M.A. DEVELOPMENT STUDIES
2015 - 2017

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At TISS, the multidisciplinary Development Studies program engages with a multitude of approaches and contemporary theories in the social sciences that deal with development perspectives, policies and practice. The sphere of development professionals has been a vastly expanding and diversifying sphere. These professionals are being increasingly called upon to undertake policy related analyses and work on a wide range of issues that affect the livelihoods of people. They have to continuously engage with policy makers, economic planners and various actors in national/international negotiations, such as those related to trade. The coursework at TISS is capable of equipping students to participate in these new opportunities.

In the Development Studies program, TISS admits 40 students with excellent academic and extra-curricular credentials from varying disciplinary backgrounds. These students graduate with social awareness, strong theoretical and analytical skills to make meaningful contributions as employees of local, national and international organisations and business involved in development, as researchers, and analysts and pursue academic careers.

S. Parasuraman
Director, Tata Institute of Social Sciences
Greetings from the School of Development Studies at the Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai. Let me take this opportunity to introduce you to the Master’s programme in Development Studies at TISS, Mumbai. As you are aware, today’s social scientists across the world are increasingly looking at convergences across disciplines. Inter-disciplinary and transdisciplinary approaches are looked up on as the new frontiers in development research. Development Studies stands apart as an extremely important field of study in this contemporary cross-disciplinary canvas. The Master’s programme in Development Studies in TISS, which was initiated in 2006-07, was arguably the first of its kind in India. It is a theoretically sophisticated, empirically grounded and cross-disciplinary programme that aims to address the ever growing needs of applied research.

During the two years of their study, the students of Development Studies engage with theories and concepts in their classrooms, relate them to concrete situations in the field through internships and undertake rigorous research through their dissertations. An important feature of our programme is that it attempts to equip the students with training in skills that they can put to use in any challenging situation either in the field or in the policy sphere. Our students, thus, make smooth transitions from the world of studentship to the world of professional work. Our alumni have been acclaimed in their work with policy bodies, advocacy groups, field-level organisations, governments and the private sector. Many have also moved further up in the field of higher education, pursuing their advanced degrees in some of the best universities of the world.

If you are in search of talent that is broad, diverse and inclusive with respect to world view, advanced with respect to skills, analytically rigorous with respect to research and consistently evidence-based with respect to advocacy and policy analysis, I am sure that the Development Studies programme in TISS, Mumbai is where you should look. I welcome you to visit us, meet our students and explore how we can work together to make this world a better place to live in.

Yours sincerely,
R. Ramakumar
Dean, School of Development Studies
The MA in Development Studies program offered at TISS is unique. The course was designed using an interdisciplinary approach though attempts are also being made to have multidisciplinary approaches to address some the pressing problems of the world like economic development, social development, poverty, inequality etc. We receive a diverse group of students, both national and international, representing all social and regional diversity, through a comprehensive selection procedure. Our rigorous course structure offers a blend of theoretical foundation and analytical skills in the study of development. It provides critical perspectives on the impact of development processes on various sections of the society. The program has a rigorous component of development research with hands-on experience of collecting primary and secondary data and its analysis by the students on the problems they are researching. Students are also encouraged to undertake internship to receive field exposure in their areas of interest like in NGOs, government and private organisations, research institutes, short-term research engagements of academic institutions and planning commission. Our students are placed in various leading organisations across the country like Pratham, CAPART, NIRD, NABARD, Vishaka Steel, CRY, TATA Group of Companies, CSR HUB-TISS, UNICEF, OXFAM, TERI, Cipla, Cehat, IFMR, Action Aid etc.

Regards,
Prof. P. Gopinath
Course coordinator, M.A. Development Studies
The TISS MA in Development Studies is designed to meet a growing and critical need to combine the varied disciplines of the social sciences in tackling the multitude of problems encompassed by economic, political, and social development. It succeeds in this quest by imparting a holistic and consistent understanding of development, and by cultivating diversity of disciplinary approaches and applied themes, to achieve multi-disciplinary depth that is lacking in the social science world of disciplinary over-specialization and reductionism. The program is thoughtfully designed to bridge the widespread divides between theory and application, policy and practice, orthodoxies and heterodoxies, and academic instruction and field-based learning. Quite apart from the classroom and field experiences, students also have a great opportunity to hear and learn from the many resident and visiting scholars who present their work in seminars and symposia. The upshot is that the DS graduate not only has cutting-edge knowledge and skills but is also live to the concrete challenges and demands of a range of development careers and job placements that are necessarily engaged at the practical frontiers.

Years of teaching the core course on development economics have given me ample demonstration of the capabilities, concerns, and values of the DS student body, the 2015-17 batch in particular. Coming from a wide spectrum of undergraduate majors, the current batch display a deep drive to succeed, high curiosity quotient, and the usual quota of ability, talent and working skills that is par for the course in DS. I am confident the graduates will go on to make fulfilling careers in government, the NGO sector, the corporate world, and in academia.

I wish you and your colleagues all the very best during the rest of your TISS stay and in the upcoming job market.

Regards,
Prof. J. Mohan Rao
University of Massachusetts, Amherst.
ABOUT TISS

The Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) was established in 1936 as the Sir Dorabji Tata Graduate School of Social Work, the first school of social work in India. Over the years, TISS grew into an institute of social sciences in the real sense of the term, by expansion of its disciplinary diversity and geographical outreach. Today, TISS has over 4500 students spread across four campuses in Mumbai, Tuljapur, Hyderabad and Guwahati and through its outreach centres spread across Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Bihar, Chennai, Ladakh, Nagaland, New Delhi, Raipur, Ranchi, and Thiruvananthapuram.

REIMAGINING FUTURES

TISS has collaborative research and student exchange programmes with over 100 universities and institutions across the world, in addition to being a member of several university networks: Himalayan Universities Consortium, Erasmus Mundus Partnership, Global Labour University, BRICS Network University, McDonnell International Scholars Academy, and others. In 2002, TISS was accorded a 5-star rating by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC). In 2016, NAAC rated TISS with a score of 3.89/4.00; the second highest score among all universities accredited by NAAC this far.

TISS is committed to produce high quality human service professionals in a range of social and human development sectors. TISS is engaged in knowledge creation that is fundamental to understanding ways of achieving inclusive and sustainable development; access to health, water, sanitation, education and employable skills; peacebuilding, and national security. As an institution offering education in the interdisciplinary areas of social sciences, our curriculum enables students to understand the pulse of society and chart change processes that create appropriate solutions to some of the most pressing issues in the country and become skilled professionals capable of working with the government, corporates, and the civil society.

