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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- Assistant Professor, *Health Policy Research Unit, 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

- PhD in Economics, *Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi*, Delhi, India, October 2020
Thesis title: Economic Analysis of Health Issues in India
Advisors: Prof. J.V. Meenakshi and Prof. Parikshit Ghosh
- 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

Published Journal articles

- 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/>

Forthcoming Journal articles

- Granular Evaluation of Public Primary Healthcare Accessibility in Rural India (joint with Vastav Ratra, Damini Singh and Indrani Gupta) *Forthcoming in Journal of Health Organization and Management*.

Journal Articles Under Review

- Distance and Out-of-Pocket Expenditure on Primary Care: Evidence from Slum Settlements in Delhi, India (joint with Indrani Gupta)
- Does distance matter in out-of-pocket expenditure on health? Evidence from a primary survey in Meghalaya, India (joint with Indrani Gupta and Shreyansh Raizada)

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*, edited by Indrani Gupta and Mausumi Das (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

- Financial Risks of Obesity in Ageing India: A Focus on Vulnerable Populations (joint with Wiktorja Tafesse)
- Obesity Inequality across India (joint with Sunaina Dhingra and Wiktorja Tafesse)

MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES

- Member, Expert Group Committee for National Health Accounts estimates for FY 2022-23, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, 2025.

RESEARCH GRANTS

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

JOURNAL REFERRING

- Economics and Human Biology, Food Security, 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

- Delivered lectures on Difference-in-Differences at the IEG Winter and Summer Schools on Causal Inference in 2024 and 2025.
- Organizer, Weekly Seminar Series, Institute of Economic Growth, October 2025- Present.
- Organized Weekly Seminar Series, Institute of Economic Growth, October 2021- May 2023.
- 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 master's 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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