

POOJA KAMALAKSHA KINI

Interdisciplinary researcher with 10 years' experience across India and the UK in applied research, evaluation, and knowledge management.

SKILLS

- **Research & Evaluation:**
 - Mixed-methods design, logframes, theory of change
 - Quantitative analysis and dashboards: SPSS, STATA, Power BI, Microsoft Excel
 - Qualitative analysis: Atlas.ti, interview coding, narrative analysis
 - **Knowledge Management**
 - Writing policy briefs, peer-reviewed journal articles, and evaluation reports
 - Stakeholder engagement, training and workshop facilitation
 - Themes- Gender and climate justice, governance, sustainable development
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WORK EXPERIENCE

Doctoral Researcher, Birkbeck, University of London **10/2022 to present**

- Leading a fully funded field-based research on intersectional and intergenerational gendered experiences of water stress in urban India, with a focus on informal settlements in Jaipur.
- Designed and implemented a year-long qualitative study using life history interviews, focus groups, and participatory methods, engaging residents, government officials, and CSOs.
- Applied feminist and decolonial frameworks to analyse urban climate adaptation; produced policy-relevant insights in collaboration with local NGOs and city actors.
- Presented at international conferences (RGS-IBG, POLLEN, UNESCO WWAP); forthcoming publication with UNESCO WWAP based on research findings.

Graduate Teaching Assistant (GTA), UCL and LSE **09/2025 to present**

- Assisting with the delivery of the module Geographies of Infrastructure at UCL and Environment: Science and Society at LSE
- Leading small-group seminars and facilitated discussions to support student engagement with course material
- Provided academic support and guidance to students, including feedback on assignments and class participation

Data Team (Part-time), Woman's Trust, London **02/2023 to 08/2023 & 01/2025 to 12/2025**

- Improved data systems (Oasis CRM, CORE, Excel, Power BI); transitioned from MS Access and Excel to Power BI.
- Produced impact reports for funders, Councils, and Trustees
- Trained staff in internal data systems and audited data entry

IML Consultant (Part-time), Purpose, India **10/2023 to 08/2024**

- Led research on Just Transition in the brick kiln sector in North India funded by MacArthur
- Designed and implemented project-level indicators, logframes, and secondary research.
- Collaborated with partners and a national educational institute for knowledge management
- Developed knowledge products, co-authored a journal article (forthcoming)

Manager- Research and Knowledge Management, PCI, India **12/2020 to 08/2022**

- Led knowledge management for programmes funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- Designed and led more than 10 India-wide impact assessments for gender-focused projects, specifically on ending child marriage and violence against women.
- Produced evidence-based learning products, policy briefs, and advocacy materials.

National Programme Associate - M&E, The Hunger Project India **08/2018 to 11/2020**

- Managed M&E for women's political leadership and early marriage prevention programmes across six states funded by BMZ, AJWS, Azim Premji Foundation
- Developed digital MIS in collaboration with consultants; conducted baseline, midline, and endline studies.

Project Lead- Results and Insights, CMS India **08/2016 to 04/2017**

- Led evaluations on agriculture, health, and sanitation for programmes by Cotton Connect, AKRSP, TATA Trusts, Solidaridad, UNICEF C4D
- Drafted competitive proposals and designed data collection tools.

EDUCATION

PhD in Geography, Environment, Development Studies **10/2022 to present**
Birkbeck, University of London (Funded by Mark James studentship)

Master's in Sustainable Development Practice **08/2014 to 06/2016**
TERI School of Advanced Studies, Delhi, India

Bachelor's (Honors) in Anthropology **07/2011 to 06/2014**
Hansraj, University of Delhi

PUBLICATIONS (FORTHCOMING)

- Bhullar, H. & Kini, P. (2025). A contextual understanding of Just Transitions in Uttar Pradesh's brick industry. *GeoProgress Journal*.
- Kini, P. (2026). Intersectional gendered experiences of water infrastructure: A case study of Lakshman Basti. *UNESCO WWAP*.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- Tanker, Taps, and Tanks: Case Study of Lakshman Basti, UNESCO WWAP Workshop, Pisa, Italy, Jan 2025.
- Water Practices in Urban India using a Feminist Political Ecology Approach, RGS-IBG Annual Conference, London, UK, Sep 2023.
- Intersectional and Intergenerational Water Practices in Urban India, POLLEN Conference, Durban, South Africa, Jun 2023.
- Exploring Mother-Daughter Relationships in Jharkhand, International Population Conference, Hyderabad, India, 2021.