The Institute works in close association with the government — both Central Government Ministries as well as various State Governments, international agencies like United Nations, Non-Government organisations and private sector players.
Development studies is an interdisciplinary MA programme which explores, in detail, the concepts, theories and approaches to development. The aim of this program is to understand the nuances of a wide range of developmental issues that one encounters at the sub-national, national and global platforms. The typical developmental studies’ student is well equipped to understand the complexities of development, accommodating within her/his lens a wide range of socio-cultural, political and economic perspective. Through a systematic engagement with various methodologies and approaches, the program inculcates skills which enables one to tackle the issues head-on, without losing sight of the bigger picture.

The Development Studies at Tata Institute of Social Sciences is a pioneer in the area of development research and practice. Created in 2006, the MA Development Studies at TISS is the first of its kind academic program in India designed to address the real developmental challenges of the modern world, through a thorough grounding in theories and approaches being explored globally. Its curriculum is comparable to some of the most prestigious developmental institutes around the world and it provides a unique opportunity to make meaningful, informed intervention into complex problems facing developing societies.

CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE:

The School of Development Studies, established in 2012, pursue intensive work in broad thematic areas like agrarian crisis and rural livelihoods; climate change adaptation; conflict and human rights; development as social enquiry; development as stability and peace; globalisation and social movements; governance, decentralised planning and local democracy; human security; population, migration and development; poverty, inequality and development and women studies through its six centres of excellence.

Advanced Centre for Women’s Studies
Centre for Study of Developing Economies
Centre for Public Policy, Habitat and Human Development
Centre for Study of Developing Societies
Centre for Population, Health and Development
Centre for Social Theory

INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIONS:

- Sciences-Po, France
- University of Göttingen, Germany
- University of Klagenfurt, Austria
- University of Sydney, Australia
Why Recruit Us?

The M.A in Development Studies at the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai draws its strength from the long-standing legacy of the institute and its combination of theoretical exposure, research and field experience.

★ It is home to some of the most qualified and recognised faculty in the field of Social Sciences in India.

★ We are equipped with skills that they can put to use in any challenging situation either in the field or in the policy sphere. And thus, make smooth transitions from the world of studentship to the world of professional work.

★ The students also gain international exposure through collaborations with universities in France, Australia, Germany and Austria in the form of student exchange programmes.

PEDAGOGY

Assignments/ Term Papers:
We produce on an average 200 research papers every semester as assignments or term papers, many of which are of publishable quality. These term papers enable the students to make conceptual clarity of the theories, and enable them to apply these concepts into definite contexts.

Field/ Institutional Visits:
Field trips and institutional visits are organised as part of specific courses to provide real-time exposure to the practical realities and challenges on the ground. These visits not only give grass root level knowledge to the students, but also enable them to develop the wisdom to take balanced decisions in their professional career.

Research Workshops:
Research workshops are organised every week to learn the methods, approaches and tools of research. Students have been introduced to qualitative and quantitative research methods. Workshops have been organised on databases of development research, creative writing and citation styles. Students have also been familiarised to use various softwares like SPSS, Dev Info, Hamlet and R.

Dissertation:
Dissertation is a core part of the course curriculum of Development Studies. The topics of the dissertation covers a wide range of areas including macroeconomics, labour, migration, conflict studies, international relations, education, health, child rights, agrarian relations, urban development, environment and climate change, CSR and community based research.

Internships:
Students pursue internships in an organisation of their choice, on a voluntary basis, during summer and winter vacations. The organisations range across policy research organisations, developmental organisations, national and international NGOs, universities, Government Departments and MNCs. This is when students get exposed to professional work environment, and get opportunity to apply their academic knowledge to real time managerial problems.
### COURSES OFFERED: CORE AND ELECTIVES

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ANNUAL POLICY MEET

IBTEDA (Meaning: The Beginning in Urdu) is an annual academic and cultural festival organised by the students of the School of Development Studies. The program is conceptualised and organised by the student themselves, facilitated by the faculty. Every year, Ibteda comes up with broad thematic areas, inviting renowned scholars from across the fields. The IBTEDA 2016 dealt with topics such as “Media and Development Reporting”; “Crony Capitalism in India”; “Make in India”; “The Emerging Role of BRICS”; and “Patriarchy and Islam”. Eminent personalities like Ravish Kumar, Paranjoy Guha Thakurta, J. Mohan Rao, Surajit Mazumdar, Jayan Jose Thomas, M. K. Venu, Patrick Bond, Noorjehan Safia Niaz, and Akhil Katyal spoke across different sessions.

WEEKLY SEMINAR SERIES

The School of Development Studies has initiated a Friday Seminar Series where serving and visiting faculty members present their research findings every week in an open seminar format. Initiated in June 2015, we have covered around 25 sessions covering areas ranging from income inequality, social justice, judicial activism, communal riots, health policy, kitchen politics, resource curse and alternate paths to economic development.

POLICY RESEARCH GROUP

M. S. Gore Policy Research Group (PRG) dedicated to the life and pioneering works of Prof. M.S. Gore, an eminent alumnus and a former director of TISS is a student driven public platform for Development Studies students to engage with policy research, advocacy and leadership in the public service in their institutional and societal contexts. The primary objective of PRG is to develop students’ capability to contribute to policy research through policy colloquiums, briefs, working papers, newsletter, internship opportunities and networking with stakeholders in government and civil society.
Annual Professor Chandan Sengupta Memorial Lecture Series:

The School has been hosting the Annual Professor Chandan Sengupta Memorial Lectures since 2012. Eminent scholars invited for these lectures include Meghnad Desai (London School of Economics and Political Science), Atul Kohli (Princeton University), John Harriss (Simon Fraser University, Canada), James Boyce (University of Massachusetts, Amherst) and Sanjay Reddy (New School for Social Research, New York).

A Discussion with Amiya Kumar Bagchi on Perilous Passage-

Mankind and the Global Ascendancy of Capital School of Development Studies organised a workshop on “Perilous Passage - Mankind and the Global Ascendancy of Capital” by noted economic historian Amiya Kumar Bagchi in the presence of the author himself, where the students presented a chapter wise review of the book followed by an in-depth discussion. It was a unique opportunity for the students of development studies to interact with the world’s leading expert in colonial developmental history.

