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Languages: English, Hindi, and Urdu

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- **University of Delhi** New Delhi, India
Ph.D. in Political Science 2026
 - **Thesis Title:** Transcending the Community: Exploring 'Muslim Politics' in India
 - **Supervisor:** Senior Prof. Ujjwal Kumar Singh

- **University of Delhi** New Delhi, India
M.Phil. in Political Science 2011
 - **Total Aggregate:** 68.4% (Course work: 68%, Dissertation work: 69%)
 - **Coursework:** Research Methodology, On History and Politics, Advanced Theories in International Relations
 - **Dissertation Title:** 'Islamic Resurgence' and its Challenge to the Secularization Thesis: Taking a Snapshot of Pakistan
 - **Supervisor:** Prof. Achin Vanaik

- **University of Delhi** New Delhi, India
M.A. Political Science 2007-2009
 - **Percentage:** 60%
 - **Coursework:** Contemporary Political Theory, Comparative Political Analysis, Politics in India, Western Political Thought, Administrative Theory, Themes in Indian political Thought, Research Methods in Social Sciences, Interpreting India, Theory and Practice of Democracy, Modern Indian Political Thinkers, International Political Economy, Ethics and Politics, Critical Traditions in Political Theory, Contemporary International Politics, and Peace and Security

- **Miranda House, University of Delhi** New Delhi, India
B.A. (Hons.) Political Science 2004-2007
 - **Percentage:** 60%
 - **Subjects:** Political Theory, Nationalism and Colonialism in India, Indian Political Thought, Indian Government & Politics, International Relations, Comparative Government and Politics, Political Process in Africa, Western Political Thought, and Public Administration

- **Bharatiya Vidya Bhawan** New Delhi, India
P.G. Diploma in Print Journalism (part-time) 2007-2008
 - **Percentage:** 61% (approx.)
 - **Subjects:** Editing, Writing, Human Communication

- **Tagore International School, East of Kailash (C.B.S.E.)** New Delhi, India
Inter./12th Standard 2003–2004
 - **Subjects:** English Core, Economics, Mathematics, Accountancy, and Business Studies
- **Tagore International School, East of Kailash (C.B.S.E.)** New Delhi, India
Matric/10th Standard 2001–2002
 - **Subjects:** English, Hindi, Social Science, General Science, and Mathematics

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- **UGC NET:** Qualified for Political Science (December 2014)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- **St. Stephen's College, University of Delhi** New Delhi, India
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science May 11, 2026 – Present
 - **Previous Appointment:** Assistant Professor (ad hoc basis), Department of Political Science, January 4, 2016 – May 11, 2026
 - **Courses Taught:** Themes in Comparative Political Theory, Western Political Theory, Indian Government and Politics, Theories in International Relations, Politics of Globalization, Women, Power and Politics, Comparative Government and Politics, Understanding Ambedkar, Understanding Human Rights, Citizenship and Governance, Environment, Ethics, Politics and Governance, Development Processes and Social Movements in Contemporary India, Modern Indian Political Thought, and Perspectives in Public Administration
 - **Undergraduate Dissertations Supervised:** *Exploring Migration from Bangladesh to West Bengal: A Study of Transnational Identity and Politics* (2023–2024); *The Ambedkarite Movement and the Construction of Dalit Self-Respect* (2022–2023); *Revisiting Populism through its Foreign Policy Outcomes* (2021); and *Understanding Grief through the Death of Jayalalitha* (2019)
 - **Supervision of Dissertations and Academic Projects under the NEP**
Fourth-Year Undergraduate Course in 2026: For B.A. Multidisciplinary: *Challenging Neutrality: Examining How Social Media Algorithms Reproduce and Obscure Misogyny*; *The Urban-Rural Divide in Gendered Access to Public Services in Rajasthan: Implications for Women's Empowerment*. For B.A. (Hons.): *Development as Dehumanisation: The Case of People Engaged in Begging in India*; *Citizen & Consumer: Situating the Government of India's 'International Year of Millets' within the Nation-State's Contestation with the Market for Control over the Individual Subject*.
 Academic Project: *From Protests to Posts: Social Media as a Tool for Solidarity in the Manipur Crisis*.
- **Venkateshwara College, University of Delhi** New Delhi, India
Guest Lecturer, Department of Political Science September 2015 – November 2015

- **Lady Sri Ram College, University of Delhi** New Delhi, India
Guest Lecturer, Department of Political Science *June 2013 – April 2014*
- **Department of Political Science, University of Delhi** New Delhi, India
University Teaching Assistant *April 2011 – April 2013*

ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES AT ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE

