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Education

Ph.D. in Economics , Centre for International Trade and Development, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. <i>Thesis: "Economics of Open Source Software"</i>	2015–2020
M.Phil. in Economics , Centre for International Trade and Development, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. <i>Topic: "Development of Renewable Energy under Clean Development Mechanism in India"</i>	2010–2012
M.A. Economics (with spl. in world economy) , Centre for International Trade and Development, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi	2008–2010

Academic & Policy Experience

Institute of Economic Growth

Assistant Professor Sep 2023–present

Ministry of Tourism — Industry Development and Investment Promotion Division

Joint Director Apr 2023–Aug 2023

Ministry of Finance, Department of Economic Affairs — Economic Division

Deputy Director Apr 2018–Mar 2023

Assistant Director Dec 2014–Apr 2018

Assistant Director (Under training) Sep 2013–Nov 2014

Reserve Bank of India — Department of Economic Policy and Research

Research Officer Jun 2012–Aug 2013

Publications

Journal Articles

- "Imported inputs, export success: do backward GVC linkages boost manufacturing exports?", *Indian Economic Review* (2026). (with Srivastava, D.)
- "Trump's Tariff War 2.0: Implications and Potential Opportunities", *Indian Public Policy Review* Vol.6 No.2 (2025) (with Mukherjee, S.)
- "Exploring Public Perception Towards Gene-Edited and Genetically Modified Foods in the United States: An Application of the Spiral of Silence Theory.", *Agribusiness* (2025). (with Dsouza, A., Meerza, S., Ahamed, A.)
- "Assessing the Association Between Trade and Regional Trade Agreements: A Network Approach", *Journal of Economic Integration* 39(3) :590–621 (2024) (with Srivastava, D.)
- "Network analysis of trade and FDI", *SN Business & Economics* 4:15 (2024) (with Srivastava, D.)
- "The Gender Pay Gap Among Indian Software Developers", *Journal of Economics, Race and Policy* 5 (2022), 283–306 (with Srivastava, D.)
- "Examining the regional pattern of renewable energy CDM power projects in India", *Energy Economics* 42 (2014), 240–247 (with Sawhney, A.)

Book Chapters

- “Causal Inference with Matching: Evaluation of Programs and Policies”, in *Data Science for Modeling Managerial and Socioeconomic Problems*, Springer (2026) (with Dayal, V.)
- “Towards an energy efficient economy: Policy measures by Government of India”, in *Sustainable Development Insights from India*, Springer (2021) (with Bansal, S.)
- “Inflation and Monetary Policy”, IGNOU study material on Indian Economic Policy for M.A. (2021)

Policy Publications

Economic Survey Contributions

- “Climate Change and Sustainable Development” (2014–15, 2015–16)
- “Prices and Inflation” (2019–20, 2020–21, 2021–22)
- “Thalinomics: The Economics of a Plate of Food in India” (2019–20)
- “Sustainable Development, Energy and Climate Change” (2016–17, 2017–18)
- “From Competitive Federalism to Competitive Sub-Federalism: Cities as Dynamos” (2016–17)
- “Enabling Inclusive Growth through Affordable, Reliable and Sustainable Energy” (2018–19)

IIC Mid-year review 2024-25

“The Global Economy and India’s International Trade”

Op-eds & Public writing

- “Our rush for trade deal: Good economics or smart geopolitics”, Mint, 6 January 2026 (with Manoj Pant)
- “A rivalry too entangled to decouple”, 360info, December 18, 2025 (with Manoj Pant)
- “Why is India pursuing FTAs? It’s not just economics”, Indian Express, 15 December 2025 (with Manoj Pant)
- “It is time for our corporate sector to work on export performance”, Mint, 9 May 2022 (with V. Anantha Nageswaran and Prerna Joshi)

Conferences & Workshops (Selected)

- “Analysing Air Traffic Drivers and the Causal Impact of the UDAN scheme”, Econometric Society World Congress 2025, Seoul, South Korea (August 2025)
- “Do backward linkages in global value chains boost manufacturing exports?”, Trade and Environment Conference, Shiv Nadar University, Delhi NCR (Mar 2025)
- “The role of Global Value Chains in export of manufactured goods”, Centre for International Trade and Development, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi (Mar 2024)
- “Open Source Software Development: How Does the License Matter”, Brown Bag Seminar, IEG (Nov 2023)
- “Choice of License for an Open Source Software”, CITD Seminar Series, JNU (March 2019)
- Workshop on “Gender Mainstreaming in Climate Change Mitigation Policy”, TERI, New Delhi (25 Oct 2018)
- APEC Fossil Fuel Subsidy Reform Workshop, Jakarta (July 2017)
- Represented India, G20 Climate Sustainability Working Group, Hamburg (2017)
- “Climate Finance Landscape of India and multiple climate finance windows”, Bankers Institute of Rural Development, Lucknow (Oct 2017)

R Workshops and Training Conducted

Includes workshops and sessions designed and delivered by me on the use of R for empirical research. These include sessions for faculty, government officers, and research scholars.

- Lectures on Matching methods; Difference-in-differences — workshop on Quantitative Methods for Economic Research organised by the Department of Economics, Shaheed Bhagat Singh College in collaboration with The Indian Econometrics Society (TIES) held from 24-26 September 2025.
- “R for Environmental Economics” — working paper (2021, revised 30 Mar 2025) (with Dayal, V.)
- Workshop: Application of R for Health Data Analysis — IHEPA pre-conference workshop (Jan 2025) (with Dayal, V.)
- Lectures on “Research Methods in Environmental Economics using R” — Faculty Development Programme, Delhi University (Dec 2023) (with Dayal, V.)
- Lecture: “Using R for graphical data analysis” — IES induction training, IEG (Feb 2024) (with Dayal, V.)
- Workshop: “R for Ecological Economics” — INSEE (Sept 2021) (with Dayal, V.)
- Lecture: “Public Economics with R” — IES probationary trainees, IEG (Sept 2023)

Lectures & Teaching (Selected)

- “Introduction to network analysis” — IES probationary training (September 2025)
- “Introduction to causal inference” — First IEG Winter School on Causal Inference (Nov 2024) and First Summer School (May 2025)
- Lectures on “Networks and International Trade” — IES probationary training (2024)
- Lectures on “International climate policy and international climate finance” — for MA/PhD students, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi (Oct 2024)

Fellowships & Scholarships

ecbi Oxford Fellowship , Merton College, University of Oxford (Climate Change programme)	2018
Ford Foundation Scholarship , awarded during M.A., JNU	2008–2010

Languages

English, Malayalam, Hindi