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Education

Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi

PHD ECONOMICS

2021 - present

Advisor : Prof. Anirban Kar

Co-supervisor : Dr. Sandip Datta

Jamia Millia Islamia

MA ECONOMICS

2018-20

GPA : 8.3

Sri Guru Gobind Singh College of Commerce, University of Delhi

BA (HONS.) ECONOMICS

2015-18

GPA : 7.76

Research

Research Interests: Development Economics, Economic History, Economics of Education

Human Capital Shocks and Economic Development: Evidence from the Partition of India

- Uses the 1947 Partition of India as a quasi-natural experiment to study the long-run impact of refugee inflows.
- Constructs village-level census data (1951–2011) and employs an instrumental variable strategy.
- Examines effects on literacy, employment, and economic activity in East Punjab and PEPSU.

Effect of involvement in household chores on learning outcomes

Using value-added model with fixed effects, we analyse the effect of involvement in household chores on adolescent's learning outcomes.

Understanding the learning disparities linked to tobacco consumption among adolescents in India

Using the instrumental variable approach, the findings suggest that an increase in tobacco consumption is associated with significantly lower numeracy scores and verbal scores.

Other research projects

- Research intern at the Institute of Economic Growth (May–July 2019); wrote a paper on the role of the rural non-farm sector under the supervision of Dr. Brajesh Jha
- Opinion article titled “Fight Against Addiction” published in Telangana Today.
- Term paper on the impact of international remittances on global poverty reduction, with focus on top recipient countries
- Project on the effect of corruption on quality of education using PISA and Transparency International data
- Econometrics term project analyzing the impact of unemployment and poverty on suicide rates in the USA (1973–2013)
- Published article titled “Game of Corona”, modeling the pandemic as a strategic game between two players where taking precautions is a dominant strategy equilibrium; also emphasized the role of lower-income workers in economic growth.

Teaching Experience

Guest Lecturer

ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF DELHI

2025

Introductory Macroeconomics

Public Finance

Quantitative Methods

Data Visualisation using R

Guest Lecturer

JESUS AND MARY COLLEGE (NCWEB), UNIVERSITY OF DELHI
Optimisation Methods for Economic Analysis

2024

Tutor

DELHI SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS, UNIVERSITY OF DELHI
Introduction to Statistics and Econometrics

2022–24

Conference Presentations

2026	First Annual Graduate Workshop in Social Science and Public Policy , O.P. Jindal Global University, Sonapat	<i>Presented</i>
	The Vienna Conference on the Social Sciences , IAFOR, Austria Center Vienna, Austria	<i>Accepted</i>
2024	19th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development , ISI Delhi	<i>Presented</i>
	ADEA-QUT Development Economics Conference , Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane	<i>Accepted</i>
	49th EBES Conference , Athens	<i>Accepted</i>
	Research Colloquium , Delhi School of Economics	<i>Presented</i>

Awards and Fellowships

Qualified for Senior Research Fellowship (SRF)
Qualified for Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) and Assistant Professorship (99.89 percentile)
Secured 4th rank in M.A. Economics
Merit Scholarship (3rd rank, first year M.A.)

Professional Development

AMIE Mentorship Programme, Association for Mentoring and Inclusion in Economics (AMIE), 2025
Designing and Running Randomized Evaluations, MIT (Online)
Faculty Development Programme (FDP) - Panel Data Analysis Using Stata
Causal Inference Mixtape Sessions I–III
Big Data and Machine Learning in Economics Workshop
Data Visualisation using Tableau Workshop

Responsibilities

Mentored four research interns in data construction, cleaning, and descriptive analysis for research projects.
Student Volunteer, Winter School (2022, 2023), Centre for Development Economics and the Econometric Society.
Illustrator, EcoInsight, Department of Economics, Jamia Millia Islamia (2019, 2020).
Subject Expert (Economics), Chegg India.
Treasurer, Quizzing Society, Sri Guru Gobind Singh College of Commerce.

Technical Skills

Econometrics: STATA, R (beginner level)
GIS: QGIS
Tools: LaTeX, Excel, Tableau