

Learn from mistakes

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How did your journey for IIT-JEE began?

Right from an early age, I had an inclination towards mathematics and science. Eventually, I found my calling in the field of engineering and that's when my JEE preparations began.

What role did AICE play to help you crack the competitive exams?

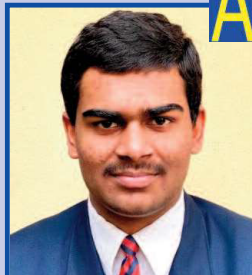
AICE constantly provided me with an extremely insightful platform which enabled me to pursue my goals. Since JEEs are known to be the most challenging competitive exams in India, I found myself just in the right place for all the guidance. The faculty at Synchro were always welcoming when it came to any doubts I had during my preparation.

How did you prepare for IIT-JEE?

Initially, I focused on advanced concepts required for the exam, and solved problems related to those concepts in daily routine. And once I was sure about the entire syllabus, I started attempting question papers of previous years to see where I stand. Whenever I couldn't attempt any question, I would mark the queries and get them solved in the classes.

How did you manage regular studies and prep-ups for competitive exams?

Synchro programme helped me create the



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needful balance between my regular studies and competitive exam preps. At the onset, the programme correspondingly divided the time into two slots- one for CBSE board preparation and the other for JEE preparation. This tremendously helped me focus only on the important areas in order to manage both of them.

Are there some preparation strategies to crack IIT-JEE?

The foremost strategy is to maintain a proper schedule. A proper time table to revise the concepts taught in the coaching classes as well as in school classroom is a

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must. Both the classes are important and skipping even one

of them can add towards difficulty in understanding the complex concepts. In addition, follow your teachers' guidance; solve as many questions as you can, and analyse previous year questions.

According to you, when should an aspirant start preparing for competitive exams?

Competitive exam preparations usually commence when one reaches grade XI. However, I feel that it is always better to start a little early, to be precise in grade IX, in order to acquire a good base.

What are the key learnings that you would like to share with young aspirants?

Preparing for competitive exams is crucial. So, cut down on your screen time and manage sleep hours. Most importantly, self study and learn from your mistakes, because with these two things, you can crack the toughest of entrance exams. All the best!

Rapid fire

One word to describe...

Your alma mater: Memorable

The motto of your life: Keep digging deeper

Your passion: Inexhaustible

Yourself: Enthusiast

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Build the concepts

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How did your journey for NEET begin?

I have always been interested in the functioning of human body and biology, which is why from Class XI, I started taking coaching for NEET at Amity Institute of Competitive Examinations (AICE).

What role did AICE play in helping you crack the competitive exam?

AICE provided me the guidance and knowledge that was essential for cracking NEET. The teachers were extremely helpful and friendly; the classroom environment was quite relaxed which made healthy student-teacher interaction possible. Gaganjeet ma'am, the coordinator for AICE at AIS Saket, was always there to aid me and would also arrange an extra class or test in case it was required.

How did you prepare for NEET?

I attended my coaching classes and made regular notes. To tackle any topic, I started by reading NCERT books and ensured that I understood everything. In case I had any doubts, I would ask my teachers and revise the topic again the same day. And once I was done with NCERT and notes, I would refer to my coaching modules and try to solve the questions. If I ever had any backlog, I made sure to clear it all within the same week. I always focused on building concepts and revising them as much as I could. Apart from this, I also made it a point to never miss any practice test conducted by AICE and would try my best to prepare



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fully before any test. After I would receive my results, I would analyse the entire paper, focusing on my mistakes and weak spots.

How did you manage regular studies and prep-ups for competitive exams?

The syllabus for Boards and NEET is the same so I didn't prepare for anything separately. I just made sure that I was sticking to the syllabus and revising as much as I could.

Are there some preparation strategies to crack NEET?

Never miss your coaching classes and always

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attend them with full focus. NCERT should be your prime focus for all subjects and only move ahead to extra study material once you are confident about NCERT. Never leave any doubts unattended, no matter how small or silly they might seem. And lastly, do not just cram your formulas, but actually focus on building the concepts in your head.

