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Work Experience

2025 – Present	Postdoctoral Researcher, American University of Sharjah
2024 – 2025	Research Assistant to Dr. Jacob Ricker-Gilbert, Purdue University
2021 – 2024	Research Assistant to Dr. Kajal Gulati, Purdue University
2019 – 2020	Research Associate to Dr. Subrata Sarkar and Dr. Jayati Sarkar, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research
2017 – 2019	Research Assistant to Dr. Subrata Sarkar, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research

Education

Ph.D. Agricultural Economics, Purdue University, Indiana, 2021–2025

M.Phil. Development Studies, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Mumbai (India), 2017-2019

M.Sc. Economics, University of Calcutta, Kolkata (India), 2014-2016

B.Sc. Economics, University of Calcutta, Kolkata (India), 2011-2014

Awards and Honors

Uma Lele Prize for Best Contributed Paper on Gender, International Conference for Agricultural Economics, 2024. For paper titled “Women’s Work and Agricultural Productivity Gaps in India”

Ludwig Kruhe Fellowship, Purdue University, 2024. Amount: \$68,766.15

Junior Research Fellowship, University Grants Commission, India, 2017.

Grants

Jim and Neta Hicks Graduate Student Small Grant Program, Department of Agricultural Economics, Purdue University, 2023

Amount: \$7500

Refereed Publications

- Gulati, K., **Saha, K.**, & Lybbert, T.J. (2025). “Women’s Work and Agricultural Productivity Gaps in India” *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*.(Link here).
- Saha, K.**, Pandey, V. L., & Dev, S. M. (2023). Women’s Land Ownership and Household Decisions: Implications for Child Health in Rural India. In *Axes of Sustainable Development and Growth in India: Essays in Honour of Professor Jyoti K. Parikh* (pp. 137-169). Singapore: Springer Nature Singapore. (Link here).

Working Papers

- Saha, K.**. “Strategy and Coordination in Risky Household Decisions: Evidence from Bangladesh” (*JMP*)
- Saha, K.**, Gulati, K., & Bird, S. “Agricultural Mechanization and Gendered Structural Transformation in India.”
- Saha, K.**, & Gulati, K.. “Agricultural mechanization and Investment in Human Capital.”
- Saha, K.**, Saha, K., & Yadav, S. “Gender Role Attitudes and Female Labor Participation: Evidence from Egypt”

Conference Presentations

- “Agricultural mechanization and gendered structural transformation in India.”. Agricultural & Applied Economics Association Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA, July 2024.
- “Women’s Work and Agricultural Productivity Gaps in India”. Pacific Conference for Development Economics. Stanford University, Stanford, CA, March 2024.

Refereeing Experience

Agricultural Economics, Review of Development Economics

Teaching

Teaching Assistant	AGEC 217: Introductory Economics (Undergraduate)	2024
Teaching Assistant	Econometrics I (Graduate)	2018

Other Information

- Software Skills:** Fluent in STATA. Experience in R, Python, Matlab, GAMS, RunGTAP, and Julia.
- Citizenship:** India
- Languages:** English (first language), Bengali (native fluency), Hindi (social proficiency)

References

Dr. Kajal Gulati (Co-chair)
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