ICSSR – TISS National Seminar on Internal Migration

The Centre for Public Policy, Habitat and Human Development, along with the M.S. Gore Policy Research Group organised a national seminar, sponsored by the Indian Council of Social Sciences Research (ICSSR), New Delhi, on ‘Contesting Spaces & Negotiating Development: A Dialogue on Domestic Migrants, State and Inclusive Citizenship in India’. The seminar brought together leading social theorists, social scientists, policy makers, development researchers, demographers and civil society practitioners to examine the contested relationships between the state and domestic migrants, and their implications for development and democracy in India.
OUR ESTEEMED FACULTY:

- Dr. Abdul Shaban- M.A., M. Phil, Ph.D.
- Dr. Anita Rath- M.A., M. Phil, Ph.D.
- Dr. Aparajita Bakshi- M.A., M. Phil, Ph.D.
- Dr. Asha Achuthan, M.B.B.S., D.O., M.Phil., Ph.D.
- Dr. Ashwani Kumar- M.A., M. Phil, Ph.D.
- Dr. Bindhulakshmi P. – M.A., M. Phil, Ph.D.
- Dr. Gaurang Sahay- M.A., M. Phil, Ph.D.
- Dr. Jasmine Damle- M.A., M. Phil, Ph.D.
- Dr. Mahuya Bandyopadhyay, M.A., Ph.D.
- Dr. Nidhi Gupta, BAMS, PGDHMM, MHA, Ph.D.
- Dr. P. Gopinath- M.A., M. Phil, Ph.D.
- Parthasarathi Mondal- MSW, M.Phil.
- Dr. Rahul Sirohi, MA, PhD.
- Dr. R. Ramkumar (Dean) - M.Sc., Ph.D.
- Dr. Ritambara Hebbar- M.A., M. Phil, Ph.D.
- Dr. Sandhya Iyer- M.A., Ph.D.
- Dr. Sandhya Rani-M.Sc., PGDSTAT, Ph.D.
- Dr. S. Siva Raju- M.Sc., M.A., Ph.D.
- Dr. Vineet Kohli- M.A., M. Phil, Ph.D.
- Dr. Ardra Surendran- M.A., M. Phil, Ph.D.

VISITING FACULTY:

- J. Mohan Rao, Department of Economics, Amherst, University of Massachusetts
- Mr. S. M. Jamdar, IAS (Retd.)
- Dr. Usha Ramanathan, LLM, PhD.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS:

- Prof. Amiya Kumar Bagchi, Founding Director & Professor Emeritus, Institute of Development Studies, Kolkata
- Prof. Sanjay Reddy, New School for Social Research, New York
- Prof. Thomas Isaac, Finance Minister, Kerala
- Prof. V. K. Ramachandran, Indian Statistical Institute, Bangalore
- Dr. E. Sridharan, Academic Director, University of Pennsylvania Institute for the Advanced Study of India (UPIASI), New Delhi
- Prof. Sanjay Kumar, Director, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, New Delhi
- Prof. Priya Deshingkar, Research Director/Senior Research Fellow, Sussex Centre for Migration Research
- Prof. M. H. Suryanarayana, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research (IGIDR), Mumbai
- Prof. R.B Bhagat, International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS), Mumbai
- Dr. S. Chandrasekhar, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research (IGIDR), Mumbai
- Ravish Kumar, Senior Executive Editor, NDTV India
- Paranjoy Guha Thakurta, Chief Editor, Economic & Political Weekly
- Professor Surajit Mazumdar, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
- Prof. Partha Mukhopadhyay, Centre for Policy Research, Delhi
- Prof. Suhas Palshikar, Savitri Bai Phule Pune University
- M. K. Venu, Senior Journalist and Founding Editor of thewire.in
- Jayan Jose Thomas, Associate Professor, IIT Delhi.
- Prof. Patrick Bond, University of KwaZulu-Natal
- Dr. Akhil Katyal, Assistant Prof. at Shiv Nadar University
- Dr. George Varghese, MCPH, Manipal University
- Prof. Sundaraman, Dean of Health System Studies, TISS
- Dr. Sudha Narayan, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research (IGIDR), Mumbai
- Dr. Erica Burman, University of Manchester, UK
- Dr. Susan Moir, University of Massachusetts, Boston
- Dr. Nobojit Roy, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre Hospital, Mumbai
- Prof. D. Parthasarathy, IIT Bombay
"Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we have been waiting for. We are the change that we seek" - Barack Obama

» The 2015-17 Batch of MA Development Studies is a unique set of students coming from diverse disciplinary backgrounds covering science, literature, arts and humanities.
» We have international students from developed and developing countries who have joined us on a regular basis and through exchange programs.
» Involved in research in clinching issues of Development at Global and National level cutting across diverse spectrum/sectors.

**PROFILE OF 2015-17 BATCH**

**Work Experience**

- Freshers
  - 1-11 Months: 36%
  - 12-23 Months: 7%
  - 24-36 Months: 5%
  - >36 Months: 7%

**Undergraduate Diversity**

**DIVERSITY IN RESEARCH AREAS**
Work Experience:

Part of Teach for India fellowship for two years 2013-15 and Facilitated the learning of 39 students in Grade 3 at Nigam Pratibha Vidyalaya, Aruna Nagar-I, Delhi. Also conducted workshops with all students of the school on ‘Gender sensitization and Nutrition’. There Initiated a project for coaching and teaching English Language skills to 400 students of the school.

Achievements:

- Selected for exchange programme offered by TISS with Alpen Adria University, Austria. It is for a course in social and human ecology for the period of October 2016- January 2017.

Internships:

- Interned at Participatory Research in Asia (June 2014), Responsible for helping the organisation research on and compile their training module on ‘The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Act, 2013.
- Interned in Observer Research Foundation for 2 months. Assisted in the writing of a research paper titled ‘A case study of the Anganwadi Centre’s in Delhi’

Theme of Dissertation:

An ethnographic Study of the Chinese Community in North Bengal. Aims to explore forms of assimilations and associations by micro minorities in a multicultural space. Moreover, it seeks to look into the notion of identity and sense of community in micro-minorities.

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Internships:

- Interned at Pleiades Real Mart Private Limited, New Delhi and worked on a project titled ‘Analysis of the Indian Real Estate Sector: Prospects in the Delhi-NCR area’.
- Worked as a finance intern at Rush2You, a logistics start-up based in Trivandrum, Kerala.

Training seminars:

- Capitaline and Prowess are both digital corporate databases of the historical financial performance of over 30,000 listed and unlisted Indian companies.
- 6-month training on SPSS software.

Positions:

Member of the Shaheed Sukhdev College of Business Studies Editorial Board.

Theme of Dissertation:

‘The Swedish Welfare Model: Origins, Evolution and Challenges’: A historical analysis of how Sweden resisted and adapted to the political and ideological undercurrents that swept across the West - from the Great Depression till the dawn of globalisation and neoliberalism - in order to built their social welfare system.
**Work Experience:**
- Worked as a school teacher in Cambrian Public School, Ranchi for 3 months.
- Involved in activities like teaching and arranging fund for schools as a part of Navrachna (An NGO working for primary education of marginalised children).
- Worked in computer literacy program under Indian School of Advanced Studies in Jharkhand where I learned team management and organisational skills.

