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EMPLOYMENT	Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur Assistant Professor, July 2020 – present	
EDUCATION	Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO, USA Ph.D., Economics, (May 2020) <i>Dissertation Committee:</i> Marcus Berliant (Primary Supervisor), Robert Pollak, Sanghmitra Gautam	
	Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi, India Master of Science in Quantitative Economics, 2014 [<i>Graduated with Distinction</i> , Aggregate Score: 76.45%]	
	Presidency College, University of Calcutta, Kolkata, India Bachelor of Science, Economics (Major), Minor in Mathematics and Statistics, 2012 [<i>First Class Honors</i> , Aggregate Score (Major) : 68.3%]	
RESEARCH INTERESTS	<i>Primary:</i> Development Economics, Family Economics, Labor Economics <i>Secondary:</i> Applied Econometrics, Structural Econometrics, Law and Economics	
RESEARCH PROJECTS	Working Papers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Macroeconomic Shock and Gender Gap in Health Outcomes: Evidence from India (joint with Md. Nazmul Ahsan) [<i>under review</i>]• Family Law, Marriage and Household Decisions (<i>Job Market Paper</i>)• Saving for Marriage Expenses and Early Childhood Nutrition: Evidence from India• Commitment and Matching in the Marriage Market (joint with Marcus Berliant)	
	Research in Progress: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Green Revolution, Sex Selection and Sex Ratio (joint with Helu Jiang and Nikita Sangwan)• Is the Public Distribution System failing the marginally APL? (joint with Bilal Ahmad Bhat)• Do household debts affect fertility? (joint with Bilal Ahmad Bhat)	
CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS	2019 15th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development, Indian Statistical Institute, New Delhi, India; North American Summer Meeting of the Econometric Society, Seattle, WA, USA; China Meeting of the Econometric Society, Guangzhou, China; Asian Meeting of the Econometric Society, Xiamen, China; Third Annual Meeting of the Society for the Economics of the Household, Lisbon, Portugal	
	2018 14th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development, Indian Statistical Institute, New Delhi, India; Economics Graduate Students' Conference, Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO, USA	

2017

First Annual Meeting of the Society for the Economics of the Household, San Diego, CA USA

RESEARCH GRANTS Initiation Grant, Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur [2021-23]
The Cash Transfers for Child Health (CaTCH) Initiative (funded by J-PAL South Asia under its Indian Scholars Program) [2021-22]

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS Fellow in the Structural Transformation of African and Asian Agriculture and Rural Spaces (STAAARS+) Programme at Cornell University (2021-22)
Dissertation Travel Award, Washington University in St. Louis (2019-20)
Dissertation Fellowship, Washington University in St. Louis (2018-19)
Travel Grant, Center for Research in Economics and Strategy, Washington University in St. Louis (2017, 2018)
Summer Research Grant, Washington University in St. Louis (Summer 2016, 2017, 2018)
University Scholarship, Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi (2012-14)

ADVISING

Ph.D Scholars:

Ather Hassan Dar (Jointly with Prof. Debayan Pakrashi), Bilal Ahmed Bhat, Pragati (joint with Prof. Sukumar Vellakkal), Ritu Kumari Jaiswal (joint with Prof. Debayan Pakrashi)

UG Project:

Sandeep Kumar (Fall 2020), Nandita Gupta (Fall 2021)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor

- Econometrics-II (ECO 342A) [Spring 2021, IIT-K] (co-taught with Prof. Deep Mukherjee)
- Applied Econometrics (ECO 761 A) [Spring 2021, IIT-K] (co-taught with Prof. Deep Mukherjee)
- Topics in Managerial Economics (ECO 507A) [Spring 2021, IIT-K] (co-taught with Prof. Deep Mukherjee)
- Programme Evaluation: Methods and Applications (ECO 756A) [Fall 2020, IIT-K]
- Introduction to Microeconomics, [Summer 2017, Washington University in St. Louis]

Teaching Assistant (at Washington University in St. Louis)

- Introduction to Econometrics, *Undergraduate*, Fall 2015, Fall & Spring 2016
- Introduction to Labor Economics, *Undergraduate*, Spring 2017, Spring 2018
- Environmental Policy, *Undergraduate*, Fall 2018

DEPARTMENT SERVICES

Member, Seminar Organizing Committee (IIT-K) [July 2020-April 2021]
Convener, Seminar Organizing Committee (IIT-K) [May 2021- present]

COMPUTER SKILLS STATA, MATLAB

PERSONAL

Citizenship: India
Marital Status: Married
Gender: Male
Languages: English (proficient), Bengali (native), Hindi (fluent)

REFERENCES

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