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WORK EXPERIENCE, AFFILIATIONS	<b>Associate Professor, <i>Economics Area</i></b> <a href="#">Indian Institute of Management, Indore</a>	July, 2020- till date
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EDUCATION	<b>Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research</b> , Mumbai, India	
	Ph.D., Development Studies, ( <i>January 2015</i> ) Thesis Title: <i>Essays on Rural-Urban Interaction</i>	
	M.Phil., Development Studies, ( <i>2012</i> ) Thesis Title: <i>Essays on Interregional Competition for Foreign Owned Mobile Capital</i>	
	<b>Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics</b> , Pune, India	
	M.A., Economics, ( <i>2009</i> )	
FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS AND RESEARCH GRANTS	<b>Japanese Award for Outstanding Research on Development</b> 2011-2014 for the research project: <i>The Commuting Worker: An Overlooked Aspect of Rural-Urban Interaction - Evidence from India</i> USD 30,000 (with S Chandrasekhar)	

IUSSP Travel Grant

August 2013

M J Manohar Rao Young Economist Award 2017 (awarded by The Indian Econometric Society) 2017

Young Faculty Research Chair and Grant (INR 1.2 million) 2018-2020

EfD Research Grant 2019-2021

for the research project: *Adverse weather events, forced migration and human development outcomes in India: A district-level analysis*

SEK 400,000 (with Abhiroop Mukhopadhyay, Papiya Mazumdar, Sumit Mazumdar)

PUBLICATIONS IN  
JOURNALS

Strategic Environmental Corporate Social Responsibility (ECSR) Certification and Endogenous Market Structure, (with Siddhartha Rastogi), *The B.E. Journal of Theoretical Economics*, 2024, 24(1), 419-433.

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Nash Equilibrium in Tax and Public Investment Competition, (with Rupayan Pal), *International Review of Economics and Finance*, 2019, 62, 106-120.

Preferences over Public Good, Political Delegation and Leadership in Tax Competition, (with Rupayan Pal), *Public Finance Review*, 2019, 47(4), 718-746.

Pathways from agriculture-to-nutrition in India: Implications for Sustainable Development Goals, (with Mousumi Das and Suresh Babu), *Food Security*, 2018, 10(6), 1561-76.

A note on Stackelberg equilibrium in duopoly: Strategic use of corporate social responsibility, *Economics Bulletin*, 2018, 38(4), 1720-1726.

On Domestic Tourism in India(2014-15): Evidence from NSSO survey, (with Karthikeya Naraparaju), *Economic and Political Weekly* (commentary), 2017, 52(52), 27-30.

Migrant Networks in the Urban Labour Market: Evidence from India, (with Mousumi Das), *Journal of Development Studies*, 2018, 54(9), 1593-1611.

Competition for Foreign Capital under Asymmetric Revenue-Orientations, (with R. Pal), *Indian Economic Review* (Special Volume on Applied Game Theory and Policy), 2016, 51(1-2), 105-116.

Urban Proximity and Spatial Pattern of Land Use and Development in Rural India, *Journal of Development Studies*, 2016, 52(11), 1593-1611.

Impact of Commuting by Workers on Household Dietary Diversity in Rural India, (with S Chandrasekhar), *Food Policy*, 2016, 59, 34-43.

Urbanization and Spatial Patterns of Internal Migration in India, (with S Chandrasekhar), *Spatial Demography*, 2015, May.

Short-term Migration and Consumption Expenditure of Households in Rural India, (with S Chandrasekhar and Mousumi Das), *Oxford Development Studies*, 2015, 43(2), 105-122.

On the Spatial Concentration of Employment in India, (with S Chandrasekhar), *Economic and Political Weekly* (commentary), 2014, 49(21), 16-18.

Growth of the Urban Shadow, Spatial Distribution of Economic Activities and Commuting by Workers in Rural and Urban India, (with S Chandrasekhar), *World Development*, 2014, 61, 154-166.

Endogenizing Governments' Objectives in Tax Competition, (with R. Pal), *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, 2013, 43(4), 570-578.

