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EDUCATION

MA in Economics	Ashoka University		2026	3.56/4
B.A - Hons. in Economics	Panjab University		2024	8.1/10
CLASS XII	Bhavan Vidyalaya Panchkula	CBSE	2021	98 %
CLASS X	Bhavan Vidyalaya Panchkula	CBSE	2019	96 %

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

NITI TANTRA | Policy Research Intern

Feb 2024 – Present

- Conducting in-depth policy research on India’s **2025 Union Budget**, focusing on **fiscal policies, economic reforms, and sectoral allocations** to assess their implications on economic growth.
- Drafting policy briefs and recommendations on social sector reforms, contributing to **data-backed policy making discussions**.including the **PM SVANidhi scheme**, evaluating its impact on **street vendors’ financial stability and market participation**.

Nblik | Data Insights Head

Jun 2023 – Oct 2023

- Led a team of **8 data interns** to analyze user engagement metrics using **Amplitude Analytics**, identifying key behavioral trends that improved app retention by **15%**.
- Designed **weekly data reports** for management, offering actionable insights to refine **product development and marketing strategies**.

PRATHAM FOUNDATION | Volunteer

Oct 2022/Oct 2023

- Conducted **on-ground data collection and analysis** for the **Annual Status of Education Report (ASER) 2022**, assessing **schooling, learning levels, and living conditions** of children aged **5-16** in rural areas.

PROJECTS

Policy Brief : Substance Abuse in Delhi

Mar 2025 – Mar 2025

- Analyzed the rising prevalence of substance abuse in Delhi, identifying key drug trafficking hubs and trends in youth addiction, smuggling networks, and policy gaps.
- Evaluated the effectiveness of existing drug laws (NDPS Act, Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan) and proposed policy reforms for stricter enforcement, rehabilitation access, and digital surveillance.
- Recommended AI-driven law enforcement strategies, expansion of rehabilitation centers, and youth engagement programs modeled on global best practices (Portugal, Iceland, Sikkim approach).

Policy Brief: Impact of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)

Feb 2025 -Mar2025

- Analyzed the key provisions of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) and its implications for economic and environmental policy such as climate action, healthcare affordability, and tax reforms
- Provided insights on potential challenges and implementation strategies for effective policy outcomes.

MISCELLANEOUS

LANGUAGES: Hindi,English,Sanskrit

Programming & Data Analysis: Python, R, Stata, MATLAB, MS Excel

Research & Analytics: Econometrics, Data Visualization, Survey Design, Policy Analysis

Interests: Yoga,reading,Badminton