

In Their Own Words: Alumni Testimonials



"IST lab has a profound impact on both my professional and personal life. It helped me grow as a teacher, researcher, and responsible citizen."

Dr. Manoj M. Associate Professor, IIT Delhi





"Would like to congratulate the IST Lab on its 15th year...proud to be associated with the lab as one of its first PhD graduate....happy to see the lab flourishing under the guidance of Prof. Ashish Verma..would like to congratulate him also for this achievement..."

Dr. Rahul T M
Assistant Professor, IIT Ropar



"I truly believe that credit should be given where it is due. The IST lab of IISc has been an excellent catalyst for improving myself personally and professionally. It provided me with endless opportunities to improve my technical capabilities. The lab environment and the group discussions helped me better understand the core concepts of transportation and gave me an overview of other fields. Prof. Ashish Verma's guidance helped me manage time better and achieve improved results during periods of time crunch, and he also taught us to question everything as to why it is happening& what could be the reason? All these things now help me in my current profession, where I receive great responses from Clients, and I dedicate that amazing feedback to my time at the IST lab."

Dr. Harsha Vajjarapu Asst. Transport Modeller, WSP India

My journey with the lab began as a master's student, where I received mentoring in the field of transportation. I had the privilege of working on several projects, each enriched by the collaborative spirit and innovative mindset of the team together with lots of fun and joyful memories. The knowledge and skills I gained during my time at the lab were pivotal to guide my career, personality and all of what I am doing now.I am profoundly grateful to the IST Transportation Lab and Professor Verma for their unwavering support and invaluable guidance. Their commitment to fostering a nurturing and intellectually stimulating environment has been instrumental in my professional growth. Congratulations on 15 years of excellence, and here's to many more years of groundbreaking research and success.."









"IST lab provided an exceptional environment, fostering academic excellence and personal growth. The diverse and inclusive atmosphere encouraged collaboration among students from various backgrounds, enriching our learning experiences. My time in the lab was transformative, shaping my professional path and nurturing lifelong friendships. I am deeply grateful for the opportunities and support provided, which have been crucial in my career and personal development. "

Ashutosh Dumka
PhD Scholar, Iowa State University



"My experience in the IISc Sustainable Transportation (IST) Lab during my master's program was incredibly enriching and transformative. One of the most rewarding aspects of my time in the lab was the collaborative environment fostered among colleagues. I enjoyed exchanging ideas and troubleshooting challenges. I am grateful for the mentorship I received from Prof. (Dr.) Ashish Verma, who provided invaluable guidance and support throughout my journey. His expertise and encouragement empowered me to explore new research avenues and to strive for excellence in all aspects of my work."

Yash Seth

Research Scholar, University of Alabama at Birmingham

"I had a wonderful experience with IST lab during my Master's. I am going to travel to US to pursue my PhD in Transportation Systems Engineering from University of Memphis. It was a great learning phase in my career while working in IST lab under Prof Ashish Verma sir. I am happy and elated to know that IST lab is successfully functioning for about 15 years now. IST lab had given a major positive impact in my career helping me to identify myself as a research oriented person. I always share this to my friends and family that, I am grateful to be a representative of IST lab. From fortnight meetings, festival gatherings until alumni meeting, IST lab has its own style of conviction. It cheers me a lot. A ton of thanks to all the selfless lab members and radiant alumni members of IST lab whom I had come across so far."





"I'm excited to share my experience at Prof. Ashish sir's IST Lab. This lab has not only nurtured my academic interests but has also introduced me to an incredible circle of friends. Even today, senior alumni from the IST Lab continue to support me with their technical expertise and insights, enriching my research journey. All the credit goes to Prof. Ashish for continuously providing me with opportunities to grow and learn."

Dr. Chetan Doddamani Post Doctoral Fellow, Nagoya University

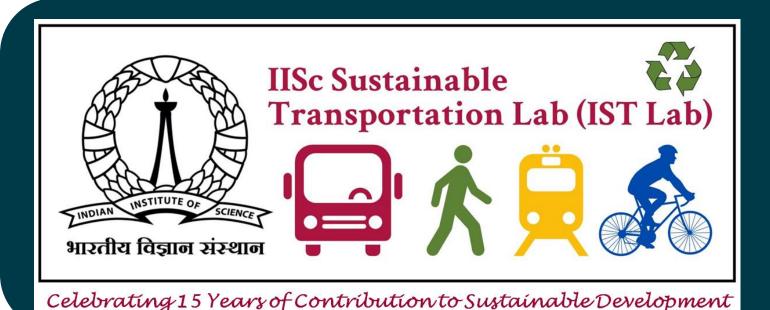




"The 2 years I've worked in the lab have been incredibly enriching. I've learned so much and grown in ways I never expected. My mentors helped me develop as an individual and a professional. The friendships I've gained were invaluable and will be cherished forever. The confident, capable me now is because of the skills and knowledge I picked up while working. I'm so grateful for the experiences and I carry the impact with me always"

Aparna P M
Program Engineer- Transport Planning
Halifax Regional Municipality, Nova Scotia, Canada





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"I have developed a very good skillset at the lab. And it is general enough that I was able to switch to finance when I found an interesting opportunity. I'll be grateful for the opportunities my time at the lab opened up for me."

