

# Amol Singh Raswan

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## EDUCATION

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**Columbia University in the City of New York**, United States  
*Master of Arts in Economics*

September 2018 – December 2019

**Shri Ram College of Commerce, University of Delhi**, India  
*Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Economics (CGPA: 9.095)*

July 2015 - May 2018

- Received the Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ Scholarship for academic excellence for 3 consecutive years
- Awarded the G.L. Bansal Gold Medal for securing top position in Economics Department in the 1st year

**Delhi Public School RK Puram**, India  
*CBSE All India Senior School Certificate Examination (Achieved 98%)*

July 2013 - May 2015

- Elected Head Boy for the academic year 2014-15
- Secured the National Talent Search Examination (NTSE) Scholarship awarded by the Government of India

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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**Research & Information System for Developing Countries**, Ministry of External Affairs  
*Research Intern*

June - July 2017

- Conducted a study titled 'Chronological Review of Identification and Estimation of Number of Poor in India'
- Undertook critical review of poverty line methodologies of the Indian Planning Commission, World Bank and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- Analysed Ministry of Rural Development's Below Poverty Line (BPL) survey and Planning Commission estimates. Found significant difference between their results and those obtained from UNDP's Multi-Dimensional Poverty Index for Indian states

**Ministry of Information and Broadcasting**, Government of India  
*Intern, Song and Drama Division*

April - June 2017

- Worked in special outreach programmes on social issues such as Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, GST, financial literacy, sex education, and 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao'
- Awarded a Letter of Appreciation by the division's Director for scripting street plays which were performed in North-eastern states, Jammu and Kashmir, Nepal, and Bhutan; won acclaim from senior civil servants and experts from the Ministry of Finance as well

**Qrius** (formerly The Indian Economist)  
*Senior Associate, Content Development and Recruitment*

June - December 2016

- Wrote weekly articles for the magazine's website on governance and current affairs
- Responsible for engaging with potential columnists on behalf of the organisation

## LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

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**Indian Delegate to the Y20 Summit in China**

July 2016

- Was one of the five people selected by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports to represent India at the Y20 Summit in China, the official youth engagement forum of the G20
- Deliberated on 'Poverty Elimination and Joint Development' on the multi-country platform; put forward India's concerns on micro-finance and centrality of women in poverty alleviation programmes

**Vittshala - Financial Literacy Cell**, Shri Ram College of Commerce  
*Chief Student Coordinator and Founding Member*

September 2016 - May 2017

- Headed projects on financial inclusion in Basoudi (Haryana), and coordinated teams in Delhi and Keylong (Himachal Pradesh); Spread awareness among 1000+ people on government's insurance and savings schemes
- Led a project, in collaboration with the State Bank of India, on digitization of 4 shops in college and helping over 500 local residents with digital modes of payment

## RESEARCH AND TRAINING

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**South Asian Economics Students' Meet 2018**, Bangladesh

January 2018

*Research Paper on 'Open Defecation in India: Causes and Consequences'*

- Awarded Best Research Paper under the theme 'Clean Water and Sanitation'
- Critical review of different factors for widespread open defecation in rural India revealed that cultural idiosyncrasies and gender differences were primarily responsible for it
- Also outlined its adverse consequences on India's economic growth via its impact on children's physical growth and cognitive development which affect their future earning potential

**Innovation Project**, University of Delhi

July - October 2016

*'Evaluation of upcoming technologies (IoT, IoS & Industry 4.0) for their suitability in the Indian Marketplace'*

- Customized and broadened the Technology Acceptance Model (TAM) to explain the factors that define acceptability for technology with Smart Bus Transport as the case at hand for Delhi.
- Derived insights from survey results to explain the major factors that the Government may consider while designing policy for Smart Bus Transport and its contemporary models.

**Term Paper**, Department of Economics

August- October 2016

*'Time Inconsistency and Policy Suggestions'*

- Looked at the possibility of exploiting present-biased preferences and using commitment devices in promoting savings among the poor on the basis of previous research in the area

### Online Certifications

*Policy lessons from South Korea's Development* offered by the World Bank (Achieved 95%)

The course provided a multi-faceted view of South Korea's development from the year 1960 to 2010, highlighting relevant issues and policies for today's developing countries

*Game Theory* offered by Stanford University and The University of British Columbia on Coursera (Achieved 98.9%)

The course offered modules on mixed-strategy Nash Equilibrium, alternate solution concepts, extensive-form games, repeated games, Bayesian games and Coalitional Games.

### Publications

Raswan, A. Open Defecation in India: Causes and Consequences. *Journal of The Economics Society*, Ramjas College, University of Delhi. [www.ramjasjournalofeconomics.weebly.com](http://www.ramjasjournalofeconomics.weebly.com)

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACHIEVEMENTS

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### Performing Arts

*Actor and Scriptwriter in The Dramatics Society, Shri Ram College of Commerce*

- Performed in 2 street plays: 'The Defective Ward' on mental health and 'Sakhi' on women empowerment.
- The former bagged 17 awards and was adjudged the best play in University of Delhi by DU Beat
- Secured top position in 'Eco Prayog' in Econvista 2017, Lady Shri Ram College for Women for self-scripted skit on 'Monetary Independence and Inflationary Bias'

### Literary

*Write a blog titled 'Marginal Talk'*

- Looks at everyday things through an economist's eyes; includes posts on application of information asymmetry and time-inconsistent preferences in real life
- Currently has over 1500 page views and 1000 unique site visitors

### Other

- Secured 1<sup>st</sup> position in 'Policy Dilemma' in Econvista 2017, Lady Shri Ram College for Women
- Participated in the Indo-US Collaborative Programme 2016 between SRCC and University of Wisconsin
- Represented St. Joseph's Convent School at CBSE Under-19 North Zone Football and Basketball tournaments

## SKILLS

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**Languages Spoken:** Hindi (Native), Punjabi (Fluent), English (Fluent, TOEFL: 115/120)

**Technical Skills:** Microsoft Office (Medium), Stata (Medium), R (Medium)