**Internships:**
- Worked in Swach Bharat Mission (Gramin) in Jharkhand state with Action for Community Empowerment (ACE) and also with supporting agency UNICEF during May 2016.
- Conducted sessions in 23 villages of Jharkhand to encourage rural poor to develop sanitation practices.

**Theme of Dissertation:**
Public Expenditure in Elementary Education (Please elaborate in one-two lines what exactly). Analysing Policies impact on expenditure pattern of elementary education and also State level analysis on the relationship between elementary education expenditure and achievement indicator in terms of enrolment ratio, dropout rates etc.

**Achievements:**
Bagged Rank 7 in Lohardaga district in Matriculation (JSEB) in 2003.
**Internships:**
- Interned at Odisha Lift Irrigation Corporation, Bargarh Division, Odisha and involved in assessment of various bore well/rl/micro projects of L&T in 2016.

**Achievements:**
- Received the University Gold Medal for being the Best All-rounder Engineering Graduate in the university convocation in 2015 at VSSUT, Burla.
- Awarded Special Merit Certificate by Central Board Of Secondary Education, for excellence in English and Sanskrit in the year 2009.
- Stood first in the National Level Debate competition organized by MNES, Govt. of India.
- Stood First in 14th National Children's Science Congress-2006 held at SMIT, Sikkim and represented the state.
- Secretary of Literary Society of the university (VSSUT, Burla) in the year 2013-2014.
- Represented University in 6th All Odisha Art Exhibition- 2014, organised by Kala Kalpana, affiliated to Odisha Lalit Kala Academy and Bangiya Sangeet Parishad, Howrah.
- 1st in Samadhan, Arise Awake, Sanskar Kendra, 2014, VSSUT, Burla
- 1st in Extempore, Sanskar Kendra, Arise Awake, 2014, VSSUT, Burla

**Theme of Dissertation:**
Agrarian Crisis and Farmers Suicides in Western Odisha.

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**Ananya Sristi Satpathy**

B. Tech in Mechanical Engineering at Veer Surendra Sai University of Technology, Burla, Odisha.

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**Internships:**
- Interned with Delhi Commission for Women for 1 month in May, 2016
- Have interned with Times of India for 1 month in June 2015
- Ambition Me, an internet start-up, as content writer during 2015

**Positions:**
- Director of the annual theatre production at LSR
- Active member of the dramatics society, representing the college in various competitions.

**Theme of Dissertation:**
Nomads in the City- looking at the cultural survival of the Nat community in Delhi. The aim of the dissertation is to understand how unique cultures survive in the city and how the cultural space negotiates and aids/ hampers the continued existence of such people and their way of life.

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**Ankita Barthwal**

Graduation in English Literature, Lady Shriram college, Delhi University
Internships:

- Research Intern, TRIOs Development Support Pvt. Ltd. (October - November 2015), Part of the research team working on the 'Impact Assessment of Odisha Tribal Empowerment and Livelihood Program', providing secondary data and interpreting relevant information from related baseline, and subsequent surveys.
- Market Research at Synergies Castings Ltd., Visakhapatnam (October 2014), Presented a report on 'The Perception and Awareness of Alloy Wheels in the Domestic Market'.
- Interned at Trade Finance Operations, ING Vysya Bank, Mumbai (June- July 2013) - Worked on Business Review Overview of 'The Letter of Credit'

Field Project:

- Field Investigator- National Food Security Act Survey (June 2016) - Coordinated by Prof. Jean Dreze and Dr. Reetika Khera Surveyed 7 villages in Madhya Pradesh over 15 days relating to various aspects of implementation of the National Food Security Act, as a part of a larger survey of 6 states.
- Field Investigator, Delhi Food Security Act (May 2016) Coordinated by Dr. Nandini Nayak, Ambedkar University Delhi. Surveyed 4 districts of Delhi relating to legal and gender dimensions of the National Food Security Act.

Theme of Dissertation:

Inflation Targeting in Developing Economies: Changing Role of RBI in India's Development Agenda.

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Internship:

- Interned at KPMG in the Analytics Team for 2 months
- Project internship at Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur, under Dr. N. C. Nayak, Professor of Economics in the Dept. of Humanities, where the work was on Philanthropy and its Behavioural Economics for 2 months

Conferences:

- Statistics National Seminar in St. Xavier's Kolkata.

Positions:

- Organiser at MS Gore Policy Research Group, Tata Institute of Social Sciences.
- Editor, Science Magazine, St.Xaviers’ College.
- Creative Editor, Thirtyparkstreet, St. Xaviers’ college’s website.

Theme of Dissertation:

Aspirations of Youth in a Conflict Zone - a case study of students of University of Kashmir.
Internships:
- TERI, May 2016, worked on Implementing India’s INDCs in the face of slow growth in power demand.
- Observer Research Foundation, May 2013, worked on the Current Account Deficit in India and the Trilateral Trade Relations of Nepal, China and India.
- Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Mountaineering and Allied Sports, Aleo, May 2012: Surveyed the local population’s response to the government institution.

Paper Presentations:
A co-authored paper, titled "India’s INDCs: Understanding Ambition and Challenges of Implementation", which was presented at the TISS Climate Conference, 2016.

Theme of Dissertation:

Work Experience:
- Interned at Tech Mahindra, Mumbai where I was involved in the development and management of a web portal of employees’ details.
- Worked at Canara Bank, Hubli branch as a Probationary Officer in 2014 for a period of 6 months.

Achievements:
- Voted BITS FC Player of the season 2010-11
- Won Goa League 3rd division football league with BITS FC in 2011

Theme of Dissertation:
Dissertation research on- “A survey of the Manufacturing Policy and Performance of India Post-Liberalisation”
Internships:

- Interned for one month at Naya Raipur Development Authority (NRDA), Chhattisgarh in Resettlement and Rehabilitation Department and involved in understanding the policy implementation for Resettlement and Rehabilitation of Rakhi Village.
- Vocational training on chip designing from Scientech learning center, Indore.

Project:

- Part of TISS project in collaboration with Ministry of Women and Children Development (Government of India) and National Commission of Women for empowerment of women in Panchayat Institutions

Theme of Dissertation:

Urban Development and Involuntary Population Displacement: Case Study of Naya Raipur, Chhattisgarh.
**Work Experience:**

- Co-founder and Executive Director at the Afghanistan Human Rights and Democracy Organization (AHRDO) for a period of 2009-2015.

