

# Kasturi Kandalam



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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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PRIMARY FIELDS: Econometrics, Applied Microeconomics, Political Economy

SECONDARY FIELDS: Development Economics, Game Theory

## EDUCATION

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- **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

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- 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

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- **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

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

#### SKILLS

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Stata, R, $\text{\LaTeX}$ , Python	Advanced
SurveyCTO, QGIS	Intermediate

#### LANGUAGES

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Telugu	Native
English, Hindi	Fluent
Tamil, Italian	Basic

#### REFERENCES

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<b>Prof. Abhiroop Mukhopadhyay</b> Economics and Planning Unit (EPU) Indian Statistical Institute - Delhi (ISI-D) Email: <a href="mailto:abhiroop@isid.ac.in">abhiroop@isid.ac.in</a>	<b>Prof. Anand Shrivastava</b> Azim Premji University Email: <a href="mailto:anand.shrivastava@apu.edu.in">anand.shrivastava@apu.edu.in</a>
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