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CONTACT INFORMATION	DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS Columbia University 420 West 118th Street New York, 10027	MOBILE: (917)640-8371 akanksha.vardani@columbia.edu
EDUCATION	Columbia University, New York Ph.D in Economics M.Phil in Economics M.A. in Economics	<i>2019-2025 (Expected)</i> <i>2022</i> <i>2021</i>
	Delhi School of Economics (DSE), New Delhi Master of Arts in Economics	<i>2018</i>
	Indraprastha College for Women(IPCW), University of Delhi Bachelor of Arts (Honors) in Economics	<i>2016</i>
	Springdales School, Pusa Road, New Delhi Senior Secondary	<i>2013</i>
AWARDS AND HONORS	Wueller Pre-Dissertation Award for Best 4th-year Proposal, Columbia University Reubens Travel and Research Award, Columbia University Wueller Award for Best TA for MA Program, Columbia University Wueller Award for Best TA (Runners up) for Undergraduate Courses, Columbia University Exim Bank Scholarship, DSE National (CAS) Scholarship Internal, DSE Rai Bahadur Raghunath Sahai Memorial Prize, IPCW Rewa Dhawan Memorial Scholarship, IPCW Nagendra Nath Majumdar Memorial Prize, IPCW Principal's Honour Roll, IPCW Ashish Memorial Prize, IPCW Nisheeth Roy Prize, IPCW	<i>2023</i> <i>2023</i> <i>2022</i> <i>2022</i> <i>2016-2018</i> <i>2016-2018</i> <i>2016</i> <i>2013-2016</i> <i>2016</i> <i>2015</i> <i>2015</i> <i>2014</i>
FELLOWSHIPS	NBER Gender in the Economy Fellowship	<i>2023-2024</i>
RESEARCH GRANTS	CDEP Student Research Grant, Columbia University CDEP Student Research Grant, Columbia University PER Experiment Grant, Columbia University PER Research Fellow Summer Grant, Columbia University	<i>2023</i> <i>2022</i> <i>2022</i> <i>2020</i>
WORK IN PROGRESS	House for Two : Empowering Women with Property Rights Signaling in Female Education with Tushar Kundu Gender Bias and Gendered Outcomes: Some Pitfalls of Inference with Rohini Somanathan and Basil Isaac	

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE AND INTERNSHIPS	Research Assistant <i>2020-2021</i> <i>Supervisors: Michael Best and Evan Sadler</i> Department of Economics, Columbia University, New York
	Research Assistant <i>2017-2019</i> <i>Supervisor: Rohini Somanathan</i> Department of Economics, Delhi School of Economics, New Delhi
	Research Analyst Intern <i>2015</i> India Institute, New Delhi
	Research Intern <i>2014-2015</i> Consumers India, New Delhi
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	Teaching Fellow, Columbia University Intermediate Microeconomics (Undergraduate) <i>Fall 2022</i> Microeconomics (MA) <i>Spring 2022</i> Intermediate Microeconomics (Undergraduate) <i>Fall 2021</i>
FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE	Running a randomised control trial (RCT) in India to study the impact of land ownership on women's empowerment. <i>May 2023-present</i> Conducted a household-level survey on women's bargaining power across 30 villages, covering 150 households in Pune, India. <i>October 2022</i> Surveyed the workers of the informal wire stripping industry in Seelampur, Delhi. <i>March 2015</i> Surveyed the workers of the informal garment sector in Kapashera, Delhi. <i>December 2013</i>
CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS	14th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development <i>2018</i> <i>India Statistical Institute, Delhi, India</i> Presented the paper, 'Gender Bias and Gendered Outcomes: Some Pitfalls of Inference'. 4th Annual Center for research on the Economics of Climate, Food, Energy and Environment (CECFEE) Research and Policy Workshop <i>2018</i> <i>Goa, India</i> Presented the paper, 'Gender Bias and Gendered Outcomes: Some Pitfalls of Inference'. 12th South Asian Economics Students' Meet <i>2016</i> <i>Colombo, Sri Lanka</i> Presented the paper, 'Skill Development and Competitiveness: IT Industry of India and Sri Lanka'.
TECHNICAL SKILLS	STATA, R, Python, L ^A T _E X
LANGUAGE SKILLS	English (Fluent), Hindi (Native Speaker), French and German (Beginner)