According to you, when exactly should an aspirant start preparing for competitive examinations?

If one really wants to crack the entrance exams, then s/he should get started in Class XI. The reason is simple, the syllabus of Class XI and XII helps one crack the examination and therefore, it's very important to be well versed with all the topics.

What are the key learnings you would like to share with young aspirants?

Never underestimate yourself; always have confidence in yourself. You may not get your desired results sometimes, but do not lose hope. Instead of dwelling on your failures, analyse and find the mistakes to work on them. Do not blindly copy others; find what is best for you and follow that.

Rapid fire

One word to describe...

Your alma mater: Second home

The motto of your life: Service to humanity

Your passion: Inquisitive

Yourself: Determined

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It's all about consistency

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How did your journey for IIT-JEE begin?

I started preparing in Class IX. My parents and I had begun to discuss what stream would be apt for me. Since I was a keen student of mathematics and took interest in science, it made sense to take up PCM in Class XI.

What role did AICE play to help you crack the competitive exams?

They were extremely helpful and were quick to resolve any queries that I had. They also provided me with quality questions that aided my level of preparation further.

How did you manage regular studies and prep-ups for competitive exams?

Regular studies have to go hand-in-hand with JEE preparation. JEE requires much more analytical thinking and reasoning, hence if one has prepared well for JEE, it's unlikely that regular studies will suffer.

Which field of engineering did you choose and why?

As of now, I am pursuing Electrical Engineering UG at IIT Delhi. I chose Electrical Engineering as I found the course content really interesting. At IIT Delhi, electrical engineering is not limited to power and circuitry but also includes a good portion of computer science.

Are there some preparation strategies to crack IIT-JEE?



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First of all, it's about consistency. One must follow the topics being done in the class regularly and practice the topics thoroughly. Then comes confidence. Challenge yourself

Rapid Fire

One word to describe...

Your alma mater: Esteemed

The motto of your life: Believe

Your passion: Inquisitive

Yourself: Curious

all the time. Try to go beyond your comfort zone during revision so that you do not panic when something new comes up in the final examination.

According to you, when should an aspirant start preparing for competitive exams?

It depends on how confident they feel. If they believe they have a good understanding of science and mathematics, they can start their preparation in Class XI. Otherwise, I would recommend starting from Class IX. Also, students are relatively freer in Class IX and Class X.

What are the key learnings that you would like to share with young aspirants?

There's always an infinite scope of improvement. So, do not get disheartened by low marks. Learn from your failures, work hard and move ahead. During Class IX, it would have been impossible for me to believe that I would succeed in JEE Advanced. But consistent self-analysis and a great peer group helped me get a good rank.

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Read **NCERT** religiously

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great guideline about what to expect in the exams.

How did you manage regular studies and prep-ups for competitive exams?

Regular studies should be seen as a part of competitive exam preparations. They are not different from each other. The earlier you learn to integrate them, the easier these two crucial years (Class XI & XII) become. I solved CBSE assignments just like I solved practice tests. This helps clear basic concepts and increases efficiency and speed, both of which are crucial in an exam like NEET.

Are there some preparation strategies to crack NEET?

Read NCERT religiously and give enough time to your weakest subject. Finally, it is the aggregate score that will determine your rank.

According to you, when should an aspirant start preparing for competitive exams?

It totally depends on the individual. It's vital, however, that they do not fall for false propaganda being promoted by several coaching institutes. Students should first ensure that their basic concepts are strong and only then should they start preparing for competitive exams.

What are the key learnings that you would like to share with young aspirants?

Study hard but also have fun. These two years will be tough but manage your workload effectively, and these might become the most memorable years of your life.

Rapid fire

One word to describe...

Your alma mater: Amazing

The motto of your life: Memento Vivere

Your passion: Medicine

Yourself: Focused

How did your journey for NEET begin?

I started preparing for NEET from Class XI, unlike most of my friends who had begun a year earlier. I preferred to focus first on Class X Board examinations and started thinking about NEET only once the Board exams were over.

How did you prepare for NEET?

