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Broadly my research areas overlaps Human Computer Interaction (HCI), Indian Knowledge System (IKS) and mental healthcare. Specifically, I do research in developing biofeedback systems, validating alternate form of medications (like biofeedback, music, meditation etc.) for mental stress management, and making biofeedback protocols more engaging through gamification.

#### **EDUCATION**

<u>PhD</u> 2015 – 2022

National Institute of Technology Jalandhar Electronics and Communication Engineering

CGPA: 9.0

MTech 2011 – 2013

Lovely Professional University

**Electronics and Communication Engineering** 

Graduated with Hons. and University Topper, CGPA: 9.12

<u>BTech</u> 2006 – 2010

Guru Nanak Dev University

Electronics and Communication Engineering Graduated with Hons., %Marks: 78.05

#### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Post Doctoral Fellow Nov 2022 – Present

Indian Institute of Technology Mandi

Technology Innovation Hub

Project: Multisensory Human Computer Interaction and Biofeedback; Advisor: Prof. Varun Dutt

<u>Pre Doctoral Fellow</u> Jun 2022 –Nov 2022

Indian Institute of Technology Mandi

Technology Innovation Hub

Project: Multisensory Human Computer Interaction and Biofeedback; Advisor: Prof. Varun Dutt

<u>Project Team Member</u> Apr 2020 – Mar 2024

ISRO Space Technology Incubation Center (S-TIC), National Institute of Technology Jalandhar

 $\textbf{\textit{Project:}} \ Strengthening \ Ridge \ to \ \textit{Valley based NRM planning under Mission Water Conservation using Geospatially enabled Serious}$ 

Gaming; Advisor: Prof. Varun Dutt

<u>Doctoral Researcher</u> Aug 2015 – Apr 2022

National Institute of Technology Jalandhar

Department of ECE

Dissertation: Low cost multimodal biofeedback for mental relaxation; Advisor: Prof. Arun Khosla

MTech Researcher Jul 2011 – Jun 2013

Lovely professional University

Department of ECE

Dissertation: A new approach for ECG signal denoising using Adaptive Filtering

#### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

<u>Teaching Assistant</u> Aug 2015 – Jul 2020

National Institute of Technology Jalandhar

Department of ECE

<u>Assistant Professor</u>

Jul 2013 – Jul 2015

Lovely Professional University

Department of ECE

<u>Teaching Assistant</u>
Jan 2012 – Nov 2012

Lovely Professional University

Department of ECE

Lecturer Dec 2010 – May 2011

Lovely Professional University

Department of ECE

## **PUBLICATIONS (PEER-REVIEWED)**

#### Journals - Peer reviewed research papers

- Kumar, Y., Garg, S., Agarwal, P., **Chand, K.**, Bhavsar, A., & Dutt, V. (2025). Affordable ECG Sensing: A Machine Learning-Enhanced Framework for Scalable Human-Machine Interaction in Telehealth. IEEE Sensors Journal, 1–1. (**SCI, IF: 4.5**)
- **Chand, K.**, Chandra, S., & Dutt, V. (2024). Raga Bhairavi in virtual reality reduces stress-related psychophysiological markers. Scientific Reports, 14(1), 24816. (**SCI, IF: 4.3**)
- **Chand, K.**, Chandra, S., & Dutt, V. (2024). A comprehensive evaluation of linear and non-linear HRV parameters between paced breathing and stressful mental state. Heliyon, 10(11). (**SCI, IF: 3.9**)
- **Chand, K.**, & Khosla, A. (2022). BioNES: A plug-and-play MATLAB-based tool to use NES games for multimodal biofeedback. SoftwareX, 19, 101184. (**SCI, IF: 3.1**)
- **Chand, K.**, & Khosla, A. (2022). Efficacy of Using Retro Games in Multimodal Biofeedback Systems for Mental Relaxation. International Journal of Gaming and Computer-Mediated Simulations (IJGCMS), 14(1), 1–23. (**Scopus**)
- **Chand, K.**, & Khosla, A. (2022). MATLAB-Based Real-Time Data Acquisition Tool for Multimodal Biofeedback and Arduino-Based Instruments: Arduino Firmata Data Acquisition (AfDaq). Journal of Information Technology Research (JITR), 15(1), 1–20.
- Conferences Peer reviewed research papers/abstracts (\*)
- Soni, S., **Chand, K.**, & Chowdhury, S. R. (2025). Development of a Wearable fNIRS System for Non-invasive Cerebral Oxygenation Monitoring. [In Press]
- **Chand, K.**, Khosla, A., & Dutt, V. (2025). Towards Affordable Biofeedback System for Mental Relaxation. Mind, Brain, and Consciousness Conference (MBCC 2025), IIT Mandi, India. [In Press]
- **Chand, K.**, Chandra, S., & Dutt, V. (2023). Effects of Relaxed and Stressful Mental States on the Heart Rate Variability Parameters. Mind, Brain, and Consciousness Conference (MBCC 2023), India. \*
- Chandra, S., **Chand, K.**, & Dutt, V. (2023). Impact of Indian Classical Raga in Immersive Environments on Human Psycho-physiological Parameters. Proceedings of the 16th International Conference on PErvasive Technologies Related to Assistive Environments. PETRA '23, Corfu, Greece.
- Rao, A. K., Fatma, Z., Menon, V. K., Bhavsar, A., Chowdhury, S. R., Chandra, S., Dutt, V., & **Chand, K.** (2023). Prediction of decision-making performance post-longitudinal tDCS administration via EEG features and machine learning. Proceedings of the 16th International Conference on PErvasive Technologies Related to Assistive Environments. PETRA '23, Corfu, Greece.

