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Work Experience

Programme Associate, Council on Energy, Environment, and Water (CEEW) ✎

04/2024 – present
New Delhi, India

CEEW is India's leading climate policy research think tank. My current responsibilities at CEEW include conducting high-quality research, writing policy briefs, mentoring young researchers, and supporting collaborations with top research institutions and government agencies

My current work is geared towards achieving a just energy transition in India. This includes using Natural Language Processing techniques to develop a skills-matching tool to help blue-collar workers transition across job roles, using Computational General Equilibrium modelling to evaluate the macroeconomic importance of coal in the Indian economy, and conducting large-scale surveys to assess the skills and willingness of coal mine workers in India to transition into alternative jobs.

Research Analyst, Council on Energy, Environment, and Water (CEEW). ✎

10/2021 – 04/2024
New Delhi, India


As a Research Analyst, my work focused on conducting literature reviews, analysing publicly available datasets, and writing blogs and opinion pieces.

During this time, I worked towards reforming India's energy sector – using budgetary documents to improve the transparency and delivery of energy subsidies, evaluating the feasibility of a coal phase-down, and ensuring a just transition for workers and communities dependent on fossil fuels.

Skills and competencies

- Experience in handling large NSSO datasets spanning labour (Periodic Labour Force Survey), consumption (Household Consumption Expenditure Survey), and micro enterprises (Annual Survey of Unincorporated Sector Enterprises).
- Conducting large-scale quantitative and qualitative primary surveys.
- Proficient with Python and Stata.
- Drafting high-quality editorials, concept notes, policy briefs, reports, and presentations.
- Stakeholder engagement.


Education

M.Sc. Economics, TERI School of Advanced Studies 

2019 – 2021

- Specialization in Environment and Natural Resources.
- CGPA: 9.2.
- Recipient: Maneesh Manjunath Fellowship for sustainable development of Indian society.
- Distinction for best academic record.

New Delhi, India

B.Sc. EMS, St. Joseph's Univeristy 

2016 – 2019

- Triple majors in Economics, Mathematics, and Statistics.
- CGPA: 9.
- Merit positions: Economics (1st), Mathematics (2nd), and Statistics (2nd).

Bangalore, India

Publications

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