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## EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- PhD Candidate, Centre for East Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University (Thesis submitted)  
**Thesis title: "Japan's Post-Fukushima Transition Towards Renewable Energy: Lessons from German Energiewende"**  
Special Research Student at Graduate School of Public Policy, the University of Tokyo, Research Advisor: Prof Jun ARIMA  
*Japan Foundation Japanese Studies Fellowship Program 2021-22*  
*UGC Junior Research Fellowship 2019 - present (Score: 99.81 percentile)*
- **MPhil in Japanese Studies (2015-17)**, School of International Studies, JNU. Secured **first position** with 7.62 CGPA.  
Dissertation Title: "Japan's Path towards Renewable Energy: Scope for Japan-India Cooperation (2001-16)"  
*UGC Non-NET Scholarship, Government of India*
- **M.A in East Asian Studies (2013-15)**, Dept. of East Asian Studies, University of Delhi. 78.43%, securing a place in the **top three** in University of Delhi  
*Mitsubishi Cooperation International Scholarship* in recognition for excellence in Japanese language (2014-15)  
*Indira Gandhi Single Girl Child Scholarship, Government of India*
- **B.A History Honors (2010-2013)** Lady Shri Ram College (LSR), University of Delhi. 69.45%, **third position** in the University

## PUBLICATIONS

- Co-Editor of the Book "[India-Japan Relations @ 70: Building Beyond the Bilateral](#)", ISBN-13: 978-9391490065, KW Publishers
- [Energising the Cooperation: Renewable Energy Transitions in the Power Sector](#), in [India-Japan Relations @ 70: Building Beyond the Bilateral](#), KW Publishers
- [A Balancing Act: Tracking Japan's Energy Transition in the Age of COVID-19](#), [Environment: Science and Policy for Sustainable Development](#), Vol 63, Issue 6, 2021, DOI: 10.1080/00139157.2021.1979868
- [Japan's contribution to Peace, Prosperity & Sustainability: Energy Transitions in the Indo-Pacific Region](#), [The Pacific Review](#), DOI: 10.1080/09512748.2021.1955950, July 2021
- [A new leadership amidst Japan's ongoing Energy Transition](#), [Australian Journal of International Affairs](#), Vol 75, Issue 3, 2021, DOI:10.1080/10357718.2021.1875984
- The Paris Push to Renewables: Scope for India-Japan Cooperation - [Energy Review](#) Newsletter, Vol 2, Issue 2, February 2020
- [Paris Agreement leading towards Cleaner Energy: Scope for India-Japan Cooperation](#) - [Institute of Chinese Studies](#), ICS Occasional Paper No. 36, December 2019
- India's March towards Renewables: Scope for India-Japan cooperation in the RE Sphere - [Akshay Urja](#), June-August 2019, Vol 12-13, Issue 6&1, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
- Fukushima Disaster and its After Effects - [University Grants Commission](#) (UGC) e-pathshala Module JPN-P11-M30, and Japanese Foreign Policy Module - JPN-P11-M34, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India
- [Political and Social Discourses on Nuclear Energy in Japan: The Evolution of the Idea of "Dream Energy"](#) - [DU Journal](#), Vol 1, Issue 2, May 2015
- [India-ASEAN Economic Engagement and its Impact on the Indian Economy](#) - [Indian Foreign Affairs Journal](#), Vol 10, No 1, Jan-Mar 2015

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **Kansai Electric Power Cooperation Inc (KEPCO)** - February 2022  
Learnt about Overseas Project Development as well as profitability analysis of projects, utilized the knowledge to pitch a mock project to the senior members of KEPCO during the internship
- **Applied Solar Technologies** - September 2019 to December 2020  
As [Intern - Research and Analysis](#), provided research assistance by analyzing solar energy trends, gathered policy statements, created reports and made recommendations for specific projects based on research findings through presentations.

