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EDUCATION

Ashoka University

Haryana, India

Young India Fellow (Post-Graduate Diploma in Liberal Studies)

June 2026

Relevant coursework:

Ramjas College, University of Delhi

New Delhi, India

BA (Honours) in Political Science

May 2025

Responsibilities: Core Team Member of the National Assessment and Accreditation Council for the Department of Political Science.

PUBLICATIONS

Reimagining Policing in Society 5.0 (forthcoming) with Takshashila Institution.

From Access to Equity: A Comparative Analysis of the RTE Act and NEP 2020 in *Beyond Classrooms: Policy and Practice*. Centre for Civil Society.

GDPR vs DPDP: A Comparative Analysis on User-Centrism. *Ramjas Political Review (Volume-1, Number-2)*.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCES

Research Assistant

University of Rochester & University of Wisconsin-Madison

December 2025 - Present

- Assisting the Principal Investigator on a study regarding administrative corruption and wealth accumulation among Indian civil servants.
- Constructing a dataset by hand-coding Immovable Property Returns for civil service officers, converting unstructured administrative disclosures into standardized economic variables.
- Analyzing key asset indicators including property location, mode of acquisition, and valuation gaps to identify patterns of potential rent-seeking.

Research Associate for Law Enforcement and Policing Fellowship

Takshashila Institution

March 2025 - November 2025

- Headed research on reimagining policing systems to tackle challenges caused by digital and technological advancements for a senior policymaker (ex-VP, ReBIT) for the fellowship.
- Designed a comparative framework screening 12 nations' policing systems to India's and conducted deep socio-economic analysis on three focus countries (U.S., Germany, Australia) by formulating a 12 criterion legal-constitutional scorecard.
- Drafted the paper and was awarded co-authorship for significant intellectual contribution, was awarded as the runner-up to the best paper in a cohort of research scholars, military leadership, and IPS officers.

Researching Reality Scholar, Full-time

Centre for Civil Society

June 2024 - August 2024

- Led an independent research team of three to comparatively study the Right to Education Act, 2009 and the National Education Policy, 2020, using narrative-policy (POLiFRAME) analysis culminating in a publication.
- Synthesized 26 sources into three headline findings; adopted as lead chapter in Centre's flagship report 'Beyond Classrooms: Policy & Practice'.

Public Policy Intern, Hybrid, New Delhi, India

Centre for Civil Society

February 2024 - July 2024

- Analysed more than 75 laws across 19 states regarding the recognition of K-12 schools by accrediting bodies, including the Department of Education by mapping legislations on 100 indicators to document a comparative analysis of K-12 education laws.
- Conducted stakeholder consultations (NGO leaders, school principals, regulators) to validate findings further contributing to the research.

Policy-in-Action Fellow, Hybrid, New Delhi, India

Young Leaders for Active Citizenship

November 2023 - December 2023

- Conducted policy research and analysis for a live research project with YLAC on 'Fiscal Federalism: The Impact of Central Transfers on Development in Bihar' presented to Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha (Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha) using both qualitative methods and data analysis
- Co-authored a 14-page brief on fiscal federalism, analysing Finance-Commission tables, Bihar budgets and UDISE+ data.

PROFESSIONAL & LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES

Millennium Fellow

United Nations Academic Impact

August 2024 - January 2025

- Launched Internet on Trust, reaching 1000+ people through curated digital newsletters via Substack advocating internet rights and to understand on-ground impact of government interventions on internet experience.
- Hosted 3 panel discussions with policymakers and NGO leaders on internet policy with an attendance of 200.

Policy and Communications Aide, Full-time, New Delhi, India

Office of Member of Parliament (Hon'ble Sujeet Kumar, Rajya Sabha)

August 2024

- Drafted speeches (for forums like UNICEF and YuWaah), policy briefs, and parliamentary questions; 3 referenced directly in the Rajya Sabha during Monsoon Session.

Head of Outreach and Associate Editor, New Delhi, India

Ramjas Political Review

July 2023 - March 2024

- Oversaw operations (editorial, outreach, and design teams) for the publication of Volume 1, Number 2 while being the only board member to successfully pass the double-blind peer review to publish an essay in the journal.
- Led ideation and documentation initiatives, filing for ISSN (approved after leaving) making RPR the only ISSN-accredited political science journal in University of Delhi's 90+ colleges.

CERTIFICATIONS

Graduate Certificate in Public Policy (Technology and Society)

Takshashila Institution

Statistics in Public Policy

Centre for Civil Society & Microsoft

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- **Runner up to the Best Paper:** Paper was selected as the runner-up to the best paper by an independent jury. The other papers were written by Associate Professors, IPS Officers, Army Officials, Advocates, and Forensic Scientists.
- **Inaugural Cheistha Kochhar Scholarship:** Awarded full scholarship (around ₹45,000) for Takshashila Institution's Graduate Certificate in Public Policy (Technology and Society) for showing high promise and deep passion about public policy, with a key focus on assessing impact of technological interventions on society.