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Education

Present **Sep 2022**	**University of Toronto** PhD in Information	**Toronto, Canada**
Apr 2016 **Jun 2014**	**Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) Mumbai** *M.A in Regulatory Governance* > **GPA:** 7.8 (3rd Rank)	**Mumbai, India**
May 2014 **July 2011**	**Shri Ram College of Commerce (SRCC), University of Delhi** *Bachelor of Commerce (Honours)* > **Percentage:** 73.3% (First Division)	**New Delhi, India**

Experience

Aug 2022 **Jun 2022**	**LibTech India** *Consultant	Mentor: Dr. Vivek Srinivasan* > Analyzed qualitative data collected from a range of stakeholders, including environmentalists, government officials, community members, and activists, to leverage MGNREGA (a nation-wide rural employment guarantee scheme) for environmental development.	**Bangalore, India**
Sep 2021 **Aug 2020**	**Google Research India** *Pre-Doctoral HCI Researcher	Mentor: Dr. Nithya Sambasivan (collaborated with Prof. Rajesh Veeraraghavan, Dr. Vivek Srinivasan)* > Studied datafication experiences of sanitation and domestic workers, who are marginalised by caste, gender, and income, in India to understand how data-driven technologies impacted their personal and professional lives.	**Bangalore, India**
Aug 2020 **May 2019**	**Microsoft Research India	Technology for Emerging Markets** [🌐] *Research Assistant	Mentor: Prof. Joyojeet Pal* > Studied everyday online practices of women grassroots political workers in India to understand how their routine functions changed due to their access to internet-based technologies. > Studied the experiences of Anganwadi heath workers in India with a state-introduced mobile application to understand how the care work done by them got articulated and transformed by the app.	**Bangalore, India**
Apr 2019 **Jul 2018**	**Ministry of Women and Child Development	National Nutrition Mission** *District Lead Chennai and State Coordinator Tamil Nadu* > Analyzed nutrition profiles of different districts in the state of Tamil Nadu and designed awareness-related strategies to improve nutritional outcomes of women and children. > Developed convergence action plan by bringing in various stakeholders in state departments, civil society organizations, and self-help groups.	**Chennai, India**
May 2017 **Jun 2016**	**Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai** *Research Officer	Mentor: Prof. Sanjeev Chandorkar* > Studied everyday practices of urban street vendors, particularly women, to develop content and provide training in financial literacy, and designed customized credit products.	**Mumbai, India**
Aug 2017 **Jun 2017**	**Ministry of Rural Development	Mission Antyodaya** *Program Evaluator	Mentor: Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, former Member of Parliament, Jodhpur, India* > Managed a team of 20 research interns to improve the efficiency of various state policies on unemployment, poverty, and education.	**Jodhpur, India**
Aug 2017 **Jun 2017**	**MYRADA and Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR), Govt. of India** *Summer Intern* > Studied the financial behaviours of rural women in Tamil Nadu to understand the impact of microfinance products on people belonging to a different class, caste, and social location.	**Erode, India**

Publications

[P.2] **Inheriting Discrimination: Datafication Encounters of Marginalised Workers in India**
Azhagu Meena S P, Rajesh Veeraraghavan, Vivek Srinivasan, Shivani Kapania, Vinodkumar Prabhakaran, Nithya Sambasivan
In International Conference on Information and Communication Technologies and Development (In Press)   **[ICTD'22]**

[P.1] **Counting to be Counted: Anganwadi Workers and Digital Infrastructures of Ambivalent Care.**
Azhagu Meena S P, Palashi Vaghela, Joyojeet Pal
Proceedings of the ACM on Human-Computer Interaction, CSCW (In Press)   **[CSCW'22]**

[C.5] **"Because AI is 100% right and safe": User Attitudes and Sources of AI Authority in India** [%]
Shivani Kapania, Oliver Siy, Gabe Clapper, Azhagu Meena S P, Nithya Sambasivan
CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI), 2022   **[CHI'22]**

