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Education

India Development Foundation (IDF) Research Assistant	September 2016 - present
Shiv Nadar University (SNU) Bachelor of Science (Research) in Economics	August 2012 - May 2016
Delhi Public School, Ranchi Senior Secondary	April 2010 - March 2012

Research Interest

Microeconomics, Economics of Intellectual Property, Market Design, Law and Economics, Behavioral Economics, Institutional Economics, Anthropology of State and Citizenship, Digital Citizenship and Cybersecurity

Role at IDF

- Research Assistant for the research project, The Economics of Patent Protection Laws, funded by QUALCOMM.
- Editorial Assistant, Review of Market Integration

Details of Academic Projects

- Undergraduate Dissertation on 'Welfare Effects of the Vyapam Scam', May 2016, under the guidance of Dr. Shubhashis Gangopadhyay, SNU.
The paper is an attempt to theoretically model cheating in competitive exams, particularly concerning the issue of impersonators as in the case of the Vyapam Scam and suggest measures to reduce cheating and address welfare loss.
- State, Citizenship & Bureaucracy course paper on 'The Nexus of Power in the Panamas', May 2016, supervision of Dr. Mekhala Krishnamurthy, SNU.
The project attempts to ethnographically map the theory and politics of the actors, the state and the organisations involved in the Panama Papers, laying the groundwork for future anthropological research.
- Growth and Inequality course project on 'Big States Vs Small States: The Engine of Growth of the new states of 21st century', May 2015, supervision of Dr. Partha Chatterjee, SNU.

The project estimates and compares the total factor productivity of the newly formed states such as Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and Uttaranchal to their mother states after their partition in 2000.

- Advanced Microeconomics course project on 'Delhi NCR School Nursery Choice Mechanism' March 2015, under the guidance of Dr. Abhinash Borah, Shiv Nadar University. The project examines how class nursery seats have been allocated to students in Delhi NCR schools critically evaluating this process from the vantage point of matching theory and market design.
- Law and Economics course project on 'Miller v Scheone: Analysis of Private Property Rights' December 2014, under the supervision of Dr. Shubhashis Gangopadhyay, SNU. The project analyses the economic consequences of a statute passed as a tort law to address damage of commercial agriculture produce due to plant diseases.
- Economic History course project on 'Analysis of the Transatlantic Sugar and Slave Trade' May 2014, under the supervision of Dr. Jayati Sarkar, SNU. The projects tries to establish an economic narrative of the rise of a slave and sugar markets in the 18th century and the lack of efficiency in such institutions leading to its ultimate collapse.
- Developmental Economics course project on 'Norms of Poverty and Inequality Measurement: A Cross-state analysis of India' December 2014, under the supervision of Dr. Gitanjali Sen. The project is an exercise of generating standard measures of poverty and inequality in each state with the help of IHDS data.
- Econometrics course project on 'Understanding causes of Male Chauvinism' May 2014, under the supervision of Dr. Nishant Chadha. The project entailed collecting primary level data and testing theoretical causes of male chauvinism such as mother's income, co-ed schooling and other factors.

Presentations, Publications, Workshops and Internships and Field Experiences:

- Paper presentation on 'An Empirical Analysis of Jat reservation in Haryana and Rajasthan through the Mandal Commission' at India Development Foundation, Gurgaon, July 2016. The paper is an empirical exercise of looking at the Mandal Commission requirements of being categorised as an OBC of the Jats in the two states with the help of NFHS-III data.
- Three day certificate course on public policy, iPolicy for young leaders, conducted by Center for Civil Society, August 2015
- Summer Internship 2015: 'Health costs of mining at the district level in India' using 71st round NSS data, Shiv Nadar University, 2015. The paper is an attempt to measure the negative health externalities due to mining in the top 50 mined districts in India.

- Publication of 'Confessions of a Drug Addict' in SNU's literary annual, Freewheeler 2nd Edition 2015
- Summer Internship 2014 and Paper presentation on 'New Measures of Weights in Multidimensional Poverty Index' with Prof. Shouvik Bandopadhyay at Public Health Foundation of India, Hyderabad 2014. The paper uses the method of inverse document frequency to establish weights in the measurement of Multidimensional Poverty Index and contrast it with other measurements of weighing this index.
- Completion of 10-day workshop on 'Data Management using SPSS' held at Indian Institute of Public Health, Hyderabad 2014
- Summer internship 2013: Literature review on "Norms of Poverty Measurement and Suggestions" under the supervision of Prof. Vinoj Abraham, Centre for Developmental Studies, Trivandrum, July 2013
- Field Surveyor – Annual Survey of Rural Education (ASER), 2012

Governance Experience:

- Student representative (2013-16) and Member of the Advisory Board (2016- present) of Committee on Sensitisation of Gender, Prevention and Redressal of Sexual Harassment, SNU
- Chief organiser of Panel discussion on 'Budget 2016', keynote event of Ekonometrika (2016), 1st student organised Economics Colloquium of SNU
- Student Counsellor (2014 -15) and Head Student Counsellor (2015 -16) of Counseling Services, SNU
- Founding Editor of Avant Guardians, first interdisciplinary independent student run blog for the School of Humanities and Social Science, SNU (2015 – 16)
- Founder & Co-Head of Economics Society, SNU (2013-14)
- Founder & Head of CineU, the film appreciation society, SNU (2013 – 15)
- Member of the Student Government and Class Representative, SNU (2013-14)
- Founding General Secretary of Hostel Committee, SNU (2013-14)

Skills and Interests:

- Proficient: Stata & Microsoft Office
- Familiar with: Python, R & SPSS
- Languages Known: English, Hindi, and Bengali
- Trekking mountains, Football (Winner, SNU Football League, 2013) & Sitar (Learning and playing Sitar since the age of 8)