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# Current Position

**Assistant Professor at Gulati Institute of Finance and Taxation (GIFT), Thiruvananthapuram**

# Education

* **Ph.D.** from Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bangalore.
* Double Post Graduation in Mathematical Economics (Madurai Kamaraj University) and Actuarial Science (Amity University)

# Professional Experience

* ***Assistant Professor, Department of Applied Economics, Cochin University of Science and Technology (CUSAT), Cochin***
* ***Economist (Scale II -Manager) at Canara Bank, Head Office, Bangalore***
* ***Assistant Professor, Department of Economics and Professional Studies, Christ University, Bangalore***

# Professional and Research Skills

* Hands-on working experience in Stata, E-views, SPSS and MaxQDA
* Econometric Data Analysis, specialized research experience in the panel and cross-sectional data analysis

# Research Publications

* [*Socio-economic inequalities in spending on various levels of education across Indian households: an update*](https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s41775-023-00186-9)published in **Indian Economic Review, Springer, July 2023**
* [*Blended Learning in Indian Higher Education Are We Prepared to Set the Ball Rolling?*](https://scholar.google.com/citations?view_op=view_citation&hl=en&user=umf7k6kAAAAJ&citation_for_view=umf7k6kAAAAJ:Tyk-4Ss8FVUC)Published in **Economic and Political Weekly, April 2023***.*
* *A Political and Economic enquiry into India’s Fiscal Policy Response towards Covid-19 pandemic: Does it suffice Addressing the Growth Challenges?* *June 2022*, (Book Chapter), Scholars’ Press (ISBN:978-620-3-2-31579-1)
* “Interstate Variation in Household Education Expenditure in India: Does it affect the Educational Status? published in ***Structural Change and Economic Dynamics. Elsevier, October 2021 (Impact factor: 6.1)***
* “Uncertain Trajectory of Food Inflation: Fresh Triggers Amid Pandemic”, ***Economic and Political Weekly*, *July 2021*.**
* “Group based educational inequalities in India: Have major education policy interventions been effective**?”, *International Journal of Educational Development, Elsevier, January 2020.***
* “Exchange rate volatility and its macroeconomic implications: Empirical evidence from India”, *Bank Quest, Journal of Indian Institute for Banking and Finance (IIBF)*, October 2019.
* “Artificial Intelligence: An Economic and Sociological Blackhole?” for the Stephen Hawking *Memorial issue of Journal of Informatics Studies, Vol:52 April- June 2018*.
* South- South Cooperation and Spices trade: Indian Scramble for African - LAC markets’ – *South Asian Journal of Diplomacy*, May 2016.
* “Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership and its Implications for Indian Spices Trade: A political Economy Approach” – *Journal of Polity and Society*, April 2016.

# Papers Presented

* Determinants of Capital Expenditure on Education: An Empirical Analysis Across States in India, Centre for Budget Studies, Cochin University of Science and Technology, March 2023
* ‘Public versus Household Spending on Education: Are they Substitutes or Compliments Across States in India?’ at European Economics and Finance Society (EEFS), 25th June 2021.
* ‘Socio- economic Spending Decisions on Education by Indian Households: An Empirical Exploration’, PhD Colloquium, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research (IGIDR), Mumbai, November 2019.
* ‘Public Expenditure and Gender Outcomes on Education: Evidence from India’s North East', International Conference, North Eastern Hill University at Union Christian College, Shillong, Meghalaya, July 2018.
* Paper accepted on ‘Education Expansion and Income Inequality: An Evidence from India at National and Sub-national Levels’, World Sustainability Conference, ***University of Michigan, U.S.A,*** August 2018.

# Web- Articles (Selected)

* Focused Policy Key to Higher Private Investment, Faster Growth, 31st March 2023, https://www.policycircle.org/economy/higher-private-investment-vital/
* ‘Agrarian Distress in Kuttanad, A Wake-Up Call for Urgent Climate Adaptation’, Science, the Wire, 23rd April 2022, <https://science.thewire.in/author/aswathy-rachel-varughese/>
* ‘[Inflation vs growth: RBI set to end to monetary easing cycle](https://www.policycircle.org/economy/rbi-monetary-easing-inflation/), Policy Circle’, 5th April 2022, <https://www.policycircle.org/economy/rbi-monetary-easing-inflation/>
* ‘Courting Trouble: Inflation and Politics of Fuel Pricing’, 30th March 2022, Policy Circle, <https://www.policycircle.org/economy/inflation-fuel-pricing/>
* ‘Weak Demand Impulses Pinpoint Jerky Economic Recovery, FreePress Journal, 16th July 2020,<https://www.freepressjournal.in/analysis/weak-demand-impulses-pinpoint-jerky-economic-recovery>
* ‘Pandemic Woes and Behavioural Shift: Need to Boost Private Consumption’, Deccan Herald, 15th June 2020, <https://www.deccanherald.com/opinion/panorama/pandemic-woes-and-behavioural-shift-need-to-boost-private-consumption-849569.html>

# Invited Lectures

* **Fiscal Math, Union Budget 2023-24,** Department of Applied Economics, Cochin University of Science and Technology, Cochin
* Delivered a lecture on **‘Decoding Auction Theory- Contributions of Milgrom and Wilson, Nobel Laureates in Economics 2020**’ at K.G College Pambady, November 2020.
* Delivered a lecture on ‘***Demonetization and its impact on India Economy’***, Fatima College, Madurai, February 2018.
* Delivered a lecture on ‘***Relevance of Modern Cost Theory***’, K N Raj Centre, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, February 2016.

# Membership in academic bodies

* Member of Board of Studies, School of Management, Christ University, Bangalore, 2017-18
* Lifetime member and Junior Associate of the Indian Institute for Banking and Finance (IIBF)
* Student Member of the Institute of Actuaries of India

# Accolades and Achievements

* Award from IIBF for the **best Micro Research Paper** among all Indian bankers, in June 2019.
* Attended the INTEL’s **Asia Pacific Conference held at Bangkok, Thailand,** May 2012.
* Recipient of the **Elizabeth Adiseshiah Award**
* Recipient of **10th Econometric Conference Endowment Prize**, Madurai Kamaraj University.
* Represented the Kerala state in the **National Children’s Science Congress** held at Kolkata, in December 2000.