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CITIZENSHIP Indian

RESEARCH INTERESTS PUBLICATIONS Industrial organization, applied game theory, regulation of markets

Books

"Economics of the Food Processing Industry: Lessons from Bihar, India", Springer series on Themes in Economics: Theory, Empirics and Policy, edited by Satish Kumar Jain, Karl Ove Moene & Anjan Mukherji, published by Springer Nature.

Journal Publications

- "Investigating Commercial Incentives for Innovation: An Application in Traditional Medicine", (joint with T.M.Vasuprada), Studies in Microeconomics, Sage, Forthcoming 2020.
- "Identity and Perception of Risk for Entrepreneurs: Lessons from an Industrially Less Developed State in India," Athens Journal of Business Economics, Athens Institute for Education and Research (ATINER), vol. 5(2), pages 163-184.
- "Coordination and Private Information Revelation", (joint with Prabal Roy Chowdhury), Games, Volume 9, issue 3, no. 64, 2018, https://www.mdpi.com/2073-4336/9/3/64.
- "Spectrum Allocation in India: The Post 2G Scam Era", (joint with Abheek Saha), International Research Journal of Telecommunications and Information Technology, Volume 2, issue 1, pp.23-32, 2018.
- "An Empirical Approach to the Optimal Size of the Civil Service", (joint with Indira Rajaraman), Public Administration and Development, (John Wiley), 28:3, pp. 239-249, 2008.
- "Equity and Consistency Properties of the Twelfth Finance Commission Recommendations", (joint with Indira Rajaraman), Economic and Political Weekly Special Issue, XL:31, pp. 3413-20, 2005.

Book Chapters

- "Competing with Virtual Entities: IT Product Purchases in India" (joint with Ram Narayan Shrestha & T.M.Vasuprada) in *Retail Marketing in India: Trends and Future Insights* edited by Anshu Gupta and Kartik Dave, pp. 1-15, Emerald Publishing, 2016.
- "Role of Networks in Promoting Innovation: The Curious Case of Ayurveda Research in India" in *Transforming Indian Economy: From Vision to Reality* edited by Ananya Ghoshdostidar and Yamini Gupt, Ane Books Pvt. Ltd, 2018.
- "Industrial Policy: Comparing Bihar and Jharkhand" in *Social Statistics: Manifestation of Growth*, edited by Ashmita Gupta, Primus Publications, 2020.

Published Report

- Report on the Study of the Food Processing Industry of Bihar (IGC Project) (coauthored with Barna Ganguli), 2017, International Growth Centre, London.
- Final Report on Restructuring State and Local Finances for Rajasthan (co-authored with Indira Rajaraman and O.P. Mathur), 2005, National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, New Delhi.

Other Publications

- Expert's Comment on Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) Consultation on Regulatory Principles of Tariff Assessment, 2017.
- Expert's assessment of ex-post merger assessment of Jet-Etihad CCA (external expert with the Competition Commission of India (CCI)), 2017.
- Invited column for Ideas for India on food processing industries in Bihar, 2017 (http://www.ideasforindia.in/topics/trade/the-study-of-the-food-processing-industry-in-bihar.html).
- Chapter on Business Prospects in Bihar (co-authored with Barna Ganguli) for Bihar Chamber of Commerce Publication commemorating 90 years, 2016.

Professional Experience

South Asian University, New Delhi

Assistant Professor, Faculty of Economics

January 2014 to present

- Teaching graduate courses in microeconomics, industrial organization, research methodology and topics on South Asian economic development
- Guiding doctoral work for 2 students as primary supervisor and 2 students as co-supervisor; one doctoral student has successfully defended her thesis in May 2020
- Supervision of 25 Master's theses in the Faculty of Economics

TERI University, New Delhi

Lecturer, Department of Policy Studies

June 2012 to December 2014

- Teaching graduate courses in macroeconomics, industrial organization, finance, law and economics of competition policy
- Teaching civil servants a course on microeconomics and competition regulation
- Supervision of 4 Master's theses

Competition Commission of India, New Delhi

Expert, Economics Division

July 2011 to February 2012

- Economic analysis of abuse of dominance cases with the Commission
- Empirical analysis of suo motu cartel case with the Commission
- Lectures delivered to the Commission on platform envelopment strategies and other abusive conducts in network industries

National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, New Delhi

Economist

November 2004 to June 2006

- Consultancy for the government of Rajasthan for Fiscal Responsibility and Budgetary Management Bill (FRBM) implementation and fiscal assessment for future development, with particular reference to the financing and management of electricity, roads and public sector enterprises
- Critical analysis of the Twelfth Finance Commission Report