- 2003-2009, he worked in different managerial, advisory, program, and policy making capacities with seven international development agencies such as the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI), Munnik Consulting Firm / USAID project, the UNHCR, the Foundation for International Community Assistance (FINCA), Health Net International (HNI), Trade point / Philips as well as the Turquoise Mountain Foundation (TMF).

**Trainings:**

- He attended numerous trainings national and international conferences in Europe, Africa, Asia and Afghanistan.

- He managed to organize several national and regional conferences / workshops on thematic issues such as conflict resolution, advocacy for justice, women rights, social inclusion, women rights, gender inequality and capacity building, in Afghanistan

**Theme of Dissertation:**

Foreign Aid and State-building Conundrum; Moving from donor-servings to self sustaining in the post Taliban

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**Field Work Experience:**

- Worked as a Trainee of Social work in Cachar District of Assam and involved in study of Demography and Socio Economic structure of Ghungoor kaupar and Bariknagar community. House hold Interviews and case studies have been conducted.

- Worked as a Trainee of Social work in Gynaecology department at Silchar medical college and indulged in understanding their functions, activities, facilities provided to the local communities.

- Organised awareness campaigns in villages related to drug abuses, cancer treatment, vocational skills in coordination with ASHA, Anganwadi Worker, SHG’s, Youth Clubs, villagers and Gram Panchayats.

- Organised Health check-up campaigns in collaboration with NHRM, Indian Red cross Society, Cachar Cancer Hospital and Local NGOs

**Theme of Dissertation:**

Emergence of Livelihood in a Rural Setting of Senapati District Manipur. To Understand the concept of livelihood as prevailing among the tribes of India and also the traditional livelihood pattern among the Poumai Naga Tribe. Also analysing the present changes in their livelihoods due to socio political changes.
Work Experience:
- Fellow in a one year, multi-disciplinary, post-graduate program, at Ashoka University’s Young India Fellowship Program between 2013-14.
- Worked as a part time project assistant in GRID Private Ltd. in a rural community electrification project for nine months during 2013-14.
- Worked as a Research and Teaching Fellow for undergraduate courses in economics and politics at Ashoka University, Sonipat, Haryana

Internships:
- Interned in The Mango Tree Organization, Mumbai as a media and research intern to collect impact stories from beneficiary farmers between June – July 2012.

Theme of Dissertation:
Impact Assessment of Beekeeping Project Among Women SHGs. Assessment of a NABARD-funded project in tribal area of Dhule district in Maharashtra that focuses on livelihood diversification through beekeeping.

Dhanashree Patil
Bachelor’s in International relations from Mount Holyoke College, Massachusetts, USA

Internships:
- Interned at HelpAge India (Delhi) as a research assistant and while there, also worked with the Communications department. I worked on a project, with the help of the organization, which entailed conducting a primary survey of those elderly senior citizens (BPL category), in terms of collecting data about Financial security, Food security and Medical security.
- The internship was undertaken over a period of 2 months (6th April- 31st May 2016)

Publications:
- Published a paper in ‘Homoeconomicus’, the Economics Department journal of R.N Ruia college last year (2015), titled- ‘Deindustrialization in India’.

Theme of Dissertation:
Plight of the elderly in the unorganized sector- The aim of the dissertation is to focus on those elderly who belong to the marginalized sections of society, to understand the issues they face and to think of effective means of dealing with their problems and dire circumstances.

K. Eashaan
B.A. (Hons) Economics, R.N. Ruia College, Mumbai
**Work Experience:**
- Child Rights And You: Worked on two projects
  (i) Sustainable Models in Slums of Nangloi, New Delhi
  (ii) Rehabilitation and resettlement of slums in Badli Industrial Area, New Delhi

**Internships:**
- Manthan, Barefoot College, Rajasthan: Worked as an intern for a period of one month. Worked with local women on issues of empowerment, participation and SHG’s.
- Satark Nagrik Sangathan: An NGO based in Delhi. Worked as an intern for a month. Looked at the act ‘Time bound delivery of Goods and services’ across different states in India.
- Prayas Juvenile Justice for Aid: Worked as an intern for a period of 7 months. Closely worked with adolescent girls who were traumatized by sexual abuse or domestic violence.
- Consumers India: Did a winter internship for a month. Worked on a project relating to Misleading advertisements.

**Publications:**
- Presented a paper on Manual Scavenging v/s Swatch Bharat Abhiyan

**Theme of Dissertation:**
- Tibetan Diaspora and examining the different dimensions of Identity and culture in Exile. As a part of the dissertation, I plan to look at the Tibetan Diaspora in Exile and how the Tibetan community have been able to cope up with the displacement.

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**Work Experience:**
- 2-month training in National Sugar Institute Kanpur.

**Projects:**
- Part of TISS project in collaboration with Ministry of Women and Children Development (Government of India) and National Commission of Women for empowerment of women in Panchayat Institutions

**Conferences:**
- Participated in National Solar Expo organised by TEDA in Coimbatore

**Theme of Dissertation:**
- Multi Layered Analysis of Solid Waste Management of Urban Cities: A case study of Mumbai
Kausani Bhar

B.A. Hons History-Lady Shri Ram college for Women, Delhi University

Internships:
- Volunteer at Child Development Programme (National Service Scheme), Teaching children and organising extra-curricular activities, Duration: 1 year, 2012-2013
- Interned at Child Rights and You-NGO, fundraising. May-June 2013 (6 weeks)
- Interned with West Bengal Commission for Women, December 2014-1 month. Research (ITPA Act, 1956)

Achievements:
- Best Volunteer Award-Child Development Programme 2012-2013, National Service Scheme
- Best VAPP (voluntary agency placement programme-college society) coordinator award

Theme of Dissertation:
Social Diversities in a School- to see how social diversities such as caste, class, gender, religion, manifest and are treated in school spaces and classrooms. Main focus to understand it would be primarily through teacher-pupil interactions, pedagogy, interactions among peers and curriculum.

Khandu Gend

B.A in Economics, Fergusson College, Pune

Internships:
- Did an internship in Tathapi Trust (A resource center in women and health based in Pune, Maharashtra) as a research volunteer (The research was looking at ways in which a mobile phone was used by young men and women in Pune City) during May 2014

Workshops:
- A workshop on women and law at St. Mira’s College for Girls, Pune. Aim of this workshop was to understand the different laws related to women and the use and validity of this laws for the benefit of women.