#### **Book Chapters**

- Jain, B., Khosla, A., **Chand, K.**, & Ahuja, K. (2019). The Pursuit of Zero Food Waste: A Gamified Approach Promoting Avoidance of Dormitory Mess Food Wastage in Educational Institutions. In Global Initiatives for Waste Reduction and Cutting Food Loss (pp. 243–267). IGI Global.
- Mukherjee, A., Goyal, P., Singh, A., Khosla, A. K., Ahuja, K., & **Chand, K.** (2019). Pursuit of Research: A Gamified Approach Promoting Research Engagement Among Undergraduate Students. In Fostering Multiple Levels of Engagement in Higher Education Environments (pp. 132–155). IGI Global.
- Padmakar, G. S. V., Khosla, A., & **Chand, K.** (2019). LearnEasy-Android Application as a Technological Intervention for Children With Dyslexia. In Emerging Trends in the Diagnosis and Intervention of Neurodevelopmental Disorders (pp. 236–248). IGI Global.
- Setia, D., Singh, R., Sharma, A., Khosla, A., Ahuja, K., & **Chand, K.** (2019). Enhancing Tourism and Cultural Experience Through Gamification. In Positioning and Branding Tourism Destinations for Global Competitiveness (pp. 152–171). IGI Global.

### Manuscripts in Review (\*) or Preparation (#)

- Chand, K., Khosla, A., & Dutt, V. (2025). Self-Regulation of Mental Stress in External Stressful Environment. #
- Chand, K., Chandra, S., & Dutt, V. (2025). Heart coherence under paced breathing and stressful. #
- Chand, K., Chandra, S., & Dutt, V. (2025). Effects of listening to Raga Bhairavi on heart coherence. #
- Chand, K., & Dutt, V. (2025). Affordable HRV based biofeedback device. #

### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (PEER-REVIEWED)**

Towards Affordable Biofeedback System for Mental Relaxation Mind, Brain, and Consciousness Conference (MBCC) - 2025 Jun 2025

Indian Institute of Technology Mandi

Effects of Relaxed and Stressful Mental States on the Heart Rate Variability Parameters Mind, Brain, and Consciousness Conference (MBCC) - 2023 Dec 2023

Indian Institute of Technology Mandi

### **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS**

#### Copyrights

#### Biofeedback Nintendo Entertainment System (BioNES)

Aug 2025

Registration No.: SW-2025021242 | Copyright Office, Government of India

Description: MATLAB-based framework for integrating NES games into multimodal biofeedback systems for mental wellness research.

#### Realtime arduino based HRV biofeedback system for mental stress assessment

Aug 2025

Registration No.: SW-2025021178 | Copyright Office, Government of India

Description: Arduino code for a low-cost HRV-based mental stress assessment device with real-time IBI acquisition, artifact correction, HR, RMSSD, SDNN, and stress percentage estimation.

#### Arduino Firmata Data Acquisition (AfDaq)

Aug 2025

Registration No.: SW-2025021174 | Copyright Office, Government of India

Description: Open-source MATLAB tool for real-time multichannel data acquisition and visualization from Arduino boards, used in biofeedback systems and device control.

MCP4251 Aug 2025

Registration No.: SW-2025021177 | Copyright Office, Government of India

Description: Lightweight Arduino library for interfacing with MCP4251 digital potentiometer.