[C.4] **Misinformation as a Window into Prejudice: COVID-19 and the Information Environment in India** [%]
Syeda Zainab Akbar, Anmol Panda, Divyanshu Kukreti, Azhagu Meena S P, Joyojeet Pal
In Proceedings of the ACM on Human-Computer Interaction, 4(CSCW3), pp.1-28. 2021   **[CSCW'21]**

[C.3] **Digital Divine: Technology use by Indian Spiritual Organizations** [%]
Azhagu Meena S P, Varuni Bhatia, Joyojeet Pal
In International Conference on Information and Communication Technologies and Development (ICTD). 2020   **[ICTD'20]**

[C.2] **Performing Gender, Doing Politics: Social Media and Women Election Workers in Kerala and Tamil Nadu** [%]
Azhagu Meena S P*, Drupa Dinne Charles*, Simiran Lalavani, Syeda Zainab Akbar, Divya Siddharth, Joyojeet Pal (* = Equal Contribution)
In International Conference on Information and Communication Technologies and Development (ICTD). 2020   **[ICTD'20]**

[C.1] **Grassroots Campaign in Technology-Enabled Elections: Madurai and Thiruvananthapuram in 2019 Indian Elections** [%]
Drupa Dinne Charles, Azhagu Meena S P, Joyojeet Pal
In Proceedings of the 53rd Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences (HICSS). 2020   **[ICTD'20]**

[W.3] **Tactics in Epistemic Production by the Marginalized on Data-driven Systems** [%]
Azhagu Meena S P, Rajesh Veeraraghavan, Vivek Srinivasan, Shivani Kapania, Vinodkumar Prabhakaran, Nithya Sambasivan
Workshop on Artificially Intelligent Technology for the Margins: A Multidisciplinary Design Agenda (CHI), 2021   **[CHI'21]**

[W.2] **How India voted: The use of social media** [%]
Joyojeet Pal, Azhagu Meena S P, Drupa Dinne Charles, and Anmol Panda
In Seminar 720, pp 75-79. 2019   **[Seminar'19]**

[W.1] **Social Media, Politics, and the Process of Engagement in the Indian Context** [%]
Divya Siddarth, Anmol Panda, Ram Chandrasekharan, Drupa Charles, Shubi Agarwal, Srujana Kamath, and Azhagu Meena S P
Open Session in International Conference on Information and Communication Technologies and Development (ICTD). 2019
[ICTD'19]

Leadership Experience

Mar 2016 **Jun 2015**	**School of Habitat Studies | Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai** *School Secretary*	**Mumbai, India**
Mar 2015 **Jun 2014**	**School of Habitat Studies | Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai** *Pangaea Coordinator*	**Mumbai, India**
Apr 2014 **Jun 2012**	**Human Resource Development Cell | Shri Ram College of Commerce, Delhi** *Founder and President*	**New Delhi, India**
Apr 2013 **Jul 2012**	**Quiz Society | Shri Ram College of Commerce, Delhi** *Joint Secretary*	**New Delhi, India**
Apr 2013 **Jul 2012**	**Personality Development Cell, National Service Scheme | Shri Ram College of Commerce, Delhi** **New Delhi, India** *Leader*	

Verified Certification

May 2020 **Apr 2020**	**University of Amsterdam with Coursera** *Classical Sociological Theory*	**Percentage: 97.2%**
Jul 2015	**Indian Institute of Banking and Finance** *Micro-Finance Professional*	**First Class**

Invited Talks

"Artificial Intelligence & Democracy in India"

> Tandem Research, Microsoft Research, and Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung .... Apr 2019

Academic Service and Volunteering

Reviewer CHI 2021 (Papers and Late Breaking Works), CSCW 2020 (Papers)

References

> Prof. Joyojeet Pal .... *Associate Professor, University of Michigan* [⊘]
> Dr. Nithya Sambasivan .... *Research Scientist, Google Research* [⊘]
> Prof. Rajesh Veeraraghavan .... *Assistant Professor, Georgetown University* [⊘]
> Dr. Vivek Srinivasan .... *Convenor, LibTech India* [⊘]