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VIRTUAL AND AUGMENTED REALITY: THE FUTURE TECHNOLOGY

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Overview

The recent years have witnessed a large spread in the use of Virtual and Augmented Reality (VR and AR). In the past, these technologies were mainly exploited in gaming applications, while in the last years their use started spreading in many other fields, thanks to the advancements in the rendering devices and of the available computational capacity. The capabilities offered by AR and VR are numerous: from training operators to perform specialized tasks, to remote maintenance and artistic applications. VR can grant to the user a high degree of immersion in the virtual content thanks to the exploitation of Head Mounted Displays (HMD) that project the viewer in a virtual world while disconnecting him from reality. On the other hand, VR allows to augment the real world with synthetic content while allowing the viewer not to lose contact with the surrounding world.

The increasing interest in VR and AR is witnessed from the large number of devices that can be found on the market at accessible prices, but also by the numerous European projects that have received funding for developing VR and AR applications. Anyway, despite the advancements in hardware and software, there are still many issues that need to be addressed, from the definition of effective compression standards for the content to be delivered, to the improvement of the quality of user interaction with such content, which very often results in sickness.

Internationally reputed faculty member with mastery in teaching, research, consultancy and industrial experience in area of Artificial Intelligence, Computer Vision, Machine Learning will conduct this course. The aim of this course is to exposing participants to the fundamentals of Augmented and Virtual Reality and their applications to various domains.

Course participants will learn these topics through lectures and hands-on experiments. Also case studies and assignments will be shared to stimulate research motivation of participants.

Modules (Brief Description)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Augmented Reality and Virtual Reality; its applications. ▪ Display technologies and rendering devices for Augmented and Virtual Reality. ▪ Interaction modalities for Augmented Reality and Virtual Reality with focus on the challenges on usability and perceived quality of experience <p>Number of participants for the course will be limited to thirty (30).</p>
You Should Attend If...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ You are graduate or undergraduate student in Electronics, Computer Science, Electrical, Mathematics, and Statistics. ▪ You are a data scientist and working with Computer Vision or want to pursue your career as a data scientist. ▪ You are a Ph.D. student or faculty from academic institution interested in learning how to do research on VR/AR or how to apply Machine Learning Techniques in VR/AR.
Fees	<p>The participation fees for taking the course is as follows:</p> <p>Participants from abroad: US \$150 Industry/ Research Organizations: INR 5000 Academic Institutions (Faculty): INR 600 Students: INR 300</p> <p>The above fee includes all instructional materials.</p>

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<https://gian.iitkgp.ac.in/GREGN/index>

Course Registration

<https://forms.gle/WoS3knGtXu9aqyw9A>

The Faculty



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