ANSHUL RAI SHARMA

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EDUCATION

NATIONAL LAW SCHOOL OF INDIA UNIVERSITY   2021 - 2023
Master of Public Policy, **CGPA 6.00 (7)**

ASHOKA UNIVERSITY   2016 - 2019
Bachelor of Science (Honors),
Mathematics and Computer Science, 81% (GPA 3.23/4)

WORK EXPERIENCE

Azim Premji University, Academic Associate   **March 2023 – Present**

Research
- 'Dialogues with Data' Project: Analyze Mission Antyodaya data to drive local development at panchayat level.
- Gruha Lakshmi Pilot Study: Mixed-methods study to analyze operational challenges of direct monetary transfer scheme.
- Community Engagement Cell: Utilized granular datasets to analyze socio-economic indicators, assessing the impact of policy initiatives within Anekal sub-district**.**

Teaching
- Teaching Assistant for 'Urban India: Trajectories of Development' elective for School of Policy and Governance.
- Teaching Assistant for 'Indian Economy and Development' core course for School of Development.
- Coordinate 11-member team to draft the compendium for 'Indian Economy and Development' course.
- Curated and visualized 10+ datasets on Indian ecological resources, for 'Ecology and Development' course.

Citizen Matters, Urban-Affairs writer   August 2022 - Present
- Addressed themes in urban context, such as Climate Resilience, Poverty Alleviation, Regulatory Governance, and Public Health in published articles. https://bengaluru.citizenmatters.in/author/anshulraisharma

College of William and Mary, Graduate Assistant   May 2023 – June 2023
- Led Indian Economy sessions for the 2023 Indian Exposure Program at College of William and Mary, USA.

Lokniti Policy Journal, Editor-in-Chief   Nov 2021 – August 2023
- Oversaw and refined policy articles submitted by students and faculty.
- Organized policy events and led outreach initiatives to bolster research at National Law School, Bengaluru.

Naandi Foundation, CSR Associate   Sept 2020 – August 2021
- Spearheaded the 'Auto for Impact' COVID relief initiative, targeting education for 500+ students across India.
- Secured over 2 million INR for girl-child education amidst the COVID lockdown.
- Partnered with twelve leading corporations to fundraise for Project Nanhikali.

Ashoka University, Resident Assistant   May 2018 – May 2019
- Regulated and drafted new provisions in residence life policy under the Vice Chancellor Dr. Pratap Bhanu Mehta.
- Introduced new provisions on equitable and inter-gendered use of campus premises as part of the Residence Life Policy team.

ACADEMIC & POLICY RESEARCH

Targeted Basic Income: Impact of Gruha Lakshmi Scheme on Karnataka women, Indus Action
Leading an ongoing pilot study on the Gruha Lakshmi scheme; designed research methodology, determined sampling, and directed an 8-member fieldwork team for data collection.

Aspirational Cities: Bengaluru Slums Study at Institute of Public Policy, NLSIU
Conducted a 6-month fieldwork study in Bengaluru slums at NLSIU, analyzing welfare services and policy impacts on local communities.

Urban Housing Project at Policy Innovation Lab
Investigated the various policy related instruments that govern urban poor housing in Indian cities.

Just Society at University of South Denmark
Part of team that designed social policy course in University of South Denmark as part of a policy students' cohort.

Publications

Policy Papers

Sustainability in the Indian Context: The 3F Framework Approach (2023), Centre for Climate Change and Sustainability at Azim Premji University, Bengaluru.

Urban Poor Amnesia: Aspiring Cities (2023). Policy Brief at Centre for the Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusion Policy. National Law School of India University, Bengaluru.

Book Review

Sharma, A. R. (2023). Book Review: Love and Liberation: Humanitarian Work in Ethiopia's Somali Region, by L. Carruth. Society for the Anthropology of Work, https://saw.americananthro.org/pub/n2uyi7xo/release/1

Sharma, A. R. (2023). Book Review: Technical Territories: Data, Subjects, and Spaces in Infrastructural Asia, by Luke Munn. LSE Review of Books. https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/lsereviewofbooks/2023/12/04/technical-territories-data-subjects-and-spaces-in-infrastructural-asia-review/

Online Articles

Urban Economy

- Sharma, A.R. (2023, September 15). The promise of Gruha Lakshmi: Challenges of an ambitious scheme. Citizen Matters. https://bengaluru.citizenmatters.in/gruha-lakshmi-yojana-congress-five-guarantees-direct-bank-transfer-women-health-aadhaar-bank-accounts-self-help-groups-127088
- Sharma, A. R (2023, June 7). The cost of high LPG prices: Environmental and health hazards in slums. Citizen Matters. https://bengaluru.citizenmatters.in/the-cost-of-high-lpg-prices-environmental-and-health-hazards-in-slums-118940
- Sharma, A. R. (2023, October 27). Cloud Kitchens: Existing regulations on quality, safety not enough for this new format. Citizen Matters. https://bengaluru.citizenmatters.in/cloud-kitchens-in-bengaluru-operations-regulation-safety-91345

Urban Ecology

- Sharma, A. R (2023, September 1). Jakkur Lake Management fostering community action. India Water Portal. https://www.indiawaterportal.org/articles/jakkur-lake-management-fostering-community-action-ecological-restoration
- Sharma, A.R. (2023, August 23). Bengaluru's daily waste production soared from 200 to 6,000 tonnes between 2000 and 2020. Citizen Matters. https://bengaluru.citizenmatters.in/waste-management-drainage-systems-karnataka-budget-urban-poor-slums-118262
- Sharma, A. R. (2023, July 11). Bengaluru East has most piped water connections, Anekal has the least. Citizen Matters. https://bengaluru.citizenmatters.in/piped-water-connections-mission-antyodaya-database-gram-panchayats-bengaluru-east-anekal-121334
- Sharma, A. R. (2023, October 27). An unequal monsoon: The impact of the floods on Whitefield's poor settlements. Citizen Matters. https://bengaluru.citizenmatters.in/bengaluru-urban-floods-whitefield-poor-settlements-90349

Certifications
- *Data Analysis for Social Scientists, Mitx Online*
- *Data Analysis with Python (IBM), Coursera*
- *Foundation of Development Policy, Mitx Online*

SKILL SET

Python	R
STATA	MS Excel

CO CURRICULARS
- Member of Residence Life Team at National Law School, facilitating campus life and events around community-building.
- Organizer and Facilitator at the only caste-collective at National Law School called Savitri Phule Ambedkar Caravan (SPAC).
- Facilitator at Mental Health Support Group of National Law School to handle well-being concerns of student body.
- Facilitator at IAFS Art School, an online community of artists which screens movies on themes of social justice and climate change.
- Volunteer at Swabhimaan Trust, a slum-based organization, facilitating ration distribution and organization.
- Lead at Delhi chapter of the global community called Museum of Care which looks at solidarity and organization in post-Covid era.