

# ATHER HASSAN DAR

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## EMPLOYMENT

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**Assistant Professor**  
University of Petroleum and Energy Studies, Dehradun

*Jul 2025 - Present*

## EDUCATION

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**Ph.D. (Economics)**  
Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur, UP India

*Jan 2020 - Aug 2025*  
(CPI 10/10)

**M.A. (Economics)**  
Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, Delhi, India  
(Graduated with Distinction)

*July 2017 - July 2019*  
(CGPA 8.3/10)

**B.A. (Hons.) Economics**  
Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, UP, India  
(Gold Medalist)

*Aug 2014 - July 2017*  
(Aggregate Marks 74.63%)

## PUBLICATIONS

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1. [Early-life exposure to weather shocks and learning outcomes in India](#), 2025, *Journal of Environmental Management* [ABDC - A; ABS - 3]
2. [The Efficiency of Indian Banks: A DEA, Malmquist and SFA Analysis with Bad Output](#), with Somesh Kumar Mathur and Sila Mishra, 2021, *Journal of Quantitative Economics*, 19(4), 653-701 [ABDC - B]

## WORKING PAPERS

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1. The direct and indirect effects of crime on social capital: Evidence from India (*Revision Requested*, **B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy** [ABDC - A])
2. Violence, son preference and fertility: Evidence from India (with *Debayan Pakrashi* and *Sounak Thakur*) [JMP] [[Link to PDF](#)]
3. Civil unrest and learning outcomes in India (with *Debayan Pakrashi* and *Sounak Thakur*) [[Link to PDF](#)]
4. Alcohol prohibition, home environment and learning: Evidence from India (with *Deeksha Sarani Saha* and *Sounak Thakur*) [[Link to PDF](#)]

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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1. Informal financial institutions and crime: Evidence from ROSCAs in India (with *Debayan Pakrashi* and *Sounak Thakur*)
2. Does exposure to conflict during the formative years of life impact the ability to work in adulthood? Evidence from India

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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**Primary:** Development Economics; Economics of Education; Health Economics; Economics of Crime & Conflicts

**Secondary:** Environmental Economics; Labor Economics; Gender & Family Economics

## TEACHING INTERESTS

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**Primary:** Microeconomics; Macroeconomics; Econometrics; Mathematical Economics

**Secondary:** Environmental Economics; Labor Economics; Game Theory; Statistical Methods

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### Instructor

- Mathematics for Economics, UPES Fall 2025
- Indian Economy, UPES Fall 2025

### Teaching Assistant

- Program Evaluation, IIT Kanpur Spring 2024
- Game Theory, IIT Kanpur Fall 2024
- Program Evaluation, IIT Kanpur (E-Masters) Fall 2023-24
- Introduction to Mathematical Economics, IIT Kanpur Spring 2023
- Market Design, IIT Kanpur Fall 2023, 2022
- Applied Statistics and Econometrics, IIT Kanpur (NPTEL) Spring 2021-22
- Introduction to Economics, IIT Kanpur (BTech) Fall 2021-22
- Behavioral and Experimental Economics, IIT Kanpur Summer Term, 2020-21

## PAPER PRESENTATIONS IN REFERRED CONFERENCES

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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*

### 2024

Reflections on 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

## **AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS**

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### **Academic Achievements**

- 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 grant from the INET-YSI for presenting at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of Young Minds in Frontiers of Economics at the Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay, 2025
- 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 Department 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
<b>Mark-up</b>	$\LaTeX$ & Beamer

## REFERENCES

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1. **Dr. Sounak Thakur**, *Assistant Professor*, Economic Group, Indian Institute of Management Calcutta, India 700108. Email: [sounakt@iimcal.ac.in](mailto:sounakt@iimcal.ac.in)
2. **Dr. Sarani Saha**, *Professor*, Department of Economic Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur, India 208016. Email: [sarani@iitk.ac.in](mailto:sarani@iitk.ac.in)

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