- **Event Coordination:** Organizing member and Coordinator for inaugurating Deenbandhu Andrews Samvaad (DAS) as an annual conclave in 2025
- **Staff Advisor:** BA Multidisciplinary Society since 2025; The Poetry Society (2023–2025); Cine Club (2021–2023); and BA Programme Society (2019–2021)
- **Time Table Committee Member:** 2021–2025
- **Conference Organization:** Member of the Organizing Committee for the International Research Association for Research of Institutions of Advanced Gender Studies (RINGS) Conference in 2024
- **IQAC Member:** Member of the IQAC Sub-Committee for Governance, Leadership and Management since 2022
- **Member of NAAC Sub-Committee:** Criterion 6 – Governance, Leadership and Management, 2021–2023
- **Certificate Course Coordinator:** Course offered to first-year students, 'Engaging with Unequal India,' since July 2016

RESEARCH WORK

- **Nehru Memorial Museum and Library** New Delhi, India
Research Intern *May 2013 – September 2013*
 - **Responsibilities:** Copy editing for NMML Occasional Publication research paper series and other research duties
- **Indian Council for Social Science Research** New Delhi, India
Research Assistant for Prof. P.K. Datta *January 2011 – March 2011*
 - **Project:** Research Survey Project/2009-10 in Indian Political Thought
 - **Tasks:** Data collection and assimilation for analysis by the expert
- **Centre for the Study of Developing Societies** New Delhi, India
Research Assistant for Allison Berland Kaul (Visiting Fellow) *December 2010*
 - **Project:** Research conducted by Margaret Pearson and Allison Berland Kaul at University of Maryland, College Park
 - **Focus:** Analysis of variation in electoral support for the Bharatiya Janata Party from 1998 till 2009
 - **Tasks:** Hindi-to-English translation, compilation of statistical and analytical data, identifying interview subjects and organizing meetings

PUBLICATIONS

- **'Muslim Personal Law in India: Exploring Justice Through the Working of Darul Qaza':** International Research Journal of Management Sociology & Humanities, 2026, Vol. 17, Issue 1, ISSN 2348-9359, New Delhi, India
- **'Negotiating Identity in a Muslim Organization: An Introduction to the All India Muslim Majlis-e-Mushawarat':** Jagrup S. Sekhon ed., Punjab Journal of Politics, 2016, Vol. XL, No. 1-2, ISSN 0253-3960, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, India

PRESENTATIONS OF RESEARCH WORK AT CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

- **Faculty Seminar:** Presented Ph.D. research work 'What Does an Indian Muslim Hear When the Qazi Speaks: Notes from the Field' at St. Stephen's College Faculty Seminar Series, IQAC, on 11 March 2024
- **International Conference:** Presented 'Claiming the Personal: Competing Muslim Voices on Religious Law in India' at the Young South Asia Scholars Meet (YSASM), 15-17 June 2018, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH), Zurich, Switzerland
- **National Seminar:** Presented 'Forging a Muslim Subjectivity in India: The Role of All India Muslim Majlis-e-Mushawarat' at a UGC-sponsored National Seminar, 24-25 January 2017, Miranda House, University of Delhi
- **National Seminar:** Presented 'Dr. Ambedkar's Social Vision: A Cross-temporal Reading' at a National Seminar, 19-20 March 2016, Mahatma Gandhi Labour Institute, Ahmedabad, Gujarat

PARTICIPATION IN SEMINARS AND LECTURES

- **Moderator in Conversation with Journalist Bhasha Singh and Prof. Javed Iqbal Wani:** On 'Land, Law, and Housing: Understanding Displacement Practices in India,' organized by the Gandhi Ambedkar Study Circle, St. Stephen's College, on 4 April 2025
- **Judge for Inter-college Undergraduate Elocution Competition:** On 'One Nation, One Election,' organized by the BA Programme Society, St. Stephen's College, on 8 April 2024
- **Moderator in Conversation with Journalist Fatima Khan:** On 'Reporting Hate Crimes against Marginalised Communities,' organized by the Gender Studies Cell and Gandhi Ambedkar Study Circle, St. Stephen's College, on 9 September 2023
- **Judge for Inter-College Undergraduate Paper Presentations:** *Satyam Jha Paper Presentation Series*, organized by the History Society, St. Stephen's College, on 20 February 2023
- **Chair and Moderator in Conversation with Lawyer Karuna Nundy:** Session on 'Individual and the Internet: A Legal Perspective' at the Annual Academic Conclave on *The Web and the World: Life in the Age of Internet*, St. Stephen's College, 22-24 March 2018

GRANTS/SCHOLARSHIPS RECEIVED

- **International Workshop:** Fully funded Young South Asia Scholars Meet (YSASM) research workshop on 'Claims-Making,' organized by the Institute of History, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH), Zurich, Switzerland, 14–18 June 2018
- **Summer Research Program:** Fully funded summer research program on 'Ethnicity, Conflict and Inequality in a Global Perspective,' organized by the Watson Institute of International and Public Affairs with support from Santander Universities, Brown International Advanced Research Institutes, Brown University, U.S.A., 4–18 June 2016
- **ICSSR Fellowship:** ICSSR Doctoral Fellowship, 2013–2015
- **Teaching Assistantship:** University Teaching Assistantship, Department of Political Science, University of Delhi, April 2011 – April 2013
- **UGC Fellowship:** Non-NET Fellowship for M.Phil. research, June 2007 – May 2009