NCERT is the most important source material for NEET preparation. I ensured, I knew everything that was given in NCERT. I also solved previous years' question papers, studied advanced topics from study packages and revised all my class notes from Synchro Classes.

What role did AICE play to help you crack the competitive exams?

AICE played a big role to help me crack NEET. The faculty was brilliant. They explained concepts coherently and their test papers were also a

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Give ample mock tests

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How and when did your journey for IIT-JEE begin?

I was always passionate about science and math, so, appearing for JEE entrance exam was a natural choice. My journey for the same began in Class XI as I joined accelerated synchro programme offered by AICE.

How did you prepare for IIT-JEE?

I went to the coaching classes regularly and never missed any class. I took all the mock tests to analyse my performance and to find out where I needed to improve.

What role did AICE play to help you crack the competitive exams?

The faculty was great and gave us practice questions that were truly challenging. Our teachers also helped us with doubts and there were multiple mock tests.

How did you manage regular studies and prep-ups for competitive exams?

AICE helped me in managing regular studies along with the JEE preparation. CBSE classes were held in the first half of the day and JEE preparation in the second half. So, it was very balanced.

Which field of engineering did

you choose and why?

I chose chemical engineering because I found it interesting.

backlog. Also, try to appear for as many mock tests as possible as these tests help you to know where you need to improve. Solving all

previous years' question papers further helps in getting a good idea of the exam pattern.

According to you, when should an aspirant start preparing for exams?

Well, I personally feel Class XI is the right time to start since the syllabus for JEE is from Class XI and XII.

What are the key learnings that you would like to share with young aspirants?

Learn to analyse the mock tests properly; same mistakes should not be repeated at any cost. It is also important to stay motivated throughout as the journey is long to avoid early burn-out.



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Are there some preparation strategies to crack IIT-JEE?

It is important to focus on all three subjects equally and to develop subject specific strategies. Aspirants should be consistent in their studies too in order to avoid a

Rapid fire

One word to describe...

Your alma mater: Progressive

The motto of your life: BHAAG

Your passion: Motivating

Yourself: Optimistic

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Pursue it with passion

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How did your journey for IIT-JEE begin?

I have always loved science and so, I had already made up my mind to compete in the IIT-JEE exam. In Class X, I joined FIIT-JEE for NTSE exam, and then in Class XI and XII, I chose AICE for JEE Advanced.

How did you prepare for IIT-JEE?

Since the syllabus is almost the same for all competitive exams, it's vital to strengthen your concepts. I used to ask tons of questions, even the silliest ones. And I firmly believe there's no ideal strategy to prepare. The key is knowing oneself and indulging in proper self-assessment from time to time. I focused on my class notes and then practised a lot of questions regularly.

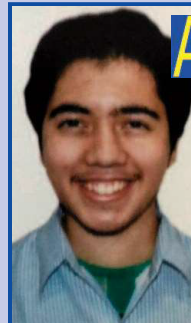
What role did AICE play to help you crack the competitive exams?

AICE has amazing teachers who would clear my doubts at any point of time. They also helped me clear KVPY twice. They motivated me through my lows and that was very crucial, particularly during lockdown when everything was quite uncertain.

How did you manage regular studies and prep-ups for competitive exams?

I focused mostly on my competitive exams and started studying for boards only a couple of weeks before the exams. This

was because I was pretty confident about my concepts as competitive exams require more in-depth preparation. I put a lot of emphasis on self-study. Also, I used to take a lot of tests to



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track my progress, improve timing and strengthen concepts.

Which field of engineering did you choose and why?

I chose computational mechanics at IIT Delhi because I like physics. This branch also offers courses on machine learning and computing. It offers job security and is in high demand, too.

Are there some preparation strategies to crack IIT-JEE?

Be regular, sincere and most importantly, enthusiastic and excited at all times. Become comfortable with basics first and then go to higher level problems. Make a habit of studying for three hours straight. Track your progress at regular intervals but never compare your marks with others. For everyone has their own pace.

When should an aspirant start preparing for competitive exams?

The ideal time to start is Class X. You get ample time to be comfortable with the study pattern and build a solid base.

What are the key learnings that you would like to share with young aspirants?

