



As we move through the **first half of April**, the pace begins to intensify with new responsibilities, academic commitments, and emerging opportunities. This phase is all about staying composed under pressure and managing time effectively. With examinations, submissions, and project work often coming together, consistency and discipline become more important than ever. Every challenge faced during this period contributes to growth, resilience, and progress. Stay focused, trust your efforts, and continue moving forward with determination—the foundation you build now will shape the success that follows. Let's make the first half of April productive, balanced, and meaningful.

Dr. Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, an Indian entrepreneur and the founder of Biocon, is a pioneering figure in biotechnology and healthcare innovation. Her journey from starting a small business with limited resources to building one of India's leading biopharmaceutical companies is a remarkable example of determination, resilience, and vision.



Her contributions have played a significant role in transforming India's biotechnology sector, strengthening the country's position in global healthcare and pharmaceutical research.

Key contributions of her work include:

- Starting Biocon in 1978 from the garage of her rented house with an initial investment of just ₹10,000, proving that great success can begin from humble beginnings.

- Building Biocon into one of India's leading biotechnology companies, contributing to affordable medicines and innovative healthcare solutions, especially in the fields of diabetes, cancer, and autoimmune diseases.

- Inspiring and mentoring young entrepreneurs, especially women, to believe in their abilities and pursue careers in science, business, and innovation.

In recognition of her contributions, she has received several prestigious awards, including the **Padma Shri**, **Padma Bhushan**, and the **EY World Entrepreneur of the Year Award**.

Dr. Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw's journey reflects how hard work, perseverance, and self-belief can turn small beginnings into extraordinary achievements. Her story motivates students to dream big, overcome challenges, and believe that with dedication and courage, they can create a successful and impactful future for themselves and society.



Jidnyasa Patil
SE-EXTC

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In April, Jidnyasa was shortlisted by Katalyst for an exclusive visit to a leading global investment bank, where she attended a cybersecurity session. During the session, she gained insights into different types of cyber attacks, their impact, and real-world examples. She also learned practical approaches and strategies to detect, prevent, and respond to such security threats.

In addition to this, she successfully completed a Product Management course, where she developed a better understanding of the product lifecycle, user requirements, and the strategic planning involved in building and managing successful products.

The first half of April was a very busy time for Vrishty, as she had her IAT 2 during this period along with file submissions. It was very exhausting, but she finally managed to complete everything on time. One particular thing she wanted to make a note of was that no matter how much someone else delays a particular task, one should always complete it on time. Procrastination can be both self-induced and externally induced, so it is important to stay immune to it.

After taking all that stress, she decided to treat herself to a burger at Burger King



She also wants to remind everyone to take good care of their health, as there is life beyond academics as well.



Vrishty Gothwal
SE-CSE



Yashashree Suvarna
SE-CSE

The first half of April was academically intensive yet rewarding for Yashashree. She had her IAT examinations during this period, in which she achieved great marks, making it a satisfying outcome after consistent effort. Alongside this, there were multiple submissions, which made the schedule quite hectic and exhausting, but also helped her stay disciplined and focused.

During this period, she also successfully completed a Product Management course, which was a significant achievement for her. It helped her understand key concepts related to product planning, development, and strategy, adding to her overall skill set.

Another major highlight was the CSE Project Exhibition, where her team secured 1st place for their mini project. She worked on this project along with her friend Nidhi Vekhande and other team members, and this recognition made all their efforts worthwhile.

Overall, the first half of April was a challenging yet fulfilling phase for Yashashree, filled with academic achievements, course completion, and a rewarding project success.

Kesar Parab – SE COMPS

The first half of April was packed with challenges and achievements for Kesar. Her team—Nidhi Vekhande, Atharva Panchal, Pushkar Shinde, and herself—was selected among 400+ teams for the finals of the Airavat 24-hour IEEE hackathon at SPIT. Alongside this, she also performed well in her IAT 2 exams. Managing both was challenging, especially as the Airavat finale fell during the short break between exams, leaving very little time to switch between coding and studying.

She also participated in the 12-hour industry-level Hackovium hackathon with Nidhi Vekhande. Additionally, along with Nidhi Vekhande and Meet Rane, she secured 2nd prize at the FRCIT Project Presentation Competition among 20 teams.

Overall, it was a hectic yet highly productive start to the month for Kesar, filled with learning, teamwork, and achievements.



Kesar Parab
SE Comps



Harshali Mohite
SE-CSE

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At the start of April, Harshali took a short one-day break to relax, during which she visited Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya and Veermata Jijabai Bhosale Udyan (Rani Bagh). This refreshing experience helped her prepare for the upcoming academic schedule.

The first half of April was academically intensive, with IAT examinations during which she performed well. This was followed by multiple file submissions, making the schedule hectic, but she successfully managed to complete everything on time.

She also completed a Product Management course, which enhanced her understanding of product development and strategy. Additionally, her team secured 2nd prize in the mini project exhibition, and along with that, they successfully completed their DBMS project.

Overall, it was a challenging yet fulfilling phase for Harshali, balancing academics, project achievements, and personal growth.

Nidhi Vekhande – SE CSE

The first half of April was an eventful and highly productive phase for Nidhi. Students from the CSE and CE departments secured **2nd Prize at TechSparks 2026**, organized by Fr. C. Rodrigues Institute of Technology on 15th April. The achievement brought recognition to the team along with a cash prize of ₹1,500, marking a proud academic milestone.

In addition to this accomplishment, Nidhi also participated in an online hackathon conducted by Hackovium, further strengthening her practical skills and exposure to competitive problem-solving.

She also took part in **AIRAVAT 3.0 – 24 Hour National AI Hackathon**, organized by Sardar Patel Institute of Technology, Mumbai, and is currently awaiting the results. Participating in such a prestigious event added another significant achievement to this phase.

Alongside these activities, she remained occupied with numerous submissions, assignments, and her mini project, making the period extremely hectic yet productive.

Overall, the first half of April was a challenging but rewarding time for Nidhi, filled with academic responsibilities, competitive participation, and notable achievements.



Nidhi Dipak Vekhande
SE-CSE

The first half of April marked a phase of intense activity and meaningful progress as the Allyn Girls stepped into a period filled with academic commitments, project work, and personal milestones. This phase reflected a balance of discipline, resilience, and growth, as members successfully navigated examinations, submissions, hackathons, courses, and project exhibitions. With a continued focus on learning, collaboration, and self-improvement, the first half of the month highlighted their dedication to excellence and their ability to transform challenges into achievements.

“Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out.”

— Robert Collier

The first half of April reinforces the idea that discipline, resilience, and consistent effort are what transform challenges into meaningful achievements.