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PROFILE

Ambitious and detail-oriented graduate student in Economics with work experience in the private sector in finance. Graduated with merit in MSc. in International Economics from the University of Nottingham, United Kingdom. A strong educational background in Economics and Finance, supported by research exposure in macroeconomics, international trade theories, and the power sector, and professional work experience in Investment Banking, particularly in Prime Brokerage.

Career Objectives: To achieve excellence in the field of International Economics, Macroeconomics and Finance and contribute to the global macroeconomic and trade policy frameworks, with a special focus on India and Asia, through my research.

EDUCATION

University of Nottingham (UK), MSc. International Economics, 2022, **Graduated with Merit**
Birla Institute of Technology and Science, MSc. (Hons.) Economics, 2017, **GPA: 7.54/10**
Birla Balika Vidyapeeth, High School Diploma, 2013, Graduated with **94.6%**

EXPERIENCE

Research Associate, National Council of Applied Economic Research, New Delhi, India - 10/2022-Present

- ***"Rethinking the Global Safety Nets", India in Asia: Deeper Engagement Conference 2023.***
  Co-authored the paper with Dr. Poonam Gupta (Director General, NCAER), and Ayesha Ahmed (NCAER). Written for a conference organized by the Centre for Social and Economic Progress (CSEP), India. The paper highlights how the existing global financial safety nets, including swap lines, regional financing arrangements, and contingency lines extended by the IMF, have been inadequate to safeguard countries against capital flow volatility. It brings out the changes in the global economic and financial architecture, aimed at making the world a safer place for emerging markets and developing countries, that ought to be deliberated upon actively as part of the G20 discussions.
- ***"Is Electrification in India Fiscally Sustainable?", India Policy Forum 2023.***
  Worked with Dr. Prabhat Barnwal (Michigan State University), and Dr. Nicholas Ryan (Yale University) as the primary research associate on the paper. Aimed at studying the fiscal health of the state electricity distribution companies in India and its bearing on the supply of electricity. I compiled data across various government sources, to understand the cost and revenue structure in place, the AT&C losses incurred by DISCOMs, the impact of government subsidies and other bailout schemes on their continued performance and possible policy recommendations.
- ***"India's Debt Dilemma", India Policy Forum 2023.***
  Assisted Dr. Poonam Gupta, and Dr. Barry Eichengreen (University of California, Berkeley and NCAER). I worked on the composition of Central, State and General Government debt, understanding the duration of debt, interest rate on it, and the ownership of debt.
  In an extension of this paper, focusing on the State level debt, I am working on the breakdown of State debt by Public Debt and Other Account Liabilities, identifying the states most vulnerable to fiscal distress, analyzing state contingent liabilities and the federal structure, and running state-level debt sustainability analysis.
- ***"Priorities for the G20 Finance Track", G20 Forum2023.***
  Assisted Dr. Poonam Gupta (Director General, NCAER), and Dr. Barry Eichengreen (University of California, Berkeley and NCAER). My work focused on highlighting how there seems to be an inherent bias towards the developed markets by credit rating agencies despite a more resilient economy seen in some of the Emerging Market countries in recent years, focusing on India relative to other emerging market economies and developed countries.
- **At the Director General's Office:**
  - *"India's Growth Rate and the Sanctity of the GDP Deflator", Business Standard, September 2023.* Co-authored the opinion piece with Dr. Poonam Gupta.

Credit Suisse, Mumbai, India

Assistant Vice President – 01/2021-07/2021

- Worked closely with senior management and stakeholders in making critical asset reduction and balance sheet minimization decisions, identifying the target clients, and providing key information regarding illiquid positions, low-priced trades, and loss-making securities in the book.
- Analyzed the long and short side of the Prime Brokerage and Flow business on a monthly basis, with a detailed review of the month-over-month changes in the long and short balances,
- I mentored the new members of the team, providing a detailed understanding of various analyses carried out by the team, ensuring the standards of reporting were maintained.

Analyst – 06/2017-12/2020

- Working in the Strategy & Solutions team in Prime Services Mumbai, I developed reports with detailed insights and established metrics to track client performances for client meetings, providing inputs regarding the most and least profitable aspects of different client portfolios.
- An SME in client analytics and portfolio pricing, I used statistical analysis to draw client profitability reports, and evaluate client portfolios, assisting stakeholders with decisions regarding client onboarding and pricing.

Intern – 01/2017 - 06/2017

- Automated existing processes to generate weekly reports capturing the returns of Prime Services. Audited the PB clients to ensure there are no pricing discrepancies in the system, correcting for those found, capturing additional revenue.
- Enhanced daily reporting of chargeable balances, tracking day on day client balance movements.

SKILLS/TECHNICAL PROFICIENCY

STATA, LaTeX, Microsoft Office, Tableau, R Programming; Platform - Windows/iOS

PROJECTS

University of Nottingham – MSc Dissertation

China Export Supply Shock: Local Labour Market Effects of an Import Shock in India | 06/2022-09/2022

The paper aimed to understand the implications of increasing import competition from China on the Indian labour market measured against the effect of India's export expansion using an instrumental variable approach.

University of Nottingham

Impact of Transport Infrastructure on Exports in India | 09/2021-12/2021

Applied principal component analysis to create an infrastructure index for India and employed the gravity model to evaluate the impact of infrastructural development on exports from India.

Birla Institute of Technology and Science

Gravity Model - The Impact of Trade Costs on Trade | 08/2016-11/2016
Socionomics - Analysis of Various Indices and the Financial Market | 01/2016-04/2016
Infrastructure & its Relationship with Economic Growth | 08/2015-11/2015

POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY

University of Nottingham

Lead Editor, The Behavioural Insights Society Newsletter, 2021-22

Birla Institute of Technology and Science

Teacher's Assistant for Marketing | 01/2016 - 05/2016
Event Coordinator of the Economics & Finance Association | 06/2015 - 05/2016
Member of the Pitching Team, Placement Division | 05/2015 - 05/2016
Member of the Core Committee of the Economics & Finance Association | 08/2014 - 05/2015

COURSEWORK

International Trade Theory, Trade Analysis & Policy, International Macroeconomics, Development Policy Analysis, Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Econometric Methods & Applied Econometrics, Economic Data Analysis, Indian Economic Development, International Economics, Quantitative Analysis of International Trade, Economic Analysis of Public Policy, Marketing, Financial Management, Business Analysis and Valuation

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Member of the Department of Security and Housing, BITS Pilani Hyderabad Campus | 2015
Member of the Department of Stage Controls, BITS Pilani | 2014

ACHIEVEMENTS & AWARDS

Recipient of two RAVE (Recognizing and Valuing Excellency) awards, Credit Suisse, Mumbai
Winner, Economics Association Paper Presentation in ATMOS (Technical Fest), BITS Hyderabad | 2016
Certificate for Excellence in Bharatanatyam, Birla Balika Vidyapeeth, Pilani, Rajasthan | 2012
Certificate 'A' in National Cadet Corps (NCC, Jaipur, Rajasthan) | 2012