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Experience

Research Associate - Indian School of Business, Hyderabad, Jun 2021

- Research assistant to Prof. Aaditya Dar on projects in agriculture and economic development.
- Projects include managing large-scale datasets from the Indian District Census Handbook (DCHB) between 1951-2011, and the World Bank Living Standard Measurement Surveys (LSMS).

Teaching Assistant, Indian School of Business, Mohali, Apr-May 2022

- Teaching assistant to Prof. Ashwini Chhatre for 'The Business of Food', a course discussing policy challenges and complexities in the food system.
- The responsibilities involved were grading assignments, contributing to the course outline, maintaining lecture notes, and co-ordinating course logistics.

Writing Fellow, YES Foundation, Mumbai, Apr-Jun 2018

Research Intern, Praja Foundation, Mumbai, Sep-Nov 2017

Education

M.A. in Economics, Ashoka University, Sonapat, 2021
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- Independent research study on "Inequality, Parental & Social Influence, and Institutions". This study proposes a model for explaining inequality through an inter-generational chain of access to prestigious institutions.

B.Sc. in Economics, Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies, Mumbai, 2019
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- Undergraduate thesis on 'Rationality in Keynesian p-Beauty Contests'. Simulated learning models using R, and collected primary data on rationality and learning through classroom experiments with over 100 undergraduate students.

Work in Progress

Farmers' climate change perceptions and seed adaptations in Latin America - with Vaibhav Chaudhary, CCAFS, CGIAR.

Primary research study on adaptive strategies based on farmers' perceptions of climate change and risk, reflecting on seed choices across Latin America (Peru, Bolivia, Colombia).

The impact of alcohol use on academic performance, health, and drug use in college students

A regression discontinuity design (RDD) to estimate the effects of alcohol use on GPA, physical & mental health, and cannabis use for college students in the USA; using primary data from the Harvard CAS (Consumption of Alcohol Study) between 1993-2001.

Decomposing medical expenditure and utilisation by caste in India

Estimating the incidence of 'catastrophic' healthcare expenditure across caste groups in India using a Blinder-Oaxaca decomposition strategy to trace inequalities not attributable to statistical discrimination.

Skills

Technical: Stata, Python, SurveyCTO/ODK, R, Linux/UNIX systems, C

Other: Research writing, Critical thinking, Public speaking

References

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