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CONTACT INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, Economics — 2022–Present
Indiana University Bloomington, IN, USA (4th year)
Master of Science, Applied Economics — 2018–2020
Presidency University, Kolkata, WB, India
Bachelor of Science, Economics (with Minor in Maths & Stats) — 2015–2018
Calcutta University, Kolkata, WB, India

RESEARCH

Postgraduate Paper: "WHAT HAPPENED AFTER LAF?" — Sep'19–Jun'20
A study of monetary policy transmission post-liberalization, focusing on sectoral effects of unanticipated tightening using VAR models. It assesses the changing importance of channels in pre-LAF and post-LAF periods.

Undergrad Paper:"Services Sector in Indian Economy" — Sep'17–Feb'18
Analyzed post-liberalization service sector growth, GDP contributions, and employment shifts across subsectors in India.

CURRENT RESEARCH

Working Paper: Barriers Within Borders: The Effect of Internal Trade Costs on Agricultural Input Adoption in India

Work in Progress: Agricultural Shocks, Farm Exit, and Farmer Suicides in India

WORK EXPERIENCE

- **Associate Instructor, Indiana University**
  ECON-B 252 (Macroeconomics) — Summer'24–Spring'25
  ECON 331 (International Trade) — Fall'25
  Taught a class of 60 students in Macroeconomics and 30 students in Trade.

- **Teaching Assistant, Indiana University** — Fall'22–Spring'24
  ECON-B 251 (Microeconomics) and *ECON-C104 (Gender and Economics)*
  Assisted with Collaborative Learning Sessions and homework queries.

- **Assistant Regional Planner, KarvyNext Pvt. Ltd.** — Aug'20–Mar'21
  Collected and analyzed supply chain data, developed performance metrics, and mentored new team members. Created performance monitoring reports, increasing agent performance by 10%.

Internships

- **Research Assistant, Indiana University Bloomington** Jun–Aug 2024
  Assisted Prof. Mostafa Beshkar on the project *"The Balance of Concessions in Trade Agreements"*.

- **Quality Check Intern, Transtutors** Jun 2021–May 2022
  Reviewed and verified economics answers submitted by freelancers to ensure accuracy and quality.

- **Research Intern, Kutumb Aspiration** Jun–Sep 2021
  Conducted research on socio-economic development, focusing on caste-based discrimination in India. Designed and implemented surveys to support analytical models.

- **Data Analytics Intern, Revidly** Apr–Jun 2020
  Developed a model to enhance user experience. Implemented machine learning algorithms to analyze IMDB datasets. Applied classifiers on fake news data from Kaggle, contributing to misinformation mitigation. Built a Python-based chatbot with a Tkinter GUI.

TECHNICAL & EMPIRICAL SKILLS

Programming Languages: Python, R, Stata, SQL, Tableau, Excel, MATLAB, SPSS, LaTeX.
Expertise in econometric modeling: Fixed effects, panel regressions, VAR.
Proficient in general equilibrium modeling and computational simulations for policy analysis.
Experienced in large-scale dataset management.

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

Frank T. Bachmura Award, Indiana University (2024) — Recognizes outstanding graduate students in development economics or comparative systems.

Susan C. Thrasher Fellowship, Indiana University (2024–2025) — Awarded for academic excellence and performance as Associate Instructor.

Duesterberg Travel Award, Indiana University (2025) — Travel support for Conferences.

OTHER INFORMATION

Research Interests: Trade & Agricultural Economics, Developmental Economics & Labor Economics
Languages: English (fluent), Bengali (native), Hindi, Spanish
Visa: F-1 (STEM-certified, 3-year OPT)