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## CAREER SUMMARY/PROFILE

An economist by training, I am currently working with the Government of India in the capacity of a civil servant of the Indian Economic Services. Have around 4 years of experience in public, private, and non-profit organizations. Areas of work include Equity Research - Macroeconomics, Project Appraisal, Monitoring and Evaluation, Evidence-based Public Policy, Personal Finance, Experiential Education.

## EXPERIENCES

### 1. Assistant Director, NITI Aayog, Government of India, New Delhi

#### **Project Appraisal & Management Division**

**Nov'22 – Present**

- Conduct techno-economic appraisal of Central Government Schemes and Projects for Aviation, Transport, Power, Housing and Urban Infrastructure sectors costing Rs 500 crore and above
- Use cost and benefit analysis to check project feasibility and financial viability of Central Government Schemes and Projects for Project Investment Board (PIB) & Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC)
- Lead studies to enhance project appraisal methodologies and develop public policy frameworks

#### **Development Monitoring & Evaluation Office**

**July'21 – Nov'22**

- Supported Department of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare in preparing a monitoring plan through log frame tool to track output and outcome.
- Assessed the data preparedness through Data Governance Quality Index facilitating end-to-end digitization for high-quality, near real-time data generation at project/beneficiary level
- Managed partnerships with UNICEF, World Bank & NCAER as the lead coordinator. Organised a National Conference on Monitoring & Evaluation (NCMEL 2021).
- Contributed to the Project Monitoring Unit (PMU) for the Aspirational District Programme, overseeing review and monitoring of more than 30 proposals from 5 states in areas like Health, Education, Financial Inclusion, and Agriculture.

#### **Field Visits/ On ground experiences- Sub-national level**

- Developed the Output Outcome Monitoring Framework for key departments of Jammu & Kashmir for schemes and projects under the Prime Minister's Development Package (PMDP)
- Conducted interviews and prepared a state report on Diagnostic tool Evaluation Capacity of Planning Department of Gujarat
- Contributed to the establishment of India's first government think tank at the state level, the State institution of transformation in Lucknow.
- Conducted random inspections of the Special Development package for the development of backward regions in the state of Telangana.

### 2. Junior Economist, Morgan Stanley, Mumbai

**Sep'19 –Apr'20**

- Assisted Chief India Economist in the publication of economic reports covering key data releases of various key macro-indicators. Undertook thematic research and idea generation for India macro reports and converted them into market-based research. Published more than 50 reports on macro themes.
- Coordinated and collaborated with the Asia Pacific, Global and other regional teams around the world, supporting them to help produce economic reports. It involved forecasting macroeconomic variables such as growth, inflation, and current account deficit, and contributing through thought-provoking pieces and insightful reports.

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## EDUCATION

Master of Arts in Economics	Delhi School Of Economics, Delhi University	2016-2018	1 <sup>st</sup> Division
Bachelor of Arts in Economics	Gargi College, University of Delhi	2013-2016	1 <sup>st</sup> Division

## PUBLICATIONS

- Uptick in India's headline inflation ([Link](#)) Observer Research Foundation (ORF)
- Indian Economy: A fragile recovery from Covid 2.0 ([Link](#)) Observer Research Foundation (ORF)
- Publications on Mental health, Behavioral Economics, Finance ['Reflections'](#) – Personal Blog

## ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

- Awarded Dr. Hema V. Raghavan Long Strider Award, Gargi College 2022
- Secured All India Rank 4 in Indian Economic Service Examination (IES) 2019
- Stood among the top 1% of University Students at Delhi University 2018

## POSITION OF RESPONSIBILITY

- General Secretary, Delhi School of Economics Student Union 2018
- Vice President, National Service Scheme (NSS), Gargi College 2016

## HOBBIES

- Zumba, Indian folk painting, Badminton, Cooking