This week I met with Nidhi Pashine - a Postdoc Associate from Mechanical Engineering & Materials Science. Nidhi is from Bhilai, India. She received her PhD degree from University of Chicago focusing on soft matter physics before joining Yale in 2021.

At Yale, Nidhi studies granular metamaterials. Different from normal materials, these metamaterials have mechanical properties that people do not usually expect. For her project, the granular particles can be controlled individually so that the properties of the bulk can be altered as designed. In the future, she wants to become a faculty member to continue her journey in academia.

Being in the US for Nidhi is an interesting experience. She was able to meet people from different backgrounds and cultures and make new friends. After a few years, she has been able to adapt to a new lifestyle and explore things she would not have done otherwise. She also appreciates the various types of international food here.

Nidhi enjoys the outdoor activities such as hiking, climbing and biking. She likes backpacking and visiting national parks. Her favorite spot on campus is the lawn on Science Hill right underneath Steep. She once took her cat there to enjoy the sunlight together - it was a good memory!

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