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RESEARCH INTERESTS

PRIMARY FIELDS: Econometrics, Applied Microeconomics, Political Economy

SECONDARY FIELDS: Development Economics, Game Theory

EDUCATION

- **Azim Premji University** Bangalore, India
MA. Economics Aug 2022 - May 2024
Thesis: Temporary Migration and Employment Guarantee - A Discontinuity Approach.
Advisor: [Prof. Anand Shrivastava](#)
- **Azim Premji University** Bangalore, India
BA. Economics (Honours) June 2016 - May 2019
Thesis: Understanding the Political Economy of Software Industry in Andhra Pradesh.
Advisor: [Prof. Amit Basole](#)

Relevant Coursework:

Azim Premji University: Econometrics of Impact Evaluation, Econometrics of Panel and Cross-Sectional data, Applied Multivariate Statistics, Practical Data Analysis Using Stata.

Indian Statistical Institute: Econometrics

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Indian Statistical Institute** May 2024 -
Pre-doctoral Researcher for [Prof. Abhiroop Mukhopadhyay](#)
- CORE Econ | Insights: Informal labor markets and Structural change** Jan 2023 - May 2023
Research Assistant for [Prof. Rosa Abraham](#)
- Centre for Sustainable Employment** Jan 2022 - Sept 2022
Research Assistant
- Development Impact Evaluation (DIME), DE JURE, World Bank** Aug 2020 - July 2022
Research Assistant

PUBLICATIONS

- **Academic Writing**
Kandalam, K, Sivramkrishna, S, Gune, S & Moharir, A. (2019). [“Shadow banking in India: Nature, Trends, Concerns, and Policy interventions”](#) . *Review of Economic and Business Studies (REBS)*, pp 29-46.
- **Other Writing**
Kandalam, K & Nakum, K. (2023). [“There are no toilets in this colony”](#) . *People’s Archive of Rural India (PARI)*.
Kandalam, K (2023). [“Comparing husband’s and wife’s perceptions of women’s decision-making role”](#), *State of Working India (SWI), Social Identities and Labour Market Outcomes*, pp.191. Centre for Sustainable Employment (CSE).

- **Works in Progress**

Kandam, K & Abraham, R. “Who Knows Best? (Dis)agreement on Reported Participation of Women in Intra-Household Decision-Making”.

Kandam, K. “Political Economy of Software Industry in Erstwhile Unified Andhra Pradesh”.

Kandam, K., Dewan, P., Dey, S., Mukhopadhyay, A., & Sahoo, S. (2025). “Filling the gaps? Private sector response to the push and pull of the Indian public schooling system”.

CONFERENCES

2025	Migration, Informality and Development - Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC)
2023	Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development (AECGD) - Indian Statistical Institute ISI-Delhi
2023	Advanced Graduate Workshop - Azim Premji University
2019	Undergraduate Research Conference - O. P. Jindal University

SKILLS

Stata, R, \LaTeX , Python	Advanced
SurveyCTO, QGIS	Intermediate

LANGUAGES

Telugu	Native
English, Hindi	Fluent
Tamil, Italian	Basic

REFERENCES

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