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EXPERIENCE

Consultant

Mumbai, India

Tribal Development Department, Government of Maharashtra, India

July 2021 – June 2022

- Coordinated various policy formulations and handled a range of collaborations
- Made a significant contribution towards crafting the Ashram School Code Book. Policy document of Ashram School Operational Guidelines.

Education Initiative Associate

Mumbai, India

Tribal Development Department, Government of Maharashtra, India

August 2019 – July 2021

- Designed and coordinated the survey-driven Kayapalat Abhiyan, a flagship program of physical assessments for government Ashram schools and hostels that impacted 499 schools and 487 hostels. I headed the Kayapalat Project in the Integrated Tribal Development Project (ITDP) in Gadchiroli, Aheri, Bhamaragad, and Dhule
- A survey was conducted on education level assessment in 150 Ashram schools covering under the Additional Tribal Commissionerate, Nashik. Analysed and interpreted collected data using the R software

Research Associate

Mumbai, India

Tribal Development Department, Government of Maharashtra, India

March 2019–August 2019

- Assessed policy gaps through analysis of policy and survey to strengthen School Management Committee (SMC), recommended frameworks for policy intervention and community involvement
- Worked on effective utilisation of SMC fund through interactive workshops, brainstorming sessions and counselling to stake- holders.

Development Intern

Mumbai, India

Tribal Development Department, Government of Maharashtra, India

June 2018 – March 2019

- Visited approximately 40 Ashram Schools across Maharashtra to identify key issues faced by stakeholders. Contributed to policy formulation and drafting of Government Resolutions (GRs) based on field insights.

EDUCATION

Jawaharlal Nehru (JNU) New Delhi, India

2024 – 2028

PhD in Economics

- CGPA: 7.16/9
- **Coursework:** Statistical Methods and Data Analysis in R, Advanced Quantitative Techniques, Elements of Indian Regional Structure, Levels of Regional Development in India, Social Factors in Indian Regionalism, Research and Publication Ethics.

Mumbai School of Economics and Public Policy, University of Mumbai, Mumbai, India

2016 – 2018

Master of Arts (M.A.) in Economics

- CGPA: 5.4/10
- Percentage 57.33%
- **Subjects:** Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Development Economics, Public Economics, Indian Economy Part A, Indian Economy Part B, Quantitative Methods of Demography, Economics of Services, Time Series Econometrics, Urban Economics, Transportation Economics, Economics of Labour Market, Rural Political Economy.

University of Mumbai, Mumbai, India

2013 – 2016

Bachelor of Arts (B.A) in Economics

- CGPA: 6.68/10
- Percentage 74.02%

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATES

University Grants Commission (UGC), Government of India

2022

UGC Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) in Economics

- Awarded the **JRF** by the UGC to pursue fully funded doctoral research in Economics.
- The fellowship includes a monthly stipend and research grant.

University Grants Commission (UGC), Government of India

2022

National Eligibility Test (**NET**) in Economics

- Qualified for lectureship and assistant professorship in Economics at the national level.
- The **NET** is a prestigious eligibility test conducted by the UGC across India.

Savitribai Phule Pune University, Maharashtra

2022

State Eligibility Test (**SET**) in Economics

- Qualified for lectureship eligibility at the **state level** in Maharashtra.
- The **SET** is conducted by Savitribai Phule Pune University on behalf of the Government of Maharashtra.

PUBLICATIONS

Stepping Out to Work

2025

Akash Sawarkar, Dr. Savita Kulkarni, Dr. Rajani Mathur, Dr. Neeraj Hatekar

[Link](#) 

Book: Maharashtra's Unemployment (Marathi)

2024

Dr. Neeraj Hatekar, **Akash Sawarkar**

- Analyzed Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) data released by MoSPI using R to estimate key employment indicators such as Unemployment Rate (UR), Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR), and Worker Population Ratio (WPR).
- Examined earnings and wage differentials across sectors, genders, and social groups using disaggregated microdata.

NEWS PAPER

Why Poverty Persists ? (Marathi)

2021

Dr. Neeraj Hatekar, **Akash Sawarkar**, Prasad Bhosale,

[Link](#) 

Comment on Multidimensional Poverty (Marathi)

2023

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DATA ANALYTICS SKILLS

Programming Languages: R

Statistical Software : STATA, Advanced Excel

Geographical Software & Tools: Quantum GIS (QGis), ArcGis, HTML, LaTeX, Excel.

Data Collection Tools & Tools : KOBO