Theme of Dissertation:
Agricultural Marketing Chain Management: A case study at APMC market. This research focusses on two important questions:

1) What kind of value additions happens at the different stages of the agricultural marketing chain?
2) How price escalation happens at the APMC market?
Kimngaihoi Vaiphei

B.A. History, Lady Shri Ram college for Women, Delhi University

Work Experience:
- Interned at Muskaan, a school for the differently abled, assisted in the vocational training of arts and crafts for the students.
- Taught at Aadhyan, an after school teaching for under privileged children.
- Content writing for a start-up which was an app for audio guides for the blind to assist them when they visited historical monuments. I wrote the script for this audio tour.
- Social Media assistance for a fashion app named Roposo.
- Label writing at the National Museum, New Delhi.

Internship:
- Assistant at the SAHRDC, New Delhi, helped in editing, collecting information and filing RTIs.

Theme of Dissertation:
Risks and Vulnerabilities of Labour Migrants from Manipur in New Delhi: a human security approach (A study of the migrants in Delhi and the difficulties they face especially in the form of cultural disparity both in the workplace and area of living).

Manasa N Mahesh

B. Tech - Electronics and Communication, Kerala University

Internships:
- Interned at Centre for Development Studies for 2 months in the research wing on international migration under Prof Irudaya Rajan.
- Involved in projects related to seventh round of Kerala Migration Survey funded by Kerala State Planning Board and EURA NET (Transnational Migration in Transition: Transformative Characteristics of Temporary Mobility of People) funded by European Union.
- Research intern at Social Cops: (October 2014 - May 2015) for Project School Pedia to implement technology aided real time monitoring system to effectively address the inadequacy in data available to ensure accountability among Indian schools.

Achievements:
- Delegate to Harvard US India Initiative Conference (2016)
- Delegate to Sankalp Global Summit for Social Entrepreneurs (2015)
- Young India Fellowship, Ashoka University (2014 – 15): 197 fellows selected internationally for PG Diploma in Liberal Arts and Leadership.

Publications:
Presented papers and conducted seminars on "Inkjet Printed Zero Power Sensors for Smart Skins"(2014) and "Social Networking"(2010).

Theme of Dissertation:
Literacy, Employment and Migration among Women: Evidences of Kerala’s Inherent Paradoxes
Achievements:

- One among the two students across four campuses selected for exchange programme for the fourth semester to Alpen-Adria University, Vienna in program of Human and Social Ecology
- Represented India at the International Convention for Youth Leaders in November 2008 in Singapore
- Ranked 1st for three consecutive years in B.A(Hons)-English

Theme of Dissertation:

Mental Health and the Nizamuddin Dargah: Women, Faith Healers and Their Practices

Manvi Dikshit
B.A. (Hons) English – Hindu College, Delhi University

Internship:

- Worked with Prof. Manisha Priyam (April-May 2016) (Understanding Urban process in Delhi and DDA Delhi Master plan 2021)

Projects:

- Part of TISS project in collaboration with Ministry of Women and Children Development (Government of India) and National Commission of Women for empowerment of women in Panchayat Institutions

Conferences:

- Participated and Volunteered for 4th International Mental Health Summit, Mumbai

Theme of Dissertation:

City Making and Land Acquisition: Case study of Rajarhat, West Bengal

Narendrayash Das
B.A History, Presidency University, Kolkata
Short Term Courses:
- Short term Program in Export Import Management, IIFT, Delhi.

Work Experience:
Worked as Production Supervisor in Shree Krishna Sweets Pvt Ltd in Shornur, Kerala.

Theme of Dissertation:
Agricultural Trade Scenario of the country after the signing of W.T.O. The broad research question is to look closely on whether the claims of gains from free trade been realised in the agricultural sector in India. The research also looks on the size of the world agricultural market place and does it limits on India's ability to expand agricultural exports.

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Naveen Sridhar K
BBM - St.Philomena’s College, Mysore

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Nilesh Ramesh Kadam
B.Tech - Computer Science
Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Technology, University of Mumbai

Work Experience:
- Assistant Programmer – Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai (M.C.G.M.) (24 Months)
- Managing I.T. Infrastructure & Training the staff to use new age technologies like e-Office, Digital Signature, etc.

Internship:
- Interned in JSW Foundation, (2 Months) - Did Evaluation Survey of Suddrirha Bharat Initiative in Palghar District of Maharashtra during April 2016 to June 2016

Conferences:
- Attended CAPAM 2015 conference Organized under the aegis of FICCI's Capital Markets Committee in Mumbai in May 2016
- Participated in Entrepreneurship Summit in IIT Bombay in 2010

Theme of Dissertation:
Health Status of Tribal Children: Palghar, Maharashtra. The object of the research is to understand the socio-economic, demographic, cultural practices and the nutritional and health status of the study population; and to evolve appropriate strategies for the policy makers and program implementers to implement for the welfare of the study population.
**Noor Ameena**

**BA LL.B (Hons.), National University of Advanced Legal Studies, Kochi**

**Work Experience:**
- Worked as a Legislative Assistant to Member of Parliament to Smt. Vandana Chavan, MP, Rajya Sabha from June 2014 to May 2015 as part of LAMP Fellowship offered by PRS Legislative Research, New Delhi.

**Internships:**
- May 2016: Worked with Centre for Socio-economic and Environmental Studies (CSES), Kochi on a Project titled “The Vulnerability of children of Migrant Construction Workers” – a multi-city study in collaboration with Don Bosco Foundation.
- December 2013: Worked as a “Law Intern” in the Honourable Supreme Court of India under Justice V. Gopala Gowda in the month of November.

**Publications & Paper Presentation:**
- 2012: Presented a paper on ‘The Need For Regulation of Political Parties’ in the Workshop on Electoral Reforms organized by Centre for Parliamentary Studies, National University of Advanced Legal Studies.

**Theme of Dissertation:**
Migration, Poverty and Development: A Study on Inter-state Migrant Labourers in Kerala

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**Oorna Mukherjee**

**BA Journalism and Mass Communication, SRM University, Chennai**

**Internships:**
- Worked as a communications intern in Voluntary Services Overseas, Rwanda for one month and was involved with the projects for World Disability Day as well as International Volunteer Day; helped in designing some of the VSO Rwanda office brochures and the December newsletter, under the guidance of the country director and collaboration with VSO Headquarter office.
- Worked as an intern for a month in Communications and Public Relations at Rwanda Bureau of Standards, was involved with the project for International Standards Day and helped edit and proofread the RBS Newsletter for the event. I also attended a workshop conducted by International Standards Organization.
- Interned at Journalist at New Times Publications, Rwanda for 3 weeks and published 3 articles.
- Interned for 5 months in Gap Year Internship with Rwanda Development Board (CEOs Office Intern), worked mainly with the CEO Secretariat and helped with logging and proofreading documents.