Stay passionate about your goals but don't overburden yourself with expectations. Just let the best in you come out.

Rapid fire

One word to describe...

Your alma mater: Supportive

The motto of your life: Evolving

Your passion: Curiosity (as Einstein puts it)

Yourself: Veni, vidi, vici (I came; I saw; I conquered!)

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Be sure of your goals

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How did your journey for IIT-JEE begin?

I was sure to enter into the field of architecture and therefore, I started my preparation for JEE. My aim was to score high in JEE Paper II, so that I could get admission into a good college.

How did you prepare for IIT-JEE?

I focused on understanding the concepts and then proceeding to solve problems. Before the exam, I attempted as many mock papers as possible to adapt to the exam pattern.

What role did AICE play to help you crack the competitive exams?

AICE was quite beneficial for my preparation, as it helped me balance my time between studying for JEE and Boards. Teachers were always approachable and available for clearing doubts. There was more time for self-study and other activities as I did not even have to travel daily for any extra tuitions.

How did you manage regular studies and prep-ups for competitive exams?

If one can understand the basic concepts of every subject, one can be well prepared for both

JEE and Board examinations. Understanding the difference in their exam patterns and studying accordingly is also important to create a balance.

Understanding the concepts taught in school or coaching classes. Once you do that, solving problems then becomes easy.



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Which field of engineering did you choose and why?

I have always been attracted to structural design. I also like to sketch and felt that architecture would be a good career choice for me.

Are there some preparation strategies to crack IIT-JEE?

One should always focus on un-

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According to you, when should an aspirant start preparing for competitive exams?

One should start preparing for these exams only after being certain about what to pursue.

What are the key learnings that you would like to share with young aspirants?

Keeping a calm mind, both during preparation as well as in the exam hall, is quite important. Be organised and devote appropriate time to each topic. Try to revise important topics regularly and attempt mock papers to build your confidence. Also, find time for friends and family so that you don't get stressed out by long hours of study.

Rapid fire

One word to describe...

Your alma mater: Great

The motto of your life: Enjoy

Your passion: Football

Yourself: Calm

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Never feel demotivated

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How did your journey for IIT-JEE begin?

Math and science were the subjects I studied with interest. So, I decided to pursue a career in the field of engineering where I could always have these subjects in the curriculum. For the same, I opted for science stream in Class XI and simultaneously prepared for JEE by enrolling myself in coaching classes.

How did you prepare for IIT-JEE?

I spent a lot of time practising questions and giving tests. Initially, the focus was not on how fast I could solve the questions but whether I could solve them or not. Later, I began focusing on my speed as well. Once my fundamentals were clear, speed came naturally.

What role did AICE play to help you crack the competitive exams?

The test series and doubt clearing sessions by AICE were amazing. Even during the lockdown, I was able to freely approach the teachers for any doubts that I had at any time. All this helped me immensely during my preparation.

How did you manage regular studies and prep-ups for competitive exams?

I attended both the coaching classes and the school classes regularly and tried to learn most of the theory at school/coaching itself. By following

this technique, I got ample time for self-study and to practise questions of various concepts.



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Which field of engineering did you choose and why?

I chose Computer Science as I was always curious about computers. I enjoyed Computer Science as my fifth subject in Class XI and XII.

Are there some preparation strategies to crack IIT-JEE?

What I would recommend is to focus on the fundamentals and basic

understanding of concepts. Learn how to remain calm under pressure and manage your time well.

According to you, when should an aspirant start preparing for competitive exams?

One should start preparing whenever they feel like. For instance, some start as early as Class IX and some begin at Class XI or XII. Yet, I would suggest that 2-3 years of preparation is required to crack the entrance exam.

What are the key learnings that you would like to share with young aspirants?

Never feel demotivated if you score bad in a couple of tests, or if you are unable to solve questions that your peers find 'easy'. Try and see where you did not understand the question well or what were the mistakes that you could have avoided. Above all, don't ignore your hobbies during this time because that will help you sail through the journey.

Rapid fire

One word to describe...

Your alma mater: Memorable

The motto of your life: Perseverance

Your passion: Art

Yourself: Hardworking

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