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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- **Assistant Professor**, *Institute of Economic Growth (IEG), Delhi*, February 2023- Present
- **Sir Ratan Tata Fellow**, *Institute of Economic Growth (IEG), Delhi*, October 2020- December 2023
- Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics, Delhi School of Economics. February 2020-May 2020
Course: Macroeconomics
- Part-time Editorial Assistant for the “Indian Economic Review”. April 2019-June 2020
Research Assistant: For Prof J.V. Meenakshi, Delhi School of Economics, 2018

EDUCATION

- **Ph.D. in Economics**, *Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi*, Delhi, India, October 2020
- **M.A. in Economics**, *Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi*, Delhi, India, 2012
- **B.A. in Economics (Hons.)**, *SGTB Khalsa College, University of Delhi, University of Delhi*, India, 2009

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Health, Nutrition, Behavioral Economics and Applied Microeconomics

PUBLICATIONS

- COVID-19 and the Unequal Distribution of Poverty Risks: Evidence from Urban India (joint with Mausumi Das and Indrani Gupta). *Review of Development Economics*, 2025.
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/rode.13268>
- Time preferences and obesity: Evidence from urban India. *Agricultural Economics*, 2023.
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/agec.12777>.
- Overnutrition and COVID Prevalence in India: Evidence and Implications (joint with Indrani Gupta). *Indian Journal of Human Development*. 2023.
<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/09737030231174300>.
- Labor Market Engagement and the Body Mass Index of Working Adults: Evidence from India (joint with Pushkar Maitra and Nidhiya Menon). *Economics & Human Biology*, 2019.
<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1570677X18301151>
- Digital Paper Prints as Replacement for LASER Films: A Study of Intra-Observer Agreement for Wrist Radiographic Findings in Rickets (joint with Abhinav Jain, Priyanka Gupta and Surinder Pal Singh Anand). *Journal of Clinical and Diagnostic Research*, 2016.
<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5028466/>

BOOK CHAPTERS

- The impact of the pandemic on social vulnerabilities in India (Joint with joint with Mausumi Das and Indrani Gupta) in *Contextualizing the COVID Pandemic in India: A Development Perspective* (pp. 71-86). Singapore: Springer Nature Singapore, 2023.
https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-981-99-4906-9_4.

- The Geography of Excess Weight in Urban India: Regional Patterns and Labour Market and Dietary Correlates (joint with Pushkar Maitra and Nidhiya Menon) in *Disease, Human Health, and Regional Growth and Development in Asia*, edited by Amitrajeet A. Batabyal, Yoshiro Higano and Peter Nijkamp, Springer 2019.
https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-981-13-6268-2_3
- The nutrition transition and the intra-household double burden of malnutrition in India (joint with J.V. Meenakshi) in *Wealthy But Unhealthy: Overweight and Obesity in Asia and the Pacific: Trends, Costs, and Policies for Better Health*, edited by Helble Matthias and Azusa Sato, Asian Development Bank Institute, 2018.
<https://www.adb.org/sites/default/files/publication/432536/adbi-wealthy-unhealthy-overweight-obesity-asia-pacific.pdf#page=30>.

MEDIA PUBLICATIONS

- Role of Time Preferences in Explaining the Burden of Malnutrition: Evidence from Urban India – Podcast with Shruti Rajagopalan on Ideas of India, 2021.
<https://ideasofindia.libsyn.com/archana-dang-on-savings-self-control-and-obesity-patterns>
- Covid-19: Does obesity play a role? – Ideas for India, 2021.
<https://www.ideasforindia.in/topics/human-development/covid-19-does-obesity-play-a-role.html>.
- Labor Market Engagement and the Body Mass Index of Working Adults: Evidence from India
[Link to India Spend Article Based on this Research](#)

WORK IN PROGRESS

- Does Distance matter for out-of-pocket expenditure? Evidence from Meghalaya and Slum Pockets of Delhi (joint with Indrani Gupta)
- Financial Risks of Obesity in Ageing India: A Focus on Vulnerable Populations (joint with Wiktorja Tafesse)
- Health Inequality across India (joint with Sunaina Dhingra and Wiktorja Tafesse)

RESEARCH GRANTS

- Principal Investigator, *Determinants of Overnutrition among adults and adolescents* funded by University of Gottingen, 2018

JOURNAL REFEERING

- Economics and Human Biology, Health Economics, Agricultural Economics, Economic modelling, International Journal of Social Determinants of Health and Health Services, Indian Economic Review, Indian Growth and Development Review.

CONFERENCES/SEMINARS

- Discussant at 11th biennial conference of the Indian Society for Ecological Economics (INSEE), December 2021.
- Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi, Faculty Seminar, January 2021.
- Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology, Delhi, Invited Speaker, February 2020.
- International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), South Asia Office, New Delhi, India, December 2019.

- 15th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development organized by Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi in December 2019.
- Winter School 2019 organized by Department of Economics, Delhi School of Economics in December 2019.
- Conversations of Research - IGIDR Ph.D. Colloquium 2018 organized by Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Mumbai in November 2018.
- Fourth International Conference on South Asian Economic Development organized by South Asian University, Delhi in February 2018.
- Winter School 2017 organized by Department of Economics, Delhi School of Economics in December 2017
- Summer School on Health Policy Research: Theory and Applications organized by Azim Premji University and Indian Health Economics and Policy Associations in June 2016.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Organizer, Weekly Seminar Series, Institute of Economic Growth, October 2021-present.
- Organized Winter School 2019 held at the Department of Economics, Delhi School of Economics in December 2019.

AWARDS

- Won *Harsh Malhotra Award* for the best paper among Research Scholars 2021.
- *DAAD Fellowship*, Visited University of Gottingen from July 2016-September 2016.
- Centre for Development Economics fellowship, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi.
- Received *Prof. Balvir and Ranjana Singh Memorial Scholarship* for the year 2011-12 in masters for academic excellence.
- B.A. (Honours) Economics *College Topper* award by SGTB Khalsa College, University of Delhi for securing first position in all three years.
- B.A. (Honours) Economics *College Topper* award in first and second year by SGTB Khalsa College, University of Delhi for academic excellence.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Proficient in MS- OFFICE, Software package – STATA, LaTeX

REFERENCES

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| 1. Prof. Indrani Gupta | 2. Prof. J.V. Meenakshi | 3. Prof. Pushkar Maitra | 4. Prof. Abhijit Banerji |
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