#### **INVITED TALKS / WORKSHOPS / LECTURES**

#### **Invited Talks**

Human Motivation and Engagement Analysis using Octalysis Gamification Framework Oct 2023

5th Winter School on Cognitive Modeling - 2023

Indian Institute of Technology Mandi

Human Motivation and Engagement Analysis using Octalysis Gamification Framework Oct 2022

Winter School on Cognitive Modeling - 2022 Indian Institute of Technology Mandi

Arduino and Open-Source Technologies Jun 2019

DAV Institute of Engineering and Technology

Octalysis Nov 2020

AICTE ATAL Sponsored Online Faculty Development Program on Gamification

National Institute of Technology Jalandhar

#### **Lectures**

Octalysis Gamification Framework Feb 2023

Guest Lecture for undergraduate course Gamification (ECOE-496)

National Institute of Technology Jalandhar

Octalysis Gamification Framework Sep 2022

Guest Lecture for undergraduate course Gamification (ECX-488)

National Institute of Technology Jalandhar

#### Workshops

Arduino workshop for kids Nov 2017

Jalandhar

#### GRANTS (\*PI, #Co-PI)

Nagarro-NITJ Technology Centre of Excellence for Autism Research, *Nagarro, CSR Grant* # 2024

Status: Under review

Al-Driven Multimodal Fusion Framework for Emotion Recognition of Individuals with Autism in – 2024

Unconstrained Environments, Futures First, CSR Grant #

Status: Under review

Low-Cost Smartwatch for Autism with Al-Enabled Technologies, NXP Semiconductors, CSR Grant # 2024

Status: Under review

# HONORS AND AWARDS

Post Doctoral Fellowship 2022 – 2025

Indian Institute of Technology Mandi

Pre Doctoral Fellowship 2022

Indian Institute of Technology Mandi

Doctoral Fellowship 2015 – 2022

National Institute of Technology Jalandhar

UGC NET Qualified with JRF 2013

University Grants Commission

GATE – 2013 Qualified  Ministry of Education	2013
University Academic Honor  Lovely Professional University	2013
Academic Scholarship Lovely Professional University	2011 – 2013
GATE – 2011 Qualified  Ministry of Education	2011
University Academic Honor  Guru Nanak Dev University	2010
Tech Hunt – 2007, Debugging (3 <sup>rd</sup> Position) <i>Guru Nanak Dev University</i>	Oct 2007
Academic Scholarship  Guru Nanak Dev University	2006 – 2010
ACADEMIC SERVICE	
Mind, Brain, and Consciousness Conference (MBCC 2023)  Indian Institute of Technology Mandi, Role: Workshop Organizer	Dec 2023
Hackathon 2022 Indian Institute of Technology Mandi, Role: Jury member	Jul 2022
Toycathon 2021  Ministry of Education, Role: Primary Evaluator	Jan 2021
ATAL Online FDP on Gamification  National Institute of Technology Jalandhar, Role: Assisted in conduction	Nov 2020
GIAN Course on Autism and Assisted Technologies	Dec 2018
National Institute of Technology Jalandhar, Role: Assisted in conduction  Sports Meet – 2008  Guru Nanak Dev University, Role: Event Coordinator (Volleyball)	Sep 2008
Media Coverage	
Raga Bhairavi can lower stress levels: Study explores impact of Indian classical music  The Telegraph India, Print and online newspaper	Nov 2024
Young minds dwell on e-concepts  The Tribune India, Print and online newspaper	Nov 2017
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	
Conference (Attended)	
Mind, Brain, and Consciousness Conference (MBCC 2025)  Indian Institute of Technology Mandi	Jun 2025
CHI 2025 Yokohama, Japan	Apr 2025
Mind, Brain, and Consciousness Conference (MBCC 2023)  Indian Institute of Technology Mandi	Dec 2023
Short Term Courses/Workshops/Webinars (Attended)	
Learning from Simulations and Games: Guidance from Theory, Concept and Practice Shri Vaishnav Vidyapeeth Vishwavidyalaya	Nov 2024
The Impact of AI on Gamification and Serious Games Shri Vaishnav Vidyapeeth Vishwavidyalaya	Sep 2024
Development of Simulation Game, "Project PAL" using the SECI Model and Collaborative Learning Meth Shri Vaishnav Vidyapeeth Vishwavidyalaya	ods Jul 2024
Hands on Training and Showcasing: High Density EEG Devices Indian Institute of Technology Mandi	Mar 2024
Simulation Games: A Bridge between Knowledge and Behaviour Shri Vaishnav Vidyapeeth Vishwavidyalaya	Jan 2024
Machine-Learning advances in Human-Computer Interaction Indian Institute of Technology Mandi	Jul 2022
Innovation, IPR and Start-ups National Institute of Technology Jalandhar	Jul 2022
LaTeX for Technical Writing	June 2022
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Indian Institute of Technology Mandi	
The Education Factory  National Institute of Technology Jalandhar	Sep 2020
Machine Learning Using Python  National Institute of Technology Jalandhar	Sep 2020
Computational Cardiac Engineering - Predictive Modelling and Innovative Sensing Systems  Rajasthan Technical University	Sep 2020
IP Commercialization & Technology Transfer  National Institute of Technology Jalandhar	Feb 2020
Recent Trends in Biomedical Signal Processing and VLSI Design National Institute of Technology Jalandhar	May 2019
Data Science National Institute of Technology Jalandhar	May 2019
Current Avenues of Research in Electronics and Communication Engineering National Institute of Technology Jalandhar	Mar 2019
Autism and Assisted Technologies (Gian Course)  National Institute of Technology Jalandhar	Dec 2018
Brain Science & Technology: Tools and Techniques to understand the Human Brain Indian Institute of Technology Delhi	Dec 2016
How to be your Child's Occupational therapist SOCH Educational Society	Sep 2016
Biology for Engineers Indian Institute of Technology Bombay	Jun 2016
Certifications	
The Recreational UAS Safety Test (TRUST)  Academy of Model Aeronautics	Nov 2022
The Octalysis Framework - Level 1 The Octalysis Group	Dec 2017
MOOC Courses (with certificates)	
IITM – Finland – Certificate course on Mastering VR : Fundamentals to Practice Indian Institute of Technology Madras	Oct 2024
DRONE01x: Drones for Agriculture: Prepare and Design Your Drone (UAV) Mission Wageningen University & Research	Sep 2022
Statistics in Medicine Stanford University	Mar 2020
Computer Science 101 Stanford University	Mar 2020
Introduction to CAD: Learn Fusion 360 in 90 minutes  Autodesk	Sep 2019
Vital Signs: Understanding What the Body Is Telling Us  University of Pennsylvania	May 2018
Advanced MATLAB for Scientific Computing Stanford University	Dec 2017
Introduction to Game Development  Michigan State University	Mar 2017
Calculus One The Ohio State University	May 2013
Image and video processing  Duke University	Mar 2013

