



As December unfolds, it invites us to pause and reflect on a year filled with growth, learning, and meaningful experiences. From shared efforts and new skills to small yet significant personal achievements, every moment has contributed to our journey. As we move toward the close of the year, let us carry forward the same dedication, positivity, and collaborative spirit. May the days ahead be filled with purpose, gratitude, and renewed motivation as we prepare for fresh beginnings.

Tomoe Gozen — The Warrior Who Defied Convention

Tomoe Gozen was a legendary warrior of 12th-century Japan who rode into battle at a time when warfare was almost entirely dominated by men. Renowned for her mastery of the sword and bow, she fought bravely alongside samurai commanders and led troops with discipline and resolve. Tomoe Gozen refused to accept the limits imposed on her by society and proved her worth through courage, skill, and honor on the battlefield. Her story reminds us that strength is not defined by tradition or gender, but by determination and self-belief—when one dares to stand firm in their purpose, even the most rigid boundaries can be broken and a legacy can be forged.



Inspired by the fearless spirit of Tomoe Gozen, this season calls us to rise with courage and conviction—embracing challenges with strength, discipline, and unwavering focus. Let us move forward boldly, break expectations without fear, and lead with honor and purpose, just as she did on the battlefield, proving that true power lies in courage guided by integrity.



Purva Tandel
SE-IT

This was Purva Tandel's first experience attending an offline course, and it proved to be a valuable and enriching learning journey. She is sincerely grateful to Allan Sir and Lynda Ma'am for providing this opportunity to learn and grow, and she extends her heartfelt appreciation to Uddesh Sir for his guidance, dedication, and clear explanations that helped her gain both theoretical knowledge and practical understanding. The certificate holds special significance for her as her first achievement, marking an important milestone in her academic and professional journey, made meaningful by the support and encouragement she received.



The first half of December was a memorable and enriching period for Anushree Verma. She visited her native place in Uttar Pradesh after two years and also went on a short trip to Varanasi with her family, where she experienced the city's spiritual atmosphere, offered prayers at the Kashi Vishwanath Temple, attended the Ganga Aarti, and explored Sarnath and other historical sites. After returning to Mumbai, she attended the "Cyber Fortress" course focused on Linux and Windows security, which concluded with a hands-on Capture The Flag examination. Overall, the first half of December provided her with a fulfilling blend of travel, spiritual reflection, and practical skill development.



Anushree Verma
TE CSE





Kanchan Kumari
TE IT

The first half of December was a whirlwind of activities for Kanchan Kumari, moving from one event to another. From early preparations and team planning to seeing ideas turn into reality, the journey was both challenging and rewarding. Despite feeling slightly disappointed with her performance, she stayed motivated, treating the experience as a stepping stone for growth. From organizing events to earning a certificate in the Cyber Fortress course—focused on practical concepts and CTFs—the period proved to be an adventurous and enriching learning experience.



December proved to be a relaxing and refreshing month for Shravni Bandodkar as it marked the beginning of her vacation after a busy academic schedule. The break allowed her to slow down, unwind, and enjoy time free from deadlines and pressure. Spending quality moments with her family through conversations, shared meals, and laughter brought comfort and happiness, helping her recharge mentally and emotionally. Alongside family time, she explored new places and enjoyed trying different foods, adding excitement and variety to her vacation. Overall, December offered a perfect balance of rest, bonding, and exploration, leaving her feeling refreshed, grateful, and ready to move forward with renewed energy.



Shravni Bandodkar
TE COMPS



Vedika Sawant
SE -IT

The first half of December was a refreshing balance of relaxation and learning for Vedika Sawant. During the vacation period, she spent quality time with her family and enjoyed watching movies and web series, which helped her unwind and recharge. From 8th to 13th December, she participated in the “Cyber Fortress: Mastering Linux and Windows Security” course conducted by Hacktify, where she gained hands-on exposure to Linux and Windows security concepts. Overall, the period was a meaningful blend of leisure and skill development, strengthening her foundational understanding of cybersecurity.



In the first half of December, Isha Wadkar made productive use of her holidays by exploring creative activities such as making protein bars and ice cream. From 8th to 13th December, she successfully completed the Cyber Fortress course focused on Linux and Windows security. The course concluded with a Capture The Flag (CTF) examination to assess practical cybersecurity and system defense skills, in which she in the Top 3. This experience provided her with valuable hands-on exposure to real-world security challenges and further strengthened her interest and skills in the field of cybersecurity.



Isha Wadkar
SE CSE





Cyber Fortress: Mastering Linux and Windows Security

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“Hope is the thing with feathers that perches in the soul, and sings the tune without the words, and never stops at all.”

— Emily Dickinson

*December teaches us to slow down, reflect with gratitude, and
step into new beginnings with hope, strength, and quiet
confidence.*