**Publications:**
IBDP Extended Essay (in the archives) - 2010-2011- “How significant was the Cold War in influencing Women’s Fashion from 1959-1969”

**Theme of Dissertation:**
“Philosophical Foundations to Juvenile Justice- Questioning the aspect of ‘Age’” – The main aim of this secondary data based dissertation is to critically look into the arbitrariness of age. The main focus is to look at what the philosophy is behind the juridical representation of age as a definer of delinquency, and how they are aligned with the parameters of justice and fairness.
**Pratik Ayare**

B.Tech. Mechanical Engineering, Finolex Academy of Management and Technology, Ratnagiri, Mumbai University

**Work Experience:**
- Worked as Assistant Facility Manager for Equator Property Managers Private Limited on TOTAL OIL site Mumbai (1 year). In operation and maintenance of all mechanical and electrical equipments of office building.

**Internships:**
- Involved in collecting secondary data for project on Rehabilitation and Resettlement of siduli village under guidance of professor Siva Raju from October 2015 to November 2015 (1 month)

**Theme of Dissertation:**
- Study of Corporate Social Responsibility: A Case Study of JSW Initiatives in Ratnagiri District of Maharashtra to study what JSW have done for jaigad people specially in two parameters Employment and Education.

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**Rahul Adwani**

B.A. (Hons.) Political Science Hindu College, Delhi University

**Internships and Fieldwork Experience:**
- MakeMyTrip.com - summer intern (2011);
- District Disaster Management Authority- Kamrup (2012) Conducted survey on damage due to landslides in Guwahati;
- Volunteer in the Narmada Bachao Andolan, Madhya Pradesh (2016), Fact-finding report on cases related to Section 24(2) of the new Land Acquisition and R&R Act in the Narmada Valley.

**Achievements:**
- Regional Finalists from North-east in the debate organised by British Council;
- Chaired committee on the uniform civil code and on the North Eastern Council organised in Hindu College;
- Part of delegation from India to the Japan-East Asia Network of Exchange for Students and Youths in 2012

**Theme of Dissertation:**
- To study the state of implementation of the Right to Education and the causes behind employment of children in the tea plantations of Assam.
PLACEMENTS 2016 - 17

Rajat Sindhu

BA(Hons.) Economics
Hindu College, Delhi University

Work Experience:

- Founder of ORION Start-up, which is a for profit, sports start-up aimed at providing a heterogeneous basket of sporting goods and services to corporate houses and thus foster a sports Eco-System within the firm which will lead to a synergy creation, thereby maximizing the employees and the firm's productivity as a whole.
- President of Global Youth Mumbai which is an apolitical, not-for-profit organization which brings young students to ideate on issues of foreign policy, diplomacy and world affairs.

Internships:

- National Centre for Agricultural Economics and Policy Research (ICAR-NCAP) involved in processing and analysing large village data sets of farmer's livelihoods, yields across various crops, incomes, use of modern farming techniques across the states of Punjab, Haryana and UP
- Interned in Wtvision and was part of the its Operations team, responsible for covering, together with client, any kind of live TV sports event. During my time at the firm I covered the Indian Davis Cup experience, the I-League and the Live Elections that were ongoing then
- Part of project PUCCA at KOAN Advisory which is a political and economic strategy firm

Achievements:

- National level tennis player, Team Captain for College Football & Tennis teams, Member Thespians Theater Company(Delhi)

Theme of Dissertation:

Development Banks in India and their Role in Industrial Growth

Roderick Wijunamai

BA (English Literature), Manipur University

Work Experience:

- Field Assistant, Jan Shikshan Sansthan (Under MHRD), Manipur (July - Sept 2012). On-job training and field surveys done on identifying skills that have a market in the region of their establishment to provide vocational skills to non-literate, neoliterates and school drop-outs.

Internships:

- Research Asst., EPW Research Foundation (April - May, 2016)
- Tutor, Chil Chil Asian Mission School, Kanglatongbi, Manipur (Oct -Nov, 2015)

Conferences:

- Delegate to the Harvard US India Initiative Conference (2016)
- Participated in the UNESCO MGIEP’s Youth Consultation (2015)
- Participated in Intensive Summer Study, North Delhi (June 2013 & July 2014)
- Delegate to the Asia Youth Leaders’ Summit (2013)

Theme of Dissertation:

Regional Disparities of Banking and Financial Sectors in India and its Imperative. Examining the patterns and trend of banking system in India, in its geographical spread post Reforms with special focus on Northeast India.
Internships:
- Taught school students English, Science and Math (class 1st to 7th) at Druk White Lotus School, Leh, Ladakh for a period of 15 days.
- Taught Tibetan children and Women Basic Science, English and Communication skills at Lha Charitable Trust which works for the development and betterment of the Tibetan community in exile for a brief period of 10 days in June 2012.

Achievements:
- Gave a presentation on a section of Amiya Kumar Bagchi’s book ‘Perilous Passage’ in a seminar with Prof. Bagchi as one of the chairpersons.
- Became the Editor-in-chief of college’s Economics Magazine “ARTHIKA” for the year 2013-14.
- Represented college at National Economics Fest 2012 of St. Xavier’s College, Mumbai. Stood overall second.

Publications:
- Presented a paper on ‘Poverty Alleviation’ in National Economics Conference at St. Xavier’s College, Jaipur (2012-13)

Theme of Dissertation:
Agrarian Distress and Farmer Suicides in India with emphasis on the Malwa belt of Punjab.

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Work Experience:
- Worked with Blood Connect for 2 months and involved in project of understanding the situation of blood donation and to tackle it.
- Worked with Red Cross Institute of Visually Handicap for 1 month and part of their legal cell committee.

Positions:
- Held the post of Treasurer and Public Relation Head of the Humanities Department of Motilal Nehru College

Theme of Dissertation:
Health Sector Nutritional Health status of Dalit Children in Gaya District of Bihar. Research study includes Survey, Structured Interview Schedule, FGD’s, Key Informant Interviews (KII). Anthropometric Measurements – stature/height and body weight of the children were recorded.
Shruti Slaria

Internship:
Interned at Adharshila, an NGO for Underprivileged children in Govindpuri as part of National Service Scheme of the College during 2012-13

Achievements:
- Selected for Sciences Po exchange programme for the fourth semester. One among the two students across four campuses selected for the programme. Pursuing courses in Political Economy of International Development, Middle East and North Africa, European Union, Dimensions of India’s Asian Policy, Food and Agriculture in the Globalised World, Media and Democracy. Awarded the Charpak Scholarship of Excellence by the French govt for the same.
- Gargi College, Philosophy Department Debate - 2nd position
- Miranda House, History Department Debate - 2nd position

Theme of Dissertation:
Freedom in the Neo-Liberal paradigm. Attempting to look at the different understandings of freedom from a philosophical standpoint, about the way freedom is understood given different political standpoints.