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

Association for Computing Machinery (ACM)

Professional Member

Aug 2023 – Jul 2024

## **EDITORIAL AND PEER REVIEW ROLES**

### **Editorial Review Board**

IGI Global: International Journal of Gaming and Computer-Mediated Simulations (IJGCMS); International Journal of Game-Based Learning (IJGBL); International Journal of Distance Education Technologies (IJDET)

### Ad-Hoc Reviewer

Springer Nature: Discover Psychology; Signal, Image and Video Processing

Cell Press: iScience; Heliyon

Elsevier: SoftwareX; HardwareX; Biomedical Signal Processing and Control

Mary Ann Liebert, Inc.: Games for Health Journal

 $IGI\ Global:\ International\ Journal\ of\ Gaming\ and\ Computer-Mediated\ Simulations\ (IJGCMS);\ International\ Journal\ of\ Game-Based$ 

Learning (IJGBL); International Journal of Distance Education Technologies (IJDET)

#### **INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE**

Role: Industrial Trainee

T4A Labs Pvt Ltd., Incubated in NITJ Technology Business Incubator Role: Co-Founder, Works on technologies for autistic kids and autism.	Apr 2022 – Present
JCT Limited, Filament Unit, Hoshiarpur (Punjab)  Role: Industrial Trainee	Jan 2010 – Jun 2010
JCT Limited, Filament Unit, Hoshiarpur (Punjab)	Jun 2008 – Jul 2008

## **S**KILLS

**Programming**: Assembly, C, C++, R, Lua, MATLAB, Python, Visual Basic, Pure Data **Applications**: NI Multisim, KiCad, Unity3D, RStudio, JASP, Jamovi, Autodesk Fusion 360

Operating Systems: Windows, Ubuntu

Others: Octalysis-Level1 Gamification Expert, Heart Rate Variability (HRV) Analysis

