

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 1 st 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
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Assisted Dr. Cecilia Tortajada on a project with Singapore's PUB on industrial water efficiencyAssisted Dr. Moitre with a comparative study of Indo-China solar policies & global supply chains	
Research Assistant Dr. Sreeja Nair NUS	Sep '24 - Apr '25
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Researched policy labs in the Global South & South-east Asia and experimental policy design	
Policy Consultant The Quantum Hub (TQH) Full time	
Associate	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Policy research and analysis in gender and social protection policyPrepared policy briefs for 6 central government schemes in areas of Health, Skilling, Public WelfareConducted stakeholder consultations for World Bank on government schemes around social protectionAssisted 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)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">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 DronesUndertook 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	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Research Assistant to Lok Sabha MP Lavu Sri Krishna from YSR Congress, Andhra PradeshProviding extensive research support to the MP for Parliamentary interventions such as questionsPrepared 40 questions, 5 Zero Hours/377s, 5 speeches which got balloted for parliamentary sessionsDrafted 4 private member bills & 80 letters to Ministers concerning various issues like Digital RightsSupported 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	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">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	

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