

Profile

Policy analyst focused on social protection, labour markets, and energy transitions, with experience evaluating welfare and climate-resilience programmes and publishing on range of topics such as UBI, gig work, and heat-island effects. **Skilled in Stata, R, Excel, & QGIS**, and in translating evidence into policy for govts and multilaterals.

Education

Semester Exchange at Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies (Aug - Dec '25)

Masters in Public Policy (LKYSPP) | Li Ka Shing Scholar

National University of Singapore, 2024-26

4.63/5 (Dean's
List in 1st sem)

Post Graduation Diploma- Political Science, minor in International Relations

Ashoka University, 2020-21

3.77/4 (Magna Cum
Laude Hons.)

Honors Thesis- 'Moral Justification of Universal Basic Income' | Pratap B. Mehta

Grade A (Distinction)

B.A. Hons in Political Science

Ashoka University, 2017-20

3.69/4 (Cum Laude Hons.)

Summer School on Modern Intelligence

King's College London, 2019

Transfer Credits

Experience

Research Assistant | Institute of Environment and Sustainability (NUS)

Mar - Aug '25

- Assisted Dr. Cecilia Tortajada on a project with Singapore's PUB on industrial water efficiency
- Assisted Dr. Moitre with a comparative study of Indo-China solar policies & global supply chains

Research Assistant | Dr. Sreeja Nair | NUS

Sep '24 - Apr '25

- Researched policy labs in the Global South & South-east Asia and experimental policy design

Policy Consultant | The Quantum Hub (TQH) | Full time

May '23- July '24

Associate

- Policy research and analysis in gender and social protection policy
- Prepared policy briefs for 6 central government schemes in areas of Health, Skilling, Public Welfare
- Conducted stakeholder consultations for World Bank on government schemes around social protection
- Assisted in preparing a report for the UP Government on women's economic empowerment (WEE)
- Advised Members of Parliament on policy issues like Gig Economy and Online Gaming Regulations.

Teaching Fellow | Dr Ananya Sharma | Ashoka Horizons

April - June '24

Teaching Fellow (part time)

- Ashoka Horizons offers certified, online, short-term courses for high school students (grades 9-12)
- Assisted Prof Ananya Sharma for her course on International Relations | War, Peace, and Drones
- Undertook 2 hour long weekly modules for students (4 weeks) and handled essential admin work

Legislative Assistant to Member of Parliament (LAMP) Fellowship | PRS | Full time

Legislative Researcher

June '22- April '23

- Research Assistant to Lok Sabha MP Lavu Sri Krishna from YSR Congress, Andhra Pradesh
- Providing extensive research support to the MP for Parliamentary interventions such as questions
- Prepared 40 questions, 5 Zero Hours/377s, 5 speeches which got balloted for parliamentary sessions
- Drafted 4 private member bills & 80 letters to Ministers concerning various issues like Digital Rights
- Supported MP's policy positions on educ, climate, & welfare issues through evidence-based analysis.

Research Fellowship | Plaksha University | Aditya Malik & Brainerd Prince | Full time

Research Fellow

September '21- June '22

- Assisted in researching for a book chapter on time travel, quantum mechanics, and philosophy.
- Supported both faculties in teaching Critical Thinking and ethical dimensions of AI & technology.
- Conducted weekly discussion sessions for nearly 100 students

Dalberg & Azim Premji Foundation | Dr. Anjor Bhaskar

Field Coordinator and Research Assistant

March - August '21

- Field research on NREGA and PDS entitlements, mapping gaps in social protection delivery
- Engaged with local communities to assess welfare access and program implementation challenges

JharConnect, Azim Premji Foundation

Intern

Jan- April '21

- Assisted in running a helpline to help about 250 poor citizens of Jharkhand access Govt schemes
- Got hands-on insights into India's developmental problems and its public service delivery system

Ashoka University, Political Science Department | Pratap Bhanu Mehta

Teaching Assistant

August - December '20

- Assisted Professor Mehta for his course on 'Western Political Thought'
- Work included recording lecture sessions and addressing queries of about 120 students

Rajasthan State Human Rights Commission

Intern

May - June '19

- Undertook extensive research on 'Human Rights and Prisons' based on visits to Jaipur central Jail
- Received training on Human Rights by renowned practitioners, IAS officers, police officers and judges.

Accomplishments and Publications

- Op-ed for The Wire - examining the impact of India's changing demography on outmigration to Gulf
- Op-ed for The Wire - examining legal ambiguities surrounding gig workers in India
- Co-authored for The Hindu - sharing insights into how tech is contributing to urban heatwaves
- Op-ed for The Wire - advocating for Universal Basic Income (UBI) as a more effective approach to value generation than promoting longer work hours
- Co-authored a piece for The Indian Express- critical analysis of the One Nation One Election Proposal
- Op-ed for the Morung Express newspaper – discussing social media's role in creating echo chambers
- Co-authored a piece with an MP for The Wire – highlighting big tech dominance in digital markets
- Co-authored a piece for South First – discussing Nayudamma's role in shaping leather industry
- Three essays published on E-IR.info – world's leading open access website of Global Politics –
 - The first article draws connections between international relations and modern slavery
 - The second article compares the economic devastation caused by the COVID-19 pandemic with the 1930s Great Depression and the 2008 Financial Crisis
 - The third article examines the failure of identity politics to curb social injustice
- Co-authored a piece for The Wire - critical analysis of the Indian Narcotics Act
- Co-authored a piece for 'Ashoka Journal of International Relations', examining Portugal's radical drug policy from an international relations perspective
- Dean's list – seven times mention during UG. The minimum benchmark for the list is 3.65/4.

Positions Held during Undergraduate

- **Leader of Opposition Party - Student Government | Ashoka University**
 - Was elected as one of the 15 representatives for a student body of more than 1500 students
 - Admin work, managing budget allocation (INR 2.5 Lakhs) & addressing students' grievances.
- **Core Team, ShramDaan | Ashoka University**
 - Helped involve students in catering, housekeeping etc. to cultivate a culture of service on campus
 - As responsible for task allocation and supervising 5 students per week to ensure tasks were completed satisfactorily
- **Member of Event Management Committee - Ted X | Ashoka University**
 - Provided logistical and technical support to speakers
 - Helped set-up an exhibition on Partition of 1947 as part of the event
- **Core team, Interdisciplinaria (ID)|Ashoka University**
 - Coordinated ID's annual symposium, showcasing interdisciplinary topics via talks and performances
 - Provided logistical and technical support to speakers