

# ATHER HASSAN DAR

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## EDUCATION

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**Indian Institute of Technology**, Kanpur, UP India *Jan 2020 - Present*  
Ph.D (Economics) — *Degree expected by the end of March 2025* (CPI 10/10)  
Dissertation Title: *Three Essays in Economics of Crime and Conflict: Evidence from India*  
Thesis Supervisors: [Dr. Sounak Thakur](#) & [Dr. Debayan Pakrashi](#)

**Jamia Millia Islamia**, New Delhi, Delhi, India *July 2017 - July 2019*  
Master of Arts in Economics (CGPA 8.3/10)  
(Graduated with Distinction)

**Aligarh Muslim University**, Aligarh, UP, India *Aug 2014 - July 2017*  
Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Economics (Aggregate Marks 74.63%)  
(Gold Medalist)

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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**Primary:** Development Economics; Economics of Education; Health Economics, Conflicts & Crime  
**Secondary:** Labor Economics, Gender & Family Economics and Behavioral & Experimental Economics

## RESEARCH WORK

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### Working Papers

1. Violence, son preference and fertility: Evidence from India (with *Debayan Pakrashi* and *Sounak Thakur*) [JMP] [[Link to PDF](#)]
2. The direct and indirect effects of crime on social capital: Evidence from India [*Under Review*]
3. Alcohol prohibition and learning outcomes of children: Evidence from India (with *Deeksha, Sarani Saha* and *Sounak Thakur*) [[Link to PDF](#)]

4. Civil unrest and learning outcomes in India (with *Debayan Pakrashi* and *Sounak Thakur*) [[Link to PDF](#)]

### Work in Progress

1. Informal financial institutions and crime: Evidence from ROSCAs in India (with *Debayan Pakrashi* and *Sounak Thakur*)
2. Moral values and attitudes: A study to encourage prosocial behaviour amongst adolescent schoolchildren (with *Anomita Ghosh*, *Debayan Pakrashi* and *Sounak Thakur*)

## CONFERENCE/SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

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### 2025

2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of Young Minds in Frontiers of Economics, *Institute of New Economic Thinking-Young Scholars Initiative* and *Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, India* (Scheduled);

### 2024

Reflections in Development Economics Conference, *Presidency University Kolkata, India*

(7<sup>th</sup>) Australian Gender Economics Workshop (AGEW), *University of Technology Sydney, Australia*

Asian Meeting of the Econometric Society (AMES-CSW), *Indian Institute of Technology Delhi, India*

### 2023

Asian Meeting of the Econometric Society (AMES), *Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, India*

Research Scholar's Day, *Department of Economic Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur, India*

Winter School 2023, *Delhi School of Economics and The Econometric Society, Delhi*

18<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development, *Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi*

### 2022

17<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development, *Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi*

## TEACHING INTERESTS

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**Primary:** Econometrics, Applied Econometrics, Program Evaluation and Microeconomics  
**Secondary:** Mathematical Economics, Development Economics, Labour Economics and Macroeconomics

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### Tutoring

- Program Evaluation, IIT Kanpur (E-Masters) Fall 2023-24
- Applied Statistics and Econometrics, IIT Kanpur (NPTEL) Spring 2021-22
- Introduction to Economics, IIT Kanpur (BTech) Fall 2021-22

### Teaching Assistant

- Program Evaluation, IIT Kanpur Spring 2024
- Game Theory, IIT Kanpur Fall 2024
- Introduction to Mathematical Economics, IIT Kanpur Spring 2023
- Market Design, IIT Kanpur Fall 2023, 2022
- Behavioral and Experimental Economics, IIT Kanpur Summer Term, 2020-21

## AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

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### Academic Achievements

- Secured *CPI 10/10* in Ph.D. coursework at IIT Kanpur
- University Gold Medal for standing first in the B.A. (Hons.) Economics examination 2017 by AMU Aligarh.
- Muzammil Towel Gold Medal for securing the highest marks in Economics in the B.A. (Hons.) 2017 exam by AMU Aligarh.

### Awards

- Travel grants from the Dean of Academic Affairs, IIT Kanpur, for attending national and international conferences
- Travel grant from the Department of Economic Sciences, IIT Kanpur, for attending the international conference
- Travel grant from the Indian Statistical Institute (ISI), Delhi, for attending the conference at ISI 2022
- Travel grant from the Indian Statistical Institute (ISI), Delhi, for attending the conference at ISI 2023
- Sir Syed Global Scholar Award (SSGSA) for the year 2016-17 by the AMU Alumni Association, North America.
- UGC-NTA NET June 2019. *Percentile Score 99.55*

## WORKSHOPS

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1. IGC Patna Summer School in Development Economics, jointly organized by IGC and CDS from July 5-9, 2021 (Virtual)
2. Frontier Analysis with DEA, organized by the Deptt. of Economics, Punjab University, Chandigarh from Aug 6-7, 2020.
3. Workshop on Game Theory and Mechanism Design organized by the Department of Economics, JMI New Delhi

## SOFTWARE SKILLS

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<b>Statistical</b>	STATA, R, EVIEWS, SPSS
<b>Office</b>	WINDOWS & MS-Office (1-Year Computer Diploma certificate from NIELIT)
<b>Mark-up</b>	$\LaTeX$ & Beamer

## REFERENCES

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