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Set up in 1971 by the renowned economist, Late Professor Kakkadan Nandanath Raj, the Centre for Development Studies (CDS) is an internationally renowned, self-governing institution known for its cutting edge research in applied economics and topics germane to socio-economic development, impeccable pedagogy, and extensive and exhaustive training programmes. The state-of-the-art CDS library is one of the biggest repositories of wisdom in South India with over 1, 50,000 titles in economics and related disciplines and subscribing to about 400 professional journals. It has faculty strength of about twenty.

CDS is primarily a research, teaching and training institute where research is organized across 6 distinct themes relating to:

- Agricultural & Natural resources
- Gender, Migration, Population
- Health and Education
- Poverty, Vulnerability and Social Security
- Industry
- Trade and Technology

And there is a seventh theme cutting across the above themes and analyzing the impact of globalization on each of them. This calls for a fine balance between theoretical rigour and empirical validation which enables the students to adapt to real life problems and observations in the existing theoretical framework. The emphasis on plurality and empirics is a hallmark of the academic programmes in CDS. The vibrant research community working in close aid with national and international agencies and governments make the overall environment conducive to adoption of theoretical knowledge to real life challenges, which is another merit exclusive to CDS.
Centre for Development Studies (CDS) is an internationally renowned academic institution established in 1971 by legendary economist Late Professor K.N. Raj. CDS is known for its cutting edge research in applied economics and development. The centre is affiliated to Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi in offering MA, MPhil and PhD programmes in Applied Economics. The MPhil/PhD programmes have been successfully running for four decades and have produced a set of very distinguished alumni who are now leaders in their respective fields, both in India and abroad.

The newly introduced MA in Applied Economics is a unique Master’s degree programme that aims at imparting a rigorous training in theory, tools and methods for applied economic analysis, with a special focus on issues of economic development. It gives me immense pleasure to introduce the outgoing batch of our MA programme – a bunch of vibrant, highly motivated and driven youngsters. They shall be well prepared for careers in academia, government, national and international development agencies, research institutions, corporate sector and the media, when they graduate in June 2015.

I sincerely hope that this placement brochure will help all prospective employers to get a glimpse of the academic profile of this highly reputed and internationally acclaimed institution and a snapshot of the next graduating crop from CDS.

Professor Amit Shovon Ray
Director
CDS started a new Master’s Programme in Applied Economics during the academic year 2012-13. The programme is affiliated to Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi and within a matter of three years has found a place as one of the top Master’s level courses in Economics in the country. This is evidenced by the fact that the course has attracted considerable interest from very discerning graduates from some of the best universities in the country and that too in large numbers.

The course has some distinctive features, which transform someone who has pursued it into a well-rounded economist with strong foundation in economic theory and quantitative techniques but also the application of economic theory to a wide range of economic problems of developing countries. In this way the training that our students receive makes them eminently suitable for a wide array of careers in government and private sector, in industry and academia, in journalism and in civil society organizations. Careful but rather sophisticated analysis of empirical data, which are at the same time theoretically informed, is an important hallmark of our training at the Centre.

Finally, a word about our graduates who are in the process of entering the labour market. All of them have earned their place in the course after a rigorous and competitive nation-wide entrance examination. Further, they have continued to work very hard, possess excellent communication skills, both oral and written and also can be trusted with any kind of responsibility. I wish the entire batch the very best in their future endeavours and without any hesitation would welcome them to our own centre should they decide to do further studies in economics.

Professor Sunil Mani
Programme Co-ordinator.
The Centre is managed by a Governing Body consisting of eminent academicians, planners as well as administrators. The present Chairman of the Governing Body is Dr. Bimal Jalan.

The Centre draws its financial support mainly from the Government of Kerala and the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR). The Reserve Bank of India and the Planning Commission has instituted endowment units for research in selected areas at CDS. The Union Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs has set up a migration unit to study issues relating to international migration from India.