Dr. Mayakuntla SaiKiran
Traded Models Validation AM, Barclays GSCPL, Noida.

"I had the privilege of being part of the IISc Sustainable Transportation Lab (IST Lab) during my tenure as a PhD student and as a JRF. It has been an enriching experience that has significantly shaped my academic and professional journey. Under the guidance of Prof. (Dr.) Ashish Verma and alongside a team of dedicated researchers, I had the opportunity to explore advanced research on pedestrian behaviour modelling in crowded environments."

Dr. Karthika
Recent Graduate from IST Lab

"I was part of IST lab in the year 2016 and worked on the Kumbh Mela experiment. This experience not only enhanced my technical skills but also fostered lifelong connections with other lab members. The collaborative spirit in the lab created an unforgettable environment, resulting in treasured memories that I cherish to this day."

Vivek Yadav
Travel Demand Modeler at Cambridge Systematics



"Working at the IISc Sustainable Transportation Lab was a time where I learned a lot about transportation planning In India while also having a good time with the lab members. The camaraderie among the lab members made a year of working in the lab memorable"

Shubhayan Ukil PhD Student, University of Michigan

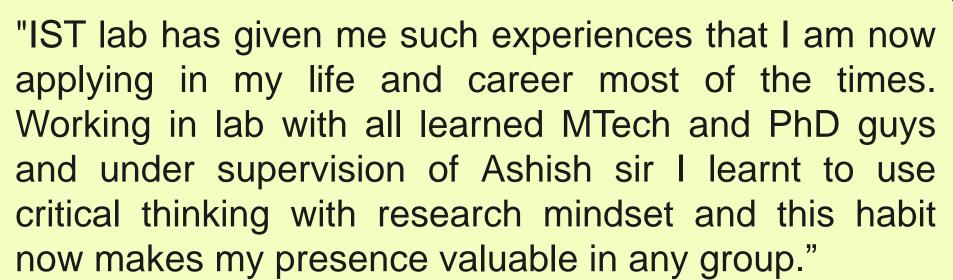
'Working in the IST lab has been one of the most insightful experiences of my professional career. I have learned to apply theoretical knowledge to practical problems and developed a deeper understanding in the field of EVCS impact on Electrical Distribution System. The collaborative environment in IST lab is fantastic. Sharing ideas and working together with brilliant minds from different backgrounds has not only improved our research outcomes but also fostered a strong sense of community and teamwork. Being part of IST lab that conducts cutting-edge research is exhilarating. The challenges we face push me to think creatively and critically, which has greatly enhanced my problem-solving skills. The mentorship I have received in the IST lab has been exceptional. My supervisor and fellow researchers are always willing to provide guidance and support. Their feedback has been crucial in my development as a researcher, and their encouragement has boosted my confidence."

K. Ramesh Babu
Associate Professor
Malineni Lakshmaiah Women's Engineering College
Andhra Pradesh



"Working under the supervision of Prof. Ashish Verma was a dream come true. During my brief yet impactful stay at IST Lab, I not only made amazing friends but also gained profound knowledge in transport research and honed my time management skills. The robust fabric of the lab, led and managed so exceptionally well by Prof. Ashish, created an environment of unparalleled learning and growth. If I had to sum up my experience, I would say it was truly life-changing. "

Dr. Ubaid Illahi
Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Trinity College Dublin



Gaurav Tiwari
Data Scientist, Atlas Copco, Pune



"As a Transportation Engineer it my privilege to be an alumni of the IST lab. Undoubtedly I had some very good times working there. I was fortunate enough to be part of two wonderful projects which opened the world of sustainability, climate change and decarbonisation. Working for the lab has contributed to both my professional and personal growth."

Sajitha Sasidharan
Transport Decarbonisation Consultant- WSP

"When I joined IISc as a naive, wide-eyed youngster, we began our journey without a dedicated lab space. However, under Dr. Ashish Verma's visionary leadership in sustainable transport, we transformed into a state-of-the-art lab. I am particularly proud to have contributed to impactful projects like Maargamitra, a pioneering trip planner for BMTC buses, and the implementation of priority lanes for buses in Bangalore's IT corridors. These experiences have been instrumental in shaping my career as a Traffic and Safety Expert at STREETS Consultants. The camaraderie among lab mates and our collaborative spirit fostered an enriching environment where we grew together. Congratulations to IST Lab on this milestone, and here's to many more years of success and innovation."













"My time as a research intern from 6 June to 20th July 2023 at IISc was truly transformative and great learning. The opportunity to collaborate with Ashish sir and engage in cutting-edge research significantly enhanced my analytical skills. I am deeply grateful for the invaluable experience and the professional growth I achieved during my tenure at IISc. The supportive environment and access to state-of-the-art resources were instrumental in shaping my research capabilities. I am currently serving as a Research Associate at South Asian University, New Delhi."

Dr. Swati Goyal
Research Associate
South Asian University, New Delhi.