CHAPTERS IN  
EDITED BOOKS  
AND REPORTS

*On the Internal Mobility of Indians: Knowledge Gaps and Emerging Concerns*, (with S Chandrasekhar), in **India Development Report**, edited by S. Mahendra Dev, Oxford University Press, 2012.

*Internal Migration for Education and Employment among Youth in India*, (with S Chandrasekhar), in **State of Urban Youth India Report, Livelihood, Employment and Skills 2013**, edited by Padma Prakash, commissioned by UN-HABITAT's Global Urban Youth Research Network.

*The Commuting Worker and Integration of Rural-Urban Economy*, in **Subaltern Urbanization in India. An Introduction to Ordinary Towns' Dynamics**, edited by Eric Denis and Marie Helene Zerah, Springer (forthcoming).

*Labour Regulations and Worker Welfare: The Case of Provident Fund in India*, (with K Naraparaju), in **India Development Report 2017**, Oxford University Press.

*How Unequal Are Indian States?*, (with S Chandrasekhar and Karthikeya Naraparaju), **Revisiting Inequality, Routledge India**, 2024, 83-96.

*Internal Migration for Education: Evidence from India*, (with Abhiroop Mukhopadhyay), in **Handbook of Internal Migration in India**, forthcoming.

MEMBERSHIP OF  
PROFESSIONAL  
BODIES

Urban Economics Association  
European Association of Labour Economics  
Asian Population Association  
European Association for Population Studies  
The Indian Society of Labour Economics  
Global Labour Organization

PRESENTATIONS  
IN INVITED  
TALKS,  
CONFERENCES  
AND WORKSHOPS

45th EEA Annual Conference, New York	March, 2019
12th RSAI World Congress, Goa	May, 2018
57th Meeting of SRSA, Philadelphia	March, 2018
54th Annual Conference of TIES, Jammu	March, 2018
11th ACEGD Conference, New Delhi	December, 2015
8th Australasian Public Choice Conference, Brisbane	December, 2015
HDCA Conference, Washington D.C.	September, 2015
Issues in Public Economics and Policy, NIPFP, New Delhi	March, 2015
Invited talk at World Bank Seminar Series, New Delhi	April 2014
Workshop on Subaltern Urbanization in India, New Delhi	April 2014
IGIDR-ISIK Doctoral Workshop, Mumbai	March 2014
XXVII IUSSP International Population Conference, Busan	August 2013
Pacific Regional Science Conference, Bandung	July 2013
Asian Meeting of Econometric Society, New Delhi	December 2012
Asian Population Conference, Bangkok	August 2012
European Population Conference, Stockholm	June 2012

IIDS Workshop on Social Groups Statistics and Present  
Statistical System, New Delhi

February 2012

PH.D.  
SUPERVISION  
AND EXTERNAL  
EXAMINATION

Supervised: Shweta Grover(Bahl), IIM Indore (defended: 2019)- Essays on education-occupation mismatch in labour market.

Supervised: Pooja Batra, IIM Indore (Defended: 2021)- Essays on migration and household left behind.

Co-Supervised: Shobhana Sikhawal, IIT Kanpur (Defended: 2024)- Essays on financial development.

Ph.D. Committee Member: Vasavi Bhatt (IGIDR, Mumbai)-2022, Santosh Kumar (IIM Indore)-2017, Mukesh Kumar (IIM Indore)-2019

M.Phil/Ph.D. Thesis Examination: Jawaharlal Nehru University

REFeree WORK

Journal of Public Economics, World Development, Journal of Development Studies, International Tax and Public Finance, Regional Studies, Social Indicators Research, International Review of Economics and Finance , Economic Modelling, Third World Quarterly, Journal of Poverty, Journal of South Asian Development, Growth and Change, Journal of Indian Business Research, Public Finance Review, Public Finance Analysis, Built Environment, BE Journal of Theoretical Economics, Population, Space and Place, Journal of Asian Economics, India Growth and Development Review, Applied Economics

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