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EDUCATION

Columbia University in the City of New York
Master of Arts in Economics

New York, USA
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Shri Ram College of Commerce, University of Delhi
Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Economics

New Delhi, India
GPA: 9.186/10 Rank: 3/158
Jul 2015-May 2018

PLACEMENT AND INTERNSHIPS

- **Campus Placement, SRCC** (2017-18)
 - Offered an Analyst position in Deutsche Bank, Corporate and Investment Bank Centre
- **Intern, Researching Reality Internship, Centre for Civil Society, Delhi** (June 2017 – July 2017)
 - Co-authored **policy brief** on *'Implementation of Minimum Wage Act 1948 for Construction and Security Industries'* published in **Delhi Citizens' Handbook 2017** providing long-term **policy recommendations** to the Delhi Government
 - Conducted primary research and met with several executives from Apex Chamber of Commerce, McKinsey Social Initiative, NGOs and senior economists in Delhi
 - Applied social and economic principles to Government-to-Citizen policy through in-depth research and analysis
- **Summer Intern, Finance Division, Apttus Software Pvt Ltd, Ahmedabad** (June 2016 – July 2016)
 - Worked on Transfer Pricing Project for Apttus Inc. and its India operations
 - Helped with forecasting the annual budget which was highly appreciated and sent to headquarters in USA
 - Analyzed and optimized travel and reimbursement costs for both Ahmedabad and Bengaluru offices

RESEARCH

- **'Do Minimum Wages have Misemployment Effects'** (2017)
 - Research paper published in Journal of Indian Research (Volume 5, Number 4)
 - Reviewed the arguments underlying minimum wage hike leading to unemployment and the breakdown of this claim.
- Co-authored **'Impact of Macroeconomic Factors on Industrial Productivity in India'** (2018)
 - Used Ordinary Least Squares technique of time series estimation on STATA
 - Considered macroeconomic factors like exchange rate, import of goods and services, repo rate and an Industrial Production Index

LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

- **Chief SRES Coordinator, Economics Society, SRCC** (2016-17)
 - Organized **Shri Ram Economics Summit '17** with eminent speakers like **Udayan Mukherjee, Jayati Ghosh** etc
 - Mentored various wing heads and provided direction to **120+ EcoSoc members** for research and events
 - Met and interviewed **Arvind Panagariya** (Vice-Chairman, Niti Aayog) for the Summit
 - Wrote articles for society magazine: *'Economics of Kidnapping'* and *'Rs 5000: To be or not to be'*
- **Training Head, The Placement Cell, SRCC** (2016-17)
 - Envisioned, ideated and co-founded the **Training Department** for recruitment assistance to students
 - Spearheaded the Public Relations department and revamped the grievance redressal mechanisms
 - Led a team of **53 junior members** and coordinated placements for **700+ aspiring applicants** across **40 companies**
- **Social Engagements** (2015-18)
 - **National Service Scheme Volunteer, an Indian Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports initiative** for seven-day **Special Camp at Khair Village** for community mobilization on problems like livelihood, financial inclusion and sanitation
 - **Connecting Dreams Foundation** member, setup direct channel distribution and increased sales for 2 products
 - Core team member of **Taameer**, organized events to address social issues and spread joy through art