- **Society for Promotion of Youth & Masses (SPYM)** - June 2017 to May 2019  
As a [Research Associate](#) worked on drafting policy briefs, communicating with relevant government authorities for data collection, preparing survey questionnaires for various research projects including the pan-India National Survey on Extent and Pattern of Substance Use in India under the aegis of Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- **Earthwatch Institute, India (Earth Matters Foundation and Riverbank Studios)**  
August 2012 to April 2014  
As [Research Assistant](#) for the award-winning environmental TV series "Earth Matters", analyzed varied environmental and social issues and prepared content reports for the episodes and documentary movies
- **United Nations Resident Coordinators Office (UNRCO), UN India** – June/ July 2012  
Researched on the format and content design as well as structural suggestions of the UN India website by assessing websites of various international organizations. Coordinated with three levels of seniors including the Chief of Staff, UNRCO
- **Television Audience Measurement (TAM) Media Research** – December 2011  
As a [Project Trainee](#), submitted a project report on an individual project involving research and analysis on different target audiences as movie viewers. Conducted personal research through a questionnaire to facilitate the available data and support the conclusions proposed through presentation
- **Prayas, Juvenile Aid Centre** – May to December 2014- As a Volunteer in the Financial Inclusion Programme of Prayas interacted with urban slum women and imparted awareness on the importance of financial independence
- **NAZ Foundation, India** – July 2010 to April 2011- Student Volunteer, teaching HIV+ children, of the age group 13-15, subjects like English, Science and Mathematics.

## CONFERENCES/PAPER PRESENTATION/TEACHING

- Mar 2022: Presented a paper on "The Geopolitics of Japan's Energy Transition: Case of the Middle East and Russia" at the [1st All India East Conference on East Asian Studies](#) by the Institute of Chinese Studies
- June, 2021: Moderator and Chair of Session on "Asian Solidarity and Education: Perspectives from the Youth" at Overseas leg (LSR) of [STEP Asian Undergraduate Summit 2021](#) by National University Singapore
- Feb, 2021: **Won 2nd Best Paper** for "Japan's contribution to Peace, Prosperity & Sustainability: Energy Transitions in the Indo-Pacific Region" presented at [International e-Conference on Japan's Grand Strategy in the Indo-Pacific: Debates, Dialogues and Deliberations](#) by Centre for East Asian Studies, JNU and Japan Foundation, New Delhi  
- was also a member of the **Core Organizing Committee** for the conference working on the agenda setting, funding, coordinating among speakers from different continents and other logistics
- Jan, 2021: Presented a paper titled "A Balancing Act: Impact of COVID-19 and Japan's Energy Transition" at [University of Dhaka, International e-Conference on Japanology in New Era](#)
- 2020: Taught a lecture on Japan's Energy Transitions to students of Masters in International Relations-Area Studies, JNU
- 2019: Presented seminar on topic "NDCs leading towards Cleaner Energy: Scope for India-Japan Cooperation" at [Institute of Chinese Studies](#) on 9 October 2019, New Delhi

## OTHER ACTIVITIES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- Skills: MS Office: Word, Power Point, Excel; [Mendeley Reference Management Software](#), Canva  
- Successfully completed the course in 'Object Oriented Programming Using C++' from NIIT
- Successfully completed Certification courses:
  - International Energy Agency's e-training course "Energy Efficiency Indicators: Essentials for Policy Making" (2021)
  - Sainsbury Institute's Online Summer Programme in Japanese Cultural Studies 2021
  - UN Institute for Training & Research's e-courses on Introduction to Green Economy and Indicators for an Inclusive Green Economy (2021)
  - Google's certified course on The Fundamentals of Digital Marketing (2021)
  - e-Workshop on Publishing Research by Taylor & Francis Group (2020)
  - short-term course 'Ecologies, Economies, Politics and Cultures in a Globalizing World' from LSR, University of Delhi (2012-13)
- Received the **Japan Foundation** support for attending:
  - RIIPA Ambassador Lecture Series (RAMBLS) on Japan-India Relations 2021
  - Association for Asian Studies (AAS) Annual Conference 2021 (Virtual) and AAS in Boston 2020 (Cancelled due to COVID19)
  - Study Tour to visit Japan (Tokyo and Kyoto) in September 2014
- Sports: Was a part of the Under 19 Girls Delhi Football Team at the 55th National Football Championship 2009 (National level)
- Leadership: Vice Head Girl (2008-9) & President, Ecology Club (2008-10), Mater Dei School