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EDUCATION	Columbia University, New York	
	Ph.D in Economics	<i>2019-2025 (Expected)</i>
	M.Phil in Economics	<i>2022</i>
	M.A. in Economics	<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	<i>2023</i>
	Reubens Travel and Research Award, Columbia University	<i>2023</i>
	Wueller Award for Best TA for MA Program, Columbia University	<i>2022</i>
	Wueller Award for Best TA (Runners up) for Undergraduate Courses, Columbia University	<i>2022</i>
	Exim Bank Scholarship, DSE	<i>2016-2018</i>
	National (CAS) Scholarship Internal, DSE	<i>2016-2018</i>
	Rai Bahadur Raghunath Sahai Memorial Prize, IPCW	<i>2016</i>
	Rewa Dhawan Memorial Scholarship, IPCW	<i>2013-2016</i>
	Nagendra Nath Majumdar Memorial Prize, IPCW	<i>2016</i>
	Principal's Honour Roll, IPCW	<i>2015</i>
	Ashish Memorial Prize, IPCW	<i>2015</i>
	Nisheeth Roy Prize, IPCW	<i>2014</i>
FELLOWSHIPS	NBER Gender in the Economy Fellowship	<i>2023-2024</i>
RESEARCH GRANTS	CDEP Student Research Grant, Columbia University	<i>2023</i>
	CDEP Student Research Grant, Columbia University	<i>2022</i>
	PER Experiment Grant, Columbia University	<i>2022</i>
	PER Research Fellow Summer Grant, Columbia University	<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> Math Camp (PhD) <i>Summer 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)