BA (Hons.) Philosophy
Lady Shri Ram College for Women, Delhi University

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Srishti Kochhar

Internships:
- Worked as an intern in Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative for a period of 10 weeks, and worked on the Access to Information project, with a heavy focus on fostering the cause of the Right to Information Act in the Commonwealth countries – included editing the RTI Acts of African nations like Rwanda, analyzing cases in India’s Central Information Commission, etc.
- Little Black Book for 6 months, and provided editorial assistance, worked on event management, and handled e-commerce for Little Black Book, a curated cultural and lifestyle guide to New Delhi, Bangalore and Mumbai.
- Worked as an intern in The Becoming-I Foundation for 12 months in a number of capacities – Administrative Liaison for Publicity and Marketing;
- Worked as an intern in Teach for India for 3 months.
- Interned in Lokniti, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS) for 2 Months.
- Worked as an intern in Shiksha Kendra, DPS for 2 years.

Publications:
Published in the Newsletter by the International Council on Social Welfare – ‘The Ambitiousness of the Jan Dhan Yojana’.

Theme of Dissertation:
Artificial Intelligence and the Politics of Development: incorporating ideas from a gamut of disciplines - political science, economics, cybernetics and anthropology, my dissertation seeks to trace the emergence of new forms of life and their interface with human society, the implications of the burgeoning competition between the two, and the political and philosophical underpinnings of this interaction.

BA - Political Science, Hindu College, Delhi University
Work Experience:

- **2009-2011:**
  Designation: Assistant Manager, Cummins India ABO Purchase.
  - Monitoring and analysis of Cross Business Units Purchasing and India Sourcing - Quality Activities.
  - Design, drive and monitoring of Cross Business Unit Purchasing and Supplier Quality Functional Excellence.
  - Value Chain mapping of India Sourcing and drive Accelerated Cost efficiency.

- **2012-2014:**
  Designation: Manager, Cummins India International Purchasing Organisation.
  - New Product Development.
  - Trained Six Sigma Green belt at Cummins India Limited.

Theme of Dissertation:

Labour in Small Scale Manufacturing: Localised Study of Indian MSME’s to understand impact of change in Technology on Labour skill requirement and their employability.

Internships:

Participated in a Field Visit to study the living conditions of Pardhi Community in Osmanabad. Pardhi community is a community which has been designated as 'criminal tribes' since British era.

Special Courses:

Undergraduate certificate course on Women and Development in Pune University. The course dealt with the rise of women movements in India.

Workshops:

Attended a Work Shop titled “Women and Law” organised by St. Mira’s College, Pune. The workshop provided insights about various legal issues pertaining to women and the struggle to pass various legislations addressing women’s concerns in Parliament. It also gave information about various cases that brought major changes in legislation.

Dissertation:

Caste atrocities in India: Inter state statistical data analysis – The dissertation aims to conduct a comprehensive analysis of the number of cases registered and conviction rate under the Prevention of Atrocities Act 1989. The dissertation also looks at the protective measures taken against minorities in various states of India.
**Vipul Vivek**

**BA (Hons.) Philosophy**
Presidency College University of Calcutta; PG Diploma - Journalism, Asian College of Journalism, Chennai

**Work Experience:**
- Worked as Probationary Assistant at Mid-Corporate Group, State Bank of India, Kolkata, from January 2006 to July 2006. Responsible for updating NPA accounts daily.
- Worked as Sub-editor at The Hindu Business Line, Chennai, from June 2010 to March 2013; Senior Sub-editor at Business Standard, New Delhi, from March 2013 to June 2015.

**Field Work:**
Worked as a surveyor for the National Food Security Survey 2017, under Jean Dreze and Reetika Khera, in West Bengal (Bankura and Birbhum districts) from June 1 to 17.

**Theme of Dissertation:**
‘Should researchers decide? Accounting for inductive risk in decisionmaking’, under Tarun Menon, looks at the flaws in the popular ways of presenting uncertainty in research by p value and Bayesian method of assigning probabilities to hypotheses. I argue Dempster-Shafer’s belief functions allow researchers to present uncertainty in experimental results better.

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**Vishakha Gupta**

**B.A (Hons.) English**, Miranda House, Delhi University

**Work Experience:**
- Worked with Teach India as a volunteer, teaching at the Association for Social Justice and Research in Khichripur, for 3 months - 2014
- Worked at the Milton Animal Veterinary Clinic in Florida as a Volunteer assisting the veterinarians and support staff (2006-07)
- Volunteered at The Blind School, New Delhi as a volunteer, assisting in producing goods for their annual Diwali Mela 2015

**Internships:**
- Worked at Random House India as an intern in the Marketing department during the months of November and December in 2014

**Achievements:**
- General Secretary of Miranda House’s Literary Society (2012 - 13)
- President of Miranda House’s Literary Society (2013 -14), Member of The English Dramatics Society of Miranda House, Member of Miranda House Gender Sensitization Committee

**Theme of Dissertation:**
The Relevance of Marine Protected Areas in India - The focus of my research is to understand the relevance of Marine Protected Areas in India, though an empirical assessment of the impact that the Chorao Island, Goa has had on the wellbeing of the local population.
Work Experience:

Programmer Analyst Trainee in Cognizant Technologies. Interact with Product management and development teams to develop to a strong understanding of the project and testing objectives. Design and create test conditions and scripts to address business and technical use cases.

Publications:

Published a collaborative Research paper on “Unmanned Aerial Vehicle”. Published in the International Journal of Innovative Science and Modern Engineering (IJISME).

Internship:

Interned in Delhi Metro Railway Corporation in Delhi, in Electronics Department.

Theme of Dissertation:

Urban form and transport.

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Organisations interested in recruitment shall register for placements by sending an email to tissdsplacements@gmail.com or by contacting any of the Placement Committee members (Contact Nos. are provided below).

The placement process shall consist of the following stages:

1. **Pre-Placement Talk:**
The organisations are invited for a Pre-Placement Talk prior to the Final Placement Process. This would enable the students as well as the organisation to understand each other better and to clarify the doubts.

2. **Recruitment Process:**
The companies shall intimate the Placement Committee about the following details in advance: Process of selection (Preliminary Test, GD, Interview, etc.); Number of rounds of the GD and group size, Number of rounds of Interview, Approximate duration of the GDs and interviews.

3. **Logistics:**
The recruiters are requested to intimate their visit to the campus in advance, so that the necessary arrangements can be made. Facilities for telephonic interview or video conferencing can be arranged, in cases where a face-to-face interview is not possible.

**The Placement Process for TISS Development Studies 2015-17 is now open.**