isn't about working harder; it's about choosing a better direction.

After spending three years at TCS as a Technical Support professional, Poonam Jungare had built a stable career. Yet she couldn't ignore the feeling that she had more potential to unlock. She wanted to grow, but wasn't sure which path would take her there.

When she approached Itvedant, her initial plan was to pursue Data Science. However, after understanding her background, interests, and career aspirations, the counselling team recommended DevOps instead. Trusting that guidance turned out to be the defining moment in her journey.

Over the next five months, Poonam immersed herself in practical learning. Real-time projects, hands-on training, and continuous mentoring helped her strengthen her technical expertise while preparing for the expectations of today's technology industry.

"The guidance made all the difference. I didn't just quit my job; I moved in the right direction. Looking back today, joining Itvedant was one of the best decisions I have



Poonam Jungare

made for my career," says Poonam.

Her commitment soon translated into results.

Today, Poonam has joined Persistent Systems as a Lead Software Engineer with an impressive ₹12 LPA package, a remarkable 160% salary hike from her previous salary of ₹3.8 LPA.

For Poonam, the new offer was more than a higher salary. It was validation that the right guidance, practical skills, and the courage to embrace change can completely transform a career.

Her journey is proof that sometimes, the biggest breakthrough doesn't come from changing companies, it comes from changing direction.



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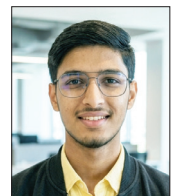
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COVID Interrupted Her Education, Not Her Ambition

A disrupted college experience couldn't stop Krishna from building a career in technology.

For many students, the pandemic transformed the college experience overnight. Classrooms moved online, practical sessions became limited, and learning often felt disconnected from the real world. Krishna from Thane was among the thousands of engineering students whose education was shaped by those challenging years.

After completing her B.Tech in Nashik, she found herself facing a reality many graduates could relate to. While she had earned her degree, she felt she lacked the practical exposure and industry-ready skills needed to begin her professional journey confidently.

Determined to bridge that gap, Krishna joined Itvedant's Full Stack Web Development programme and committed herself to learning beyond the limitations imposed by the pandemic years.

What followed was a journey of growth, guided by experienced mentors, hands-on projects, and continuous support. The structured learning environment allowed her to strengthen her understanding of Full Stack and Python Development while building the confidence required to step into the industry.

"Coming to Itvedant, I got the knowledge I was looking for. I learned Full Stack Development, Python Development, and gained the confidence needed to clear interviews and start my



Krishna Vispute

career," Says Krishna.

As her technical skills improved, so did her readiness for professional opportunities. With support from the placement team throughout the recruitment process, Krishna was able to navigate interviews with greater confidence and clarity.

Today, she has successfully launched her career as a Junior Python Developer at Psychics86, turning a period of uncertainty into an opportunity for growth.

Krishna's story is a reminder that while circumstances can disrupt a journey, they do not have to determine its destination. The pandemic may have interrupted her education, but her ambition, determination, and willingness to keep learning ultimately helped her move forward.

AI Won't Take Your Job. But Someone Using AI Might.

The quiet shift redefining who gets hired, and why it has little to do with the technology itself.

For the last few years, one question has dominated conversations about the future of work: Will AI replace jobs?

The more useful question is different.

AI, on its own, is unlikely to walk into an office and take someone's role. What it is already doing, however, is changing who gets hired, promoted, and rewarded. And the deciding factor isn't whether someone fears AI or embraces it, it's whether they know how to use it effectively.

Research from global workforce studies consistently points to the same trend: while automation will change many existing roles, it is also creating demand for new skills and new opportunities. The workforce isn't shrinking; it's evolving.

Across industries, a quiet divide is emerging. On one side are professionals who have integrated AI into their daily workflow. On the other hand are those who haven't.

The difference is becoming difficult to ignore.

A developer uses AI to accelerate coding and debugging. A data



analyst uses it to uncover insights faster. A marketer uses it to generate ideas and optimise campaigns. They are not replacing their expertise with AI; they are amplifying it.

This is why access to AI is no longer an advantage. Nearly everyone has access to the same tools.

The real advantage lies in knowing how to apply them.

Consider two professionals working on the same problem. One asks AI for an answer and accepts the result. The other uses AI to explore possibilities, validate ideas, and improve decision-making.

Both use the same technology, but only one combines it with judgment, critical thinking, and domain knowledge.

That combination is becoming one of the most valuable skills in the modern workplace.

For students and early-career professionals, this should be viewed as an opportunity rather than a threat. The future will favour individuals who combine strong fundamentals with the ability to adapt to emerging technologies.

The most successful professionals of the next decade will not be those who compete against AI, nor those who depend entirely on it. They will be those who learn how to work alongside it.

Because the future of work won't be defined by humans versus machines.

It will be defined by the prepared versus the unprepared.

At Itvedant, AI is no longer taught as a separate subject; it is integrated into the learning journey itself, helping learners build the skills needed to thrive in an AI-powered workplace.



