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Research Interests

Political Economy, Gender, Demography and Women Empowerment

Educational Qualifications

2016 — **MA**, Development Studies, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai

[**MA Dissertation Topic**: Child Sex Ratio and Its Determinants; A Study in Maharashtra]

2014 — **BA (Hons)** Economics, Indraprastha College for Women, University of Delhi

Work Experience

India Development Foundation, Gurgaon (May, 2016-Present)

Research Assistant

Assistance in planning and designing of primary surveys, developing questionnaires, coding and tabulation of raw data using statistical packages and data analysis for 'Disha'. IDF is partnering with the IKEA Foundation, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Xyntéo on Disha, a project to reach out to one million women in India. This, through multi-pronged interventions aimed at providing them training for jobs, starting enterprises, connecting women to supply chains and educating and counseling women and adolescent girls on job market opportunities. Disha is being implemented as a public-private partnership with active involvement of the private sector in identifying skill-areas relevant for them and leveraging this to channel funds from the government through various ongoing schemes.

National Foundation of India, Delhi (May, 2015)

Research Intern

Responsible for summarising, analysing and tabulating affidavits of 14 Indian states which explained the implementation of PCPNDT Act, 2004 for inclusion in the upcoming 'PCPNDT Civil Society Report Card' by 'Girls Count'. Researched on Central and State government policies and court judgments on matters of housing, compensation and assets ownership in favor of women.

Development Alternatives, Delhi (April, 2015)

Policy Intern

Researched, analysed and compiled data for the 'Situational Analysis Report' on Affordable Housing for the state of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. Fortified the 'Country Report' on 'Building

Materials and Green Economy' based on India's Construction sector through secondary research. Prepared a Policy brief on 'Identification of Policy and Institutional gaps- drivers & strategies to scale up low carbon & energy efficient technology application in Construction and Infrastructure sectors in South Asia'.

Technical Skills

- Proficient in MS Word, MS PowerPoint and MS Excel
- Basic understanding of STATA, SPSS and GIS

Positions of Responsibility

- Member, M.S. Gore Policy Research Group- Colloquium Committee, initiated the committee as a sub-division of PRG- assisted in formulating 3 colloquiums.
- Core team member of events committee for '*Ibteda*', annual fest of School of Development Studies, TISS.
- Member of Indraprastha College's Debate team of 15 people.
- Member of Indraprastha College's Basketball te

Additional Qualifications

- Cleared UGC- NET Exam in December, 2015 in Economics.
- NCDEX and IIFM certificate course covering technical analysis and fundamental knowledge of the stock and commodity markets.
- Participated in UNCSD Rio+20 India Program and scored an 'A' grade.
- Certificate of completion of a course on 'Competitive Strategy' offered by the 'Ludwig Maximillians University' on online learning portal 'Coursera'