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RESEARCH INTERESTS	Development Economics, Inequality, Public Economics, Political Economy, Applied Microeconomics	
EDUCATION	THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA	
	Ph.D. in Economics	
	Advisors: Siwan Anderson, Patrick Francois, Matt Lowe	2020–2026
	THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA	
	M.A. in Economics	2019–2020
	UNIVERSITY OF DELHI	
	B.A. Economics, Honors	2013–2016
JOB MARKET PAPER	<p>“Land for Opportunity? Deprivation and Immobility in Rural India” (with Pulak Ghosh)</p> <p>We examine how land ownership shapes educational mobility in rural India. Using full-count rural census microdata, we document a robust step-function pattern across the land distribution: educational mobility rises sharply from the landless to marginal landholders and then plateaus. Exploiting historical variation in British-era land-tenure regimes, we demonstrate a causal link between higher landlessness and lower educational mobility. To unpack mechanisms, we develop a model where parents allocate children’s time between school and work under a subsistence constraint. With little or no land, the constraint binds, increasing child labour and suppressing schooling; a small rise in land relaxes it, producing a sharp drop in child labour and a jump in schooling and upward mobility. The framework endogenously generates the step-function, matches the core facts, rationalizes heterogeneities, and yields testable predictions that we validate.</p>	
WORKING PAPERS	“Redistribution and Human Capital; A Structural Approach”	
	“Elite Control and the Political Economy of Development” (with Aditi Singh and Pulak Ghosh).	
	“Protests, Prosociality and Public Goods- Evidence from India’s Farmers Protest”	
WORK IN PROGRESS	“Credit Expansion and Firm Dynamics” (with Anubhav Jha).	
	“The Land-Mobility Atlas”	
AWARDS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS	UBC Stone Center on Wealth and Income Inequality, PhD Fellow	2025–2026
	UBC Graduate Fellowship	2020–2025
	Vancouver School of Economics — First-Year Ph.D. Fellowship	2020–2021
	UBC Presidents Academic Excellence Award	2020–2026
	UBC International Student Tuition Award	2020–2026

PAST EMPLOY- MENT	THE ECONOMIST GROUP Business Analyst, Economics Intelligence Unit	May 2018- June 2019
	McKINSEY & COMPANY Research Analyst, McKinsey Global Institute	June 2016-May 2018
PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES	Conferences & Seminars 2025 IPEA-Brasilia, University of Chicago Stone Center, LSE Inequalities Institute, Conference on Socio-economic Inequality	
	Referee Service <i>Journal of Development Economics.</i>	
TEACHING	University of British Columbia Teaching Assistant: Intermediate Microeconomics, Macroeconomics (Honours); In- termediate Econometrics, Resource Economics	2020-2025
PERSONAL	Languages: English (Native), Hindi (Native) Citizenship: India	
SKILLS	R, Stata, Python, Julia, ArcGIS	