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EDUCATION

Ashoka University , Haryana, India BSc.(Hons. with Research) Economics and Finance (Minor in Mathematics) <i>Dean's list in all semesters</i>	Aug 2023 — Aug 2027 Major & Minor GPA: 3.98/4.00 Cumulative GPA: 3.96/4.00
London School of Economics and Political Science , London, United Kingdom International Economics (Summer Abroad)	Jun 2025 — Jul 2025 Grade: A+

EXPERIENCE

Ashoka University — *Research Assistant* Delhi, India | Dec 2025 — Present

- Reviewed and refined the classification of compensation-related land conflicts generated by an existing NLP-based classifier. Performed data cleaning, outlier diagnostics, and panel-data analysis on multi-year agricultural market datasets using R (**Prof. Parush Arora & Prof. Rohan Gudibande**)
- Analyzed and cleaned large-scale NSS and PLFS microdata, including econometric analysis of labor market outcomes. Constructed and harmonized a longitudinal state-level higher education dataset (1990–2019) from fragmented SES, SHTE, AISHE, and UGC sources, resolving inconsistencies in historical institutional statistics across reporting methodologies. (**Prof. Ashwini Deshpande**)
- Merged and harmonized multi-year MCA balance sheet and profit-loss datasets (XBRL and non-XBRL firms) using firm identifiers to support analysis of public vs. private bank lending. (**Prof. Anubhav Jha**)
- Supporting a randomized controlled trial studying the role of AI and digital technology in improving worker satisfaction and retention in large firms across India. Assisted in designing and evaluating worker check-in and behavioral intervention surveys focused on workplace well-being. (Prof. Anisha Sharma, Prof. Gaurav Chiplunkar, Prof. Shantanu Khanna, Prof. Ashwini Deshpande)

Anicut Capital — *Venture Capital Research Intern* Delhi, India | Sep 2025 — Dec 2025

- Conducted in-depth research on Precision Genome Sequencing, analyzing market size, value chains, and regulatory trends, and delivered an investment thesis deck and startup database outlining sector opportunities, risks, and strategic recommendations.

Centre for Effective Governance of Indian States — *Strategic Public Finance Intern* Delhi, India | May 2025 — July 2025

- Co-developed a **PFM diagnostic toolkit** with the Strategic Public Finance Head, designed to assess core fiscal functions across Indian states and potentially institutionalize systems like project subsidy registries improving public sector accountability for budgets worth > **Rs. 25 lakh crores**.
- Synthesized secondary research from the **World Bank's PEFA framework**, Finance Commission reports, and state budgets to support the design of the toolkit, aligning assessment areas with long-term fiscal sustainability goals and best practices in governance.
- Drafted an op-ed examining the **broader macroeconomic impact of proposed state expenditure policies**, integrating fiscal research and intergovernmental finance trends to generate advisory insights relevant for policy and institutional reform.

Purple — *Finance Intern* Mumbai, India | Jun 2024 — Aug 2024

- Assessed **first-time customer quality** across order frequency, basket size, and repeat behaviour to estimate lifetime value and optimize marketing ROI; identified **10+** cost patterns in employee reimbursements to strengthen budgeting accuracy and financial planning through data-driven recommendations.
- Developed a **Python script** to automate the extraction of **500+** serviceable pincodes from QCom websites and cross-referenced this data with the internal database of customer delivery locations to identify coverage gaps and optimize last-mile logistics and delivery planning.
- Collaborated with cross-functional teams to design and implement a **standardized Management Information System (MIS)** for **15+** newly launched retail outlets, streamlining record-keeping processes and enhancing data accessibility and consistency during the company's offline expansion phase.

POSITIONS HELD

Economics and Finance Student Representative, Ashoka University Jul 2025 — Present

Liaised between the Economics Department and a batch of 1000+ students, managing communication and academic coordination.

Managing Editor, AUER (Peer-Reviewed Undergraduate Economics Publication) Jul 2025 — May 2026

Led a team of editors for the yearly issue, ensuring adherence to deadlines for submission, review, and publication while maintaining academic quality standards, and streamlined the editing process by coordinating typesetting and formatting in \LaTeX .

Investment Analyst, Bodhi Capital (India's first UG student-run fund; AUM 25L) Oct 2024 — May 2026

Pitched stocks (IEX, Va Tech Wabag, etc.) through fundamental & quantitative analysis and collaborated with peers to evaluate sectors, build financial models and present investment theses in a **5% acceptance club** mentored by Ashish Dhawan.

Editor, Team Head - Blog Vertical, Ashoka Economics Society Feb 2024 — Apr 2025

Led the AUER blog team, publishing 25+ student articles through rigorous research and editorial review; launched the **society's newsletter and the first edition of its magazine**, curating diverse writings to showcase economic thought across the university.

PUBLICATIONS

Prisoners' Dilemma: How Can Self-Interest Prevent Cooperation? — Ecocentric, Kamala Nehru College Mar 2024

Is a Strong Currency Always in a Nation's Interest? — The Economic Ashokan, Ashoka Economics Society Feb 2024

The Costs of Inflation — The Economic Ashokan, Ashoka Economics Society Feb 2024

SKILLS & OTHER DETAILS

Programming & Languages: Stata, Python, R, \LaTeX , HTML, CSS, Git, JavaScript, QGIS, Google Earth Engine

Hobbies & Interests : Guitar, Sketching, Badminton, Basketball

Languages : English, Hindi, French (Elementary)