OpenAI, Google & Microsoft Are Racing Toward AI Agents

The next generation of AI is moving beyond chatbots. AI agents can perform tasks, use software, analyse information, and complete workflows with minimal human intervention. Industry experts believe AI agents could become as common in workplaces as email and spreadsheets are today.



Future Fact

70% of Employers Now Expect AI Skills.

Artificial Intelligence is no longer a niche skill reserved for technology professionals. Across industries, employers increasingly expect candidates to have a basic understanding of AI tools and how they can be used productively in the workplace.

Whether it's writing, coding, research, data analysis, or customer support, AI is becoming part of everyday workflows. As a result, professionals who can combine domain knowledge with AI-assisted productivity are gaining a competitive advantage in the job market.



Tool Spotlight

NotebookLM:

Your Personal AI Study Partner

NotebookLM, developed by Google, allows users to upload their own notes, PDFs, presentations, and documents and then ask questions directly from that material.

Learners are using it to:

- Summarise lengthy study material
- Generate interview questions
- Create revision notes
- Understand difficult concepts faster

How Itvedant Is Shaping the Next Gen of AI Professionals

Every technological revolution changes the way we learn. The AI revolution is no different. Recognising this shift, Itvedant has reimagined the learning experience to ensure learners don't just study AI, they use it throughout their journey.

AI in Every Session ensures learners experience AI-assisted learning from day one, making every classroom more

interactive and industry-relevant.

AI Tools become part of everyday practice, allowing learners to apply them in live projects and practical scenarios rather than simply reading about them.

AI Interview Preparation helps learners build stronger resumes, portfolios, and interview strategies using AI, preparing them for today's evolving hiring landscape.

AI Certifications provide learners with an added layer of credibility, validating their ability to work confidently with AI-powered technologies.

As AI continues to reshape industries, learning cannot remain static. At Itvedant, the focus is not just on teaching emerging technologies, but on helping learners develop the confidence to apply them where it matters most, in the workplace.



Data Analytics Is Bigger Than the IT Industry

When people hear the term Data Analytics, they often picture technology companies, software products, or digital businesses. What many don't realise is that some of the most important applications of data happen far beyond the IT industry.

At Tata Steel, data plays a vital role in everyday decision-making. From project planning and resource allocation to equipment performance and operational efficiency, data helps teams make smarter, faster, and more informed decisions.

As a Project Manager, a significant part of my role involves analysing information from multiple sources and converting it into actionable insights. The objective isn't simply to collect data, it's to understand what the data is telling us and use those insights to improve outcomes.

This experience has reinforced an important lesson: data is valuable only when it helps solve a problem.

Today, organisations across



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manufacturing, engineering, logistics, healthcare, banking, retail, and countless other industries rely on data to improve productivity, reduce costs, manage risks, and identify opportunities for growth. The demand for professionals who can interpret information and support decision-making continues to grow across sectors.

For aspiring Data Analysts, this presents an exciting opportunity. The

field is no longer limited to a specific industry or job role. The ability to work with data has become a versatile skill that can create value in almost any business environment.

However, successful analysts do more than work with dashboards and reports. They ask questions, think critically, identify patterns, and translate information into meaningful recommendations. Tools and technologies will continue to evolve, but analytical thinking and problem-solving will always remain at the heart of the profession.

My advice to learners is simple: focus on understanding the business problem before looking for a technical solution. The most impactful professionals are those who can connect data with decisions and insights with action.

Because in today's world, organisations don't succeed simply because they have more data.

They succeed because they know how to use it.

Generative AI Was Just the Beginning

Over the last two years, Artificial Intelligence has moved from being a technology discussion to a business priority.

Generative AI tools have captured global attention, transforming the way people create content, write code, conduct research, and interact with technology. But from an industry perspective, this is only the beginning.

Behind the headlines, organisations are investing heavily in data platforms, cloud infrastructure, AI-powered analytics, and intelligent systems that can automate complex business processes. The conversation is no longer limited to Machine Learning models; it is rapidly expanding toward Generative AI, AI Assistants, and Agentic AI systems capable of making decisions and performing tasks with minimal human intervention.

What makes this transformation exciting is that technology is becoming deeply connected to business outcomes. Companies are not



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adopting AI because it is new; they are adopting it because it helps improve efficiency, accelerate decision-making, enhance customer experiences, and unlock new opportunities.

For learners entering the industry, this means expectations are evolving. Technical knowledge remains important, but employers are increasingly looking for individuals who can apply that knowledge to

solve practical problems. The ability to understand data, work with cloud technologies, communicate insights, and adapt to new tools is becoming just as valuable as programming itself.

One of the biggest shifts I have witnessed is the speed at which technology evolves. Skills that were considered cutting-edge a few years ago are now part of everyday workflows. Continuous learning is no longer optional; it has become a professional necessity.

The opportunities in Data Science, Cloud Computing, and Artificial Intelligence have never been greater. At the same time, the industry has never moved faster.

The professionals who succeed will not simply be those who know the latest tools. They will be the ones who stay curious, embrace change, and continuously adapt as technology evolves.

Because in the world of AI, the future is not something we wait for. It is something we build.

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