### **PROJECTS**

Curricular Projects and Teaching Tools	
Arduino Workshop for Kids E-Book  National Institute of Technology Jalandhar	2022
Gamification (ECX-488) Course E-Book, 3 Credits  National Institute of Technology Jalandhar	2021
Classroom Gamification, Software Tool, 3 Credits  National Institute of Technology Jalandhar	2018
Gamification (ECX-488), Course, 3 Credits  National Institute of Technology Jalandhar	2016
Open-Source Tools and Software	
AfDaq: A plug and play MATLAB based tool for biofeedback and arduino based instruments https://github.com/kulbhushanchand/AfDaq	2021
BioNES: A plug-and-play MATLAB based tool to use NES games for multimodal biofeedback https://github.com/kulbhushanchand/BioNES	2021
MCP4251: Arduino library for MCP4251 Digital Potentiometer https://github.com/kulbhushanchand/MCP4251	2021
classroom-gamification: Tool to gamify your classroom with an online leaderboard https://github.com/kulbhushanchand/classroom-gamification	2018

#### **SUBJECTS TAUGHT**

Teaching Assistant (PhD Student) National Institute of Technology Jalandhar	2015 – 2020
Gamification, ECX-488	Spring 2020
Scientific Computing Lab, ECPC-351	Spring 2020
Gamification, ECX-488	Fall 2019
Scientific Computing Lab, ECPC-351	Fall 2019
Gamification, ECX-488	Spring 2019
Electronics for Chemists Lab, CY-592	Spring 2019
Gamification, ECX-488	Fall 2018
Analysis and Synthesis of Networks Lab, ECX-211	Fall 2018
Gamification, ECX-488	Spring 2018
Electronics for Chemists Lab, EC-636	Spring 2018
Gamification, ECX-488	Fall 2018

Analysis and Synthesis of Networks, ECX-201	Fall 2018
Analysis and Synthesis of Networks Lab, ECX-211	Fall 2018
Gamification, ECX-488	Spring 2017
Basic Electronics Lab, ECX-102	Spring 2017
Gamification, ECX-488	Fall 2016
Analysis and Synthesis of Networks Lab, ECX-211	Fall 2016
Gamification, ECX-488	Spring 2016
Basic Electronics Lab, ECX-102	Spring 2016
Basic Electronics Lab, ECX-102	Fall 2015
Assistant Professor	2013 – 2015
Lovely Professional University	
Digital Signal Processing, ECE300	Spring 2015
Digital Signal Processing Laboratory, ECE324	Spring 2015
Analytical Skills-II, PEA302	Spring 2015
Adaptive Signal Processing, ECE531	Fall 2014
Signal and Systems, ECE220	Fall 2014
Basic Simulation Laboratory, CSE222	Fall 2014
Electronic Devices and Circuits, ECE206	Summer 2014
Digital Signal Processing, ECE300	Spring 2014
Probability and Stochastic Processes, ECE256	Spring 2014
Digital Signal Processing Laboratory, ECE324	Spring 2014
Electronic Devices and Circuits, ECE206	Fall 2013
Basic Electrical Engineering, ECE133	Fall 2013
Analog and Linear Integrated Circuits Laboratory, ECE317	Fall 2013
Basic Electrical Engineering Laboratory, ECE134	Fall 2013
Teaching Assistant (MTech student) Lovely Professional University	2011 – 2013
Introduction to Practical Electronics, ECE100	Fall 2012
Electrical and Electronics Workshop, ECE130	Spring 2012
<u>Lecturer</u>	2010 – 2011
Lovely Professional University	
Microcontroller and Applications, ECE310	Spring 2010
Introduction to Practical Electronics, ECE100	Spring 2010
Unified Electronics Laboratory – II, ECE208	Spring 2010
Sports Activities	
Annual Faculty Sports Meet, 100 mt. (Gold), 200 mt. (Gold)  Lovely Professional University	2015
Annual Faculty Sports Meet, 200 mt. (Bronze), 400 mt. (Silver)  Lovely Professional University	2014
Annual Faculty Sports Meet, 100 mt. (Gold)  Lovely Professional University	2011

## **LANGUAGES**

English - Proficient (Speak, Read, Write, Listen)

Hindi – Native-equivalent (used since childhood)

Punjabi - Native (Mother tongue)

### **REFERENCES**

### Prof. Varun Dutt

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Professional Engagement: Post Doctoral Supervisor

## Prof. Arun Khosla

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Professional Engagement: PhD Supervisor

# Prof. Mamta Khosla

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Professional Engagement: Former Head of Department

## **Gaganpreet Singh**

Senior Software Developer, Microsoft India gagsin@microsoft.com

Professional Engagement: Former coworker