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Current Role

Founder & Educator, EcoNiti; 2024–present

Founded EcoNiti, an educational platform focused on high quality, student-first economics preparation for competitive examinations.

Have been designing and delivering structured exam-oriented courses for UPSC Economics Optional, Indian Economic Service, RBI Grade B, GATE Economics, CUET Economics PG, and undergraduate economics courses.

Responsibilities include curriculum development, content creation, lecture delivery, mentorship, test design and evaluation, and the use of AI-powered tools for personalized learning.

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Employment

Assistant Professor, Jindal School of Government and Public Policy (JSGP), O.P. Jindal Global University, Sonapat; 2021-2024

Visiting Post-doctoral fellow, Centre for Development Economics (CDE) and Institute of Economic Growth (IEG); April 2021-July 2021.

Education

Ph.D. Economics, Economics and Planning Unit, Indian Statistical Institute, New Delhi, 2021

M.A. Economics, Delhi School of Economics, 2014

B.A. Economics, Miranda House, University of Delhi, 2012

Teaching Experience

Current Roles

Economics Faculty and Mentor, EcoNiti (2024, 2025) Conduct specialized exam-oriented courses on Economics for UPSC CSE Economics Optional and Indian Economic Service, which focus on clarity of concepts and relevance to the real world.

Econometrics Faculty, NextIAS (2024, 2025) Teach advanced course on Quantitative methods in Economics for aspirants of the Indian Economic Service.

Previous Roles

Identity and Policy; MA Public Policy (Online), JSGP (2022, 2023)

Designed a new course from scratch and recorded 7 modules (close to 50 videos) along with quizzes and question banks for the Masters in Public Policy course in fully online mode.

Market structures; Jindal Institute of Leadership Development and Executive Education (2022)

Conducted online lectures at the e-Certification program for officers from the Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India. The officers were mostly in senior positions with little or no exposure to Economics before.

PhD. Co-Supervisor, Doctoral student, JSGP (2022-2025)

Co-supervisor to a PhD student writing a thesis on food security and Anaj banks in India. Responsible for guiding her on empirical methods as well as mentoring her through the research process.

Dissertation supervisor, M.A. Public Policy student, JSGP (2023-2024)

Supervisor to a Masters student writing a thesis on education policy in Benin. Responsible for initiating her with the research process as well as the methods of literature review, data analysis writing a thesis.

Statistics, Econometrics; MA Economics, JSGP (2021, 2022, 2023, 2024)

Taught in both online and offline mode, to a batch size of roughly 15-20 students.

Game Theory, Money and Banking, Applied Economic Analysis; BA Economics, JSGP (2021, 2022, 2023, 2024)

Taught in both online and offline mode, to a batch size of close to 50 students.

Teaching Assistant for Mathematical Methods in Economics; MA Economics, ISI Delhi: (2015, 2016, 2017)

Responsible for resolving doubts, conducting tutorials and evaluating assignments and class tests.

Publications

"Whose education matters? An analysis of inter-caste marriages in India" (with Tridip Ray and Arka Roy Chaudhuri), *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*; Vol 176(Aug), 2020, p.619-633

— Media Coverage: [The Washington Post](#), [Scroll](#), [The Print](#), [CNN-News18](#), [Business Standard](#), [The Indian Express](#), [The News Minute](#)

"Whose education matters? An analysis of inter-caste marriages in India" (with Tridip Ray and Arka Roy Chaudhuri), *Ideas for India*, November, 2018

"Evaluating Community Anaj Banks: Institutional Assessment and Impact on Rural Food Security in Uttar Pradesh" (with Vaishali Sharma and Naresh Singh), R&R, *The International Journal of Rural Management*

Working Papers/ Works in Progress

"What can(not) explain the gap? Evidence and decomposition of gendered stream choice in India"

"Caste peer effects on student performance: Evidence from Indian schools"

"Caste networks, financial expansion and inter-caste marriages"

"Untouchability and urban spaces"

Conferences and Invited Seminar Presentations

CESP Golden Jubilee Conference on Economic Theory and Policy in India, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi, 2023

17th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development, ISI, Delhi, 2022

Monash University India Immersion Tour, JGU, Sonipat, 2022

Online Latex Workshop, Office of Doctoral Studies, JGU, Sonipat, 2022

Outreach events, M.A. Public Policy Online program, JGU, Sonipat, 2022, 2021

CDE(DSE)-IEG Seminar, Delhi, 2021

16th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development, ISI, Delhi, 2018

13th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development, ISI, Delhi, 2017

9th IIM Bangalore Management Review Doctoral Conference (IMRDC), 2018

Research Scholar Workshop on Economic Growth and Regional Disparities: Theories and Empirics, Department of Economics, University of Calcutta, 2018

Grants

Planning and Policy Research Unit (PPRU) research grant, "Caste Peer Effects on Student Performance: Evidence from Indian schools" 2023, INR 323,400, (Co-Principal Investigator)

Planning and Policy Research Unit (PPRU) research grant, "Role Model Effects in Gender Based Stream Choice," 2018, INR 399,300, (Co-Principal Investigator)

Fellowships

National Eligibility Test (NET) JRF, 2014

Junior Research Fellowship (JRF), Indian Statistical Institute, 2014-2016

Senior Research Fellowship (SRF), Indian Statistical Institute, 2016-2021