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EDUCATION

Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur, UP India
Ph.D (Economics)
(Status: *Thesis Submitted*)

Jan 2020 - Present
(CPI 10/10)

Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, Delhi, India
Master of Arts in Economics
(Graduated with Distinction)

July 2017 - July 2019
(CGPA 8.3/10)

Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, UP, India
Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Economics
(Gold Medalist)

Aug 2014 - July 2017
(Aggregate Marks 74.63%)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

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

Secondary: Environmental Economics; Labor Economics; Gender & Family Economics; Behavioral & Experimental Economics

RESEARCH WORK

Journal Publications

1. 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 Journal Ranking B]

Working Papers

1. Early-life exposure to weather shocks and learning outcomes in India (*Revise and Resubmit* at *Journal of Environmental Management* [ABDC Journal Ranking A])
2. The direct and indirect effects of crime on social capital: Evidence from India (*Under Review*)
3. Violence, son preference and fertility: Evidence from India (with Debayan Pakrashi and Sounak Thakur) [JMP] [[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 *Sounak Thakur*)
2. Does exposure to conflict during the formative years of life impact the ability to work in adulthood? Evidence from India

PAPER PRESENTATIONS IN REFERRED CONFERENCES

2025

2nd 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*

(7th) 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*

18th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development, *Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi*

2022

17th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development, *Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi*

TEACHING INTERESTS

Primary: Econometrics; Applied Econometrics; Program Evaluation; Microeconomics

Secondary: Mathematical Economics; Development Economics; Labour Economics; Macroeconomics

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant

- Program Evaluation, IIT Kanpur (E-Masters)

Fall 2023-24

· 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
· 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

AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

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 2nd Meeting of Young Minds in Frontiers of Economics at 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

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

Statistical	STATA, R, EVIEWS, SPSS
Office	WINDOWS & MS-Office
Mark-up	\LaTeX & Beamer

REFERENCES

1. **Dr. Sounak Thakur**, *Assistant Professor*, Department of Economic Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur, India 208016. Email: sounakt@iitk.ac.in
2. **Dr. Sarani Saha**, *Professor*, Department of Economic Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur, India 208016. Email: sarani@iitk.ac.in

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