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EDUCATION

Delhi School of Economics, University of DelhiDelhi, IndiaM.A. Economics, First DivisionMay 2019Shri Ram College of Commerce, University of DelhiDelhi, IndiaB.A. (Hons.) Economics, First DivisionMay 2017KIIT World SchoolDelhi, India12th Class (AISSCE), Rank IApr 2014

RESEARCH AND WORK EXPERIENCE

Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL)

Bangalore, India

Research Associate, Social Networks Lab

June 2019 - Present

- Working with PIs Arun Chandrasekhar (Stanford University) and Benjamin Golub (Harvard University) to conduct research in the field of Development Economics with focus on the role of Social Networks.
- o Worked on a suite of Covid19 Projects (Impact of COVID-19 Prevention Messaging in India on Symptoms Reporting and Preventive Behaviour) under Banerjee et al.
- Tested and refined research design through pilots and subsequent data analysis. Worked on transitioning the theoretical design into implementable field experiment and crafted instruments to capture the key outcomes of interest.
- o Conducted extensive data analysis for multiple research projects as part of the endline and piloting.
- o Involved in training, supervision and management of a team composed of 100+ field staff.

Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi

Delhi, India

Research Assistant

Jan 2019 - May 2019

- o Worked with Prof. Megha Patnaik. Used IHDS dataset to understand how small businesses are impacted by exogenous shocks.
- Assisted in compiling the data to see the impact of caste networks on business performance in response to shocks.

American Express

Summer Intern, U.S. Small Merchants Analytics

Gurugram, India

May 2018 - Jul 2018

 Merchant and channel level prioritization by analyzing responsiveness to past communication. Also created an extensive data base of touch-points which could be leveraged across different future programs.

ACADEMIC PAPERS

Selective takings in eminent domain under the shadow of litigation

Supervisor: Ram Singh, Professor of Economics, Delhi School of Economics

We show how under eminent domain and restitution the level of investments and in-turn the probability of taking depends on how government targets the neighborhood and on the compensation scheme.

A Stochastic Frontier Analysis of the Indian Automotive Industry

Supervisor: Surender Kumar, Professor of Economics, Delhi School of Economics

 Used data from CMIE prowess Database and stochastic frontier analysis (SFA) to identify the factors that affect efficiency in the Automobile sector and thus help in streamlining production and augmenting growth.

TECHNICAL STRENGTHS

R, Stata, Python, LaTeX