

## APOORVA MAHENDRU

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### Career Objective

I have a keen interest in working on issues of development. By using my skills as a researcher and analyst, I would use my experience on field as well as my interest in the area of development, especially gender, to contribute significantly to the project in hand.

### Education

**M.Sc. Economics (Development Studies), Symbiosis School of Economics** 2017- 2019  
*Symbiosis International (Deemed) University, Pune*  
CGPA: 6.5

**B.A. in Economics (Hons)** 2013- 2016  
*Gargi College, Delhi University, Delhi*  
Concentration in Economics; graduated with 63.84%

### Internships/Volunteer Work

**Research and Information Systems for Developing Countries (RIS), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi** May 2018-June 2018

- Worked on an independent research paper on the “Role of Technology in Financial Inclusion with an Emphasis on Gender” by analyzing secondary data through descriptive statistics.

**Research Assistant for a Ph.D dissertation study, Pune** July 2018-August 2018

- Data collection in the slums of Pune through a baseline survey followed by an attitudes survey to observe the causal effect of living next to neighbors of different caste groups on attitudes towards other social groups

**Arya-The Project, Teach for India, New Delhi** July 2016- May 2017

- Prepared the script of a musical, conducted value-based activities and theatre classes for the children
- Managed logistics and the set-up of their website as well as a 2.5 hour musical with 34 students of a government school for girls in Tughlakabad, Delhi.

**Aarzoo- The Project, Teach for India, New Delhi** January 2016- April 2016

- Helped the mothers of the students studying in a government school of Shahdara, New Delhi with English and conversation skills and prepared them for hosting the Aarzoo Project, a showcase of talent of students of various government schools.

**Udayan Care, New Delhi** June 2013- July 2017

- As a part of the Big Friend Little Friend Programme, helped mentor kids of the slum areas of South Delhi and worked towards their personal and academic development. Later on, due to lack of funding, this programme was discontinued and the last two years we carried on the programme independently by coordinating with other volunteers and the children attending the meetings.

### Academic Projects & Achievements

**“Gender Responsive Budgeting Analysis of Selected Urban Development Services: Evidence from Gurugram and Bengaluru”** March 2019

Conducted secondary research on the budgetary allocations of expenditure for Haryana, Karnataka, Gurugram and Bengaluru and analysed their budgets for the financial year 2016-17 through a gender lens with the help of descriptive analysis.

**“Indicators of Poverty and Inequality”** March 2019

Worked on the IHDS dataset of 2005-06 and 2011-12 of 41,554 households and calculated Head Count Ratio, Poverty Gap Index, FGT Index and the Gini Coefficient in rural as well as urban households of India through MS-Excel after cleaning the available data.

**An assessment of the condition of Sex Workers in Pune****October 2018**

Interacted with the founder of Chaitanya Mahila Mandal, an NGO aimed at women empowerment that provides shelter to distressed women and a night crèche for the children of sex workers. Consequently, I conducted personal interviews with 15 sex workers of Budhwar Peth, Pune to examine their interactions with the formal institution and assess the situation of sex work in the area.

**“The Gap Battle- Women, Empowerment and the Gender Gap”****October 2018**

This was a theoretical research paper on the state of the gender gap across the world, the concepts of sex, gender and privilege, the various approaches to bring women into the sphere of development and the key areas of focus to reduce the gender gap.

**“Economic Growth and its Relationship with Income Inequality”****February 2018**

A panel data fixed regression has been run on 57 countries for a period of 14 years to measure the impact of economic growth on income inequality. Gini coefficient has been used as the indicator for income inequality.

**“Measuring the Degree of Ethnic Diversity and its Impact on Economic Growth”****September 2017**

A first difference regression model was run on the GDP per capita, government spending, fractionalization index and Herfindahl-Hirschman Index of India for the period of 1979-2014 to check the impact of ethnic and political diversity on the economic growth of a country. This paper was selected for the ICEF Conference at BITS-Pilani, 2018.

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**Extra-Curricular Activities & Achievements**

- President of the M.Sc Student Council (2018-2019) and Member of the Placement Cell (2018-2019)
  - Organized Equilibria 2019, Symbiosis School of Economics' annual fest.
  - Organized a 3-day International Conference on the “Future of Employment: Challenges and Opportunities” (FECO 2019)
  - Conducted a gender workshop for my peers distinguishing sex and gender, defining privilege and social justice and the different frameworks of women empowerment.
  - Technical: Acquainted with SPSS, R, STATA, MS-Excel, MS PowerPoint
  - Personal blog: <https://wordpress.com/posts/burgerqueen19.wordpress.com>
  - Languages known: English, Hindi
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