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## EDUCATION

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Degree/Certificate	Institute/Board	CGPA/Percentage	Year
MA Development Studies	Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati	9.6 (Current)	2023-2025
B.A Eng + Psychology	Gargi College, University of Delhi	7.8	2020-2023
Senior Secondary	CBSE Board	96.5%	2020
Secondary	CBSE Board	97.0%	2018

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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### Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati (IIT Guwahati)

- Bestowed with the Jadav Prasad Chaliha Award for academic excellence 2023
- Awarded the Institute Merit Scholarship for the academic year 2024-25.

## EXPERIENCE

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### Civis

*Policy Leaders Internship Program (PLIP), Oct 2024 – Jan 2025*

- Summarising draft laws and policies that are open for consultations and public feedback.
- Conducting research on upcoming laws and policies open for consultation.
- Worked on summarising draft policies such as Draft Liquid Waste Management Rules 2024 by MoEF, Digital Radio Broadcast Policy by TRAI, UGC Guidelines on Apprenticeship, etc.
- Worked on the Civis blog.

### Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)

*Intern, Urban Infrastructure and Smart Cities, May 2024 – July 2024*

- Provided support in all Infrastructure Department initiatives in FICCI.
- Supporting the lead team with background research/ materials/ database.
- Detailed background search for preparing sector-specific reports, as suggested by the team lead.
- Created repository of industry leaders/ organisation/ sector experts to strengthen FICCI network in the real estate and urban domain.
- Support in drafting policy recommendations on various issues towards the creation of conducive policy framework and business environment.
- Support in preparing reports, minutes, and event specific reports by capturing key points of discussions, outcomes and actions in the meeting and conferences.

### Surud

*Intern, March 2024 – April 2024*

- Worked with a community-driven organization, dedicated to tackling gender-based violence within indigenous communities in India through the power of sports, through grassroots initiatives, empowering adolescents/youth, and fostering personal development through football.
- Policy mapping on critical social issues affecting adolescents in India and existing sports policies.

## PROJECTS

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### Navigating Public Spaces: An Ethnographic Study of Gendered Mobility on DTC Buses in Delhi

*IIT Guwahati*

*July 2024 - Present*

Masters' Dissertation under the guidance of Dr. Rituparna Patgiri, Assistant Professor of Sociology at the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Guwahati. This dissertation investigates how women experience public spaces in Delhi, focusing on their access to and use of Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC) buses. Through ethnographic research, it examines the challenges women face in terms of mobility and safety on public buses, explores the impact of policies like free bus travel for women, and compares the DTC bus system with the Delhi Metro.

### **Urban Infrastructure and Smart Cities Project**

*May 2024 – June 2024*

*Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)*

Part of the organizing team of FICCI's Conference on Business-Friendly Cities (7th Edition of FICCI Cities Summit) alongside the 5th Edition of FICCI Smart Urban Innovation Awards. The conference intends to serve as a common platform for the convergence of key stakeholders for exchange of ideas. Key Discussion Areas: Regulatory Frameworks and Policy Support, Sustainable Mobility Solutions, Smart Street Lighting and other IOT applications

### **Project Mahila**

*Oct 2021 - Dec. 2021*

*Rotaract Club of Delhi University South Campus*

Launched with the aim of spreading awareness related to women's menstrual health and hygiene. A sanitary pad donation drive was organized under this project at Katyayani Orphanage, Delhi to ensure access to safe and hygienic menstrual resources for the underprivileged women of society.

### **Project Badhte Kadam**

*July 2021 - Aug. 2021*

*Rotaract Club of Delhi University South Campus*

This project was launched in collaboration with Edupaper. We organised two collection drives across locations in Delhi NCR wherein we went door-to-door collecting old waste paper and books. The paper collected was later recycled and the new notebooks were distributed to students of Pehchan School, Delhi.

### **KEY SKILLS**

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- MS Office – Proficient in Word, Excel and Powerpoint presentations
- Psychological Assessment
- Tutoring/Mentoring
- Report Writing
- Data Visualisation
- Qualitative Research
- Articulate Communication

### **KEY COURSES TAKEN**

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- **Certificate Course:** Introduction to Philosophy by University of Edinburgh (Facilitated via Coursera)
- **Certificate Course:** Research Methods and Statistics (Udemy)
- **Certificate Course:** Excel Advanced (Udemy)
- **Certificate Course:** Gender Equality and Human Rights in Climate Action and Renewable Energy (UN)

### **POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY**

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Secretary, Academic Initiatives Club, Gymkhana/Student Council of IIT Guwahati

*May 2024 onwards*

Member of Organising Committee, Graduate Research Meet of IIT Guwahati

*October 2023*

Director of Vocational Services, Rotaract Club of Delhi University South Campus

*June 2021 – June 2022*