GURKIRAT SINGH

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EDUCATION

Ashoka University
Post Graduate Diploma in Liberal Studies, Young India Fellowship   2020
Merit Scholarship by HDFC Bank

University of Delhi
Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Economics   2019

WORK EXPERIENCE

Centre for Policy Research, *Senior Research Associate*   **August 2021 to present**

Clients: Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation; Department of Finance, GoAP; AP Society for Social Audit; State Capability Enhancement Project, Government of Meghalaya; Indus Action; National Institute of Urban Affairs

- *Fundraising & Communication:* Assisted faculty members and the development to secure a large corpus of funds from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Supported Communications and L&D through proposal writing, workshop facilitation, and helped put together data visualizations for the bi-weekly newsletter.
- *Sustainable Mobility and Urban Transport Policy:* Analysed NSS household consumption expenditure (HCES, 2022-2023) data to examine urban transport usage in India. Co-authored a policy note in the ORF-GP series, proposing a framework for integrating informal transport modes under a unified pricing system.
- *Analytical Support & Capacity Building:* Engaged with department officials at Government of Andhra Pradesh to conduct a technical audit AP Benefits Registry – a dataset of 40 million welfare beneficiaries. Identified inconsistencies in data structure and recommended plausible routes to minimize errors of beneficiary exclusion.
- *Data Collection and Survey Management:* Collaborated with Indus Action and AP Society for Social Audit to for a large-scale survey (sample = 15000 respondents) targeting young residents and scheme beneficiaries from Andhra Pradesh, India. Led the sampling design, oversaw enumeration, and directly managed a team of 450 enumerators.
- *Public Health:* Engaged public health officers from the National Health Mission, Meghalaya, to draft guidelines outlining key indicators for measuring primary healthcare in Meghalaya and developed a communication roadmap to enhance policy implementation and encourage community participation.

Telangana State Innovation Cell, Government of Telangana, *Consultant*   **July 2020 – July 2021**

- Ideated and executed "District Innovation Awards" – a unique initiative to establish a mechanism of rewarding Telangana districts for their progress on administrative innovation. Helped set up a repository to archive and document best district level practices in good governance state-wide.
- Undertook extensive fieldwork in Bhadradri Kothagudem and Nizamabad districts, collaborating closely with district-level officials across various state departments including Agriculture, Rural Development, and Education.

INTERNSHIPS

Office of Member of Parliament (Jaipur Rural, Rajasthan), *Research Associate*   **August 2019 – May 2020**

- Capstone Project at Ashoka University; Formulated a baseline survey to document status-quo sanitation conditions of selected villages situated in Jaipur Rural, Rajasthan.
- Contributed to a report outlining findings from the survey, field observations, and best practices from the broader literature on sanitation and waste management. Findings from the report were later presented at the monsoon session of the lower house of Indian Parliament.

Dialogue & Development Commission of Delhi, *Research Intern*   **May 2020 – July 2020**

- Assisted the Delhi government in streamlining the mobility processes of the Department of Healthcare.
- Devised a data collection strategy to minimise the response time and patient handover time of a conventional public ambulance during the peak of the first wave of Covid-19 pandemic in New Delhi, India.

TEACHING ASSISTANCE

Quantitative Research Methods I (QRM I)   **August 2023 – Dec 2023**

- Assisted Prof. Neelanjan Sircar (CPR; formerly Ashoka University) in teaching an unaffiliated methods course to selected PhD students from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi (JNU); Coursework: Random Variables and Distributions, Counterfactuals, Hypothesis Testing, Linear Regression

Department of Political Science, Ashoka University   **April 2022 – July 2022**

- Assisted Prof. Gilles Verniers (Department of Political Science, Ashoka University) in teaching a graduate course titled "Who Governs India?"; Coursework: Based on Robert Dahl's foundational text titled "Who Governs?: Democracy and Power in an American City."

REPORTS & WORKING PAPERS

Reports & Policy Briefs

1. Singh, G., Karia, S. (2021). Training programmes conducted for trainee officers of the Meghalaya Civil Services. (2021). .Centre for Policy Research.
2. Sharma, R., Singh, G., Kochhar, R. (2023). Study of Village and Ward Secretariats in Andhra Pradesh: Impact & Strengthening. Centre for Policy Research.
3. National Health Mission, Meghalaya. (2022). Understanding Comprehensive Primary Health Care: The Meghalaya Way. Government of Meghalaya.
4. Policy Brief titled "Study of Village and Ward Secretariats: Recommendations & Key Actions Points" (with Partha Mukhopadhyay and Rashmi Sharma)

Working Papers

5. Singh G. (2023). Locating Upward Mobility in Andhra Pradesh Households: Findings from the Andhra Pradesh Urban Youth Survey. Centre for Policy Research.
6. Singh, G. (2023) Perceptions, Government Support & Access to Cash Transfer Schemes: Findings from the Andhra Pradesh Urban Youth Survey. Centre for Policy Research.
7. Sircar N., Singh G. (2024). Youth Perceptions of Cash Transfer Schemes in Andhra Pradesh, India: Estimating Cohort Effects. Centre for Policy Research.
8. Mukhopadhyay P., Singh G. (2024). Integration of fares, Information, and Informal Transit. ORF-Global Policy (GP) Series Journal, Pg. 122-133

FIELD WORK

Andhra Pradesh	Vijayawada, Visakhapatnam, Machilipatnam, Araku Valley, Tenali, Kondapalli
Meghalaya	East Khasi Hills (Shillong), West Garo Hills (Tura)
Rajasthan	Jaipur Rural (Assembly Constituencies of Amber and Phulera)
Telangana	Nizamabad, Bhadradri Kothagudem

LANGUAGES & SOFTWARE

Languages	English (Proficient), Hindi (Proficient), Punjabi (Spoken), Telugu (Basic)
Software	R Programming (Advanced), Stata (Advanced), Python (Intermediate), QGIS, ArcGIS, LaTeX
Survey Tools	Kobo Toolbox, Survey CTO, Survey Monkey, Qualtrics
Github	https://github.com/gurkirat981

REFERENCES

Dr. Neelanjan Sircar
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Visiting Fellow, Centre for the Advanced Study of India (CASI)
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Dr. Partha Mukhopadhyay
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