Governing Body and its Members:

- **Dr. Bimal Jalan**
  - Chairman, Former RBI Governor

- **Prof. N. R. Madhava Menon**
  - Former Member, Commission on Centre-State Relations

- **Prof. P. K. Radhakrishnan**
  - Vice Chancellor, University of Kerala

- **Prof. S.K. Sopory**
  - Vice Chancellor, Jawaharlal Nehru University

- **Dr. Anuradha Balaram**
  - Member Secretary, Kerala State Planning Board

- **Prof. Ramesh Dadhich**
  - Member Secretary, Indian Council of Social Science Research

- **Prof. Jayati Ghosh**
  - Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, School of Social Sciences, JNU

- **Dr. Sanjaya Baru**
  - Honorary Senior Fellow, Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi

- **Prof. Praveen Jha**
  - Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, School of Social Sciences, JNU

- **Dr. K.C. Sunny**
  - Head, Department of Law, University of Kerala

- **Prof. P.S. George**
  - Honorary Fellow, CDS

- **Prof. E.T. Mathew**
  - Honorary Fellow, CDS

- **Prof. K.J. Joseph**
  - Professor, CDS

- **Prof. Sunil Mani**
  - Professor, CDS

- **Prof. Amit Shovon Ray**
  - Director, CDS
The Centre for Development Studies, Trivandrum has been acknowledged over the years as a centre of excellence for advanced teaching and research in applied economics. This has been made possible largely because of the persistent efforts of the esteemed faculty who have strengthened the foundations of the institute over the years and have sharpened the young minds to undertake pioneering tasks.

**National and International Recognition**


Recently Dr. Pulapre Balakrishnan’s edited volume on the Indian economy ‘Politics trumps Economics’ followed by Dr. P.L. Beena’s book on Mergers and Acquisitions has been published by Routledge. And amongst many honours, Pulapre Balakrishnan has been recently awarded with the distinguished Malcolm Adiseshiah Award for his contributions to development studies.
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<td>Ragupathy Venkatachalam</td>
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<td>Nonlinear business cycle theory, Measurement of Technological Progress, Macroeconomics and Computable Economics</td>
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<td>Economics of Education, Education and the labour market</td>
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<td>Sunandan Ghosh</td>
<td>PhD in Economics (Jadavpur University)</td>
<td>Regional Economic Integration, Delegation Game in Customs Union and Endogenous Quality</td>
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The alumni of an institution are the true hallmarks of its impact and a medium of its message in the world outside. They exemplify and embody the wisdom, training and learning which they have received in the institution. CDS in its existence has attracted many bright minds from all across the globe and has nurtured them in an environment of curiosity, liberty, academic and intellectual freedom to pursue the issues which they feel are the most pressing and question the established norms. This environment has produced very fine minds that are making their mark felt across varied sectors like academics, civil services, journalism and executives. The success of these alumni speaks about the values which CDS has instilled in them and continues to do for the present generation of students.

**Distinguished Alumni:**

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<td>Former Executive Editor</td>
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<td>Dr. Cherian Samuel</td>
<td>Lead Evaluation Officer</td>
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<td>Dr. Deepa Sankar</td>
<td>Senior Economist</td>
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<td>Mr. V Sridhar</td>
<td>Special Correspondent</td>
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Before CDS, I was searching my calling and passion. At CDS, I found it. This was the gift of Professor K.N. Raj, an intellectual giant, and his wife, Sarsamma, who generously adopted my wife, Jyothsna, and me into their lives. Dr. Raj taught me the importance of the highest standards of intellectual integrity while relentlessly pursuing a scholarly investigation ("research is a slow process," he said). His insistence on folding history and politics into economic policy discussion have enriched my research immeasurably. I had the great good fortune also of being mentored and welcomed by Professors Iqbal and Leela Gulati. Professors A. Vaidyanathan and T.N. Krishnan were always there to discuss research and policy ideas.

**Ashoka Mody,**  
*Charles and Marie Robertson Visiting Professor in International Economic Policy at the Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University and former Deputy Director, IMF*

CDS taught me two lessons. First, anything is worth studying if it is based on observation of life around us. Second, we should be open-minded about method. CDS in the 1980s when I was a student gathered together a group of methodological liberals. They were receptive to history, statistics, economics, anthropology, Marxism, neoclassicism, and subalterns. Such mixture did not descend into chaos because individually the faculty, and the visitors, were bright and creative minds. Looking back, it is trust in one’s observation and methodological liberalism that mattered most to my evolution as an academic. I imbibed both qualities in CDS. I hope the tradition continues.

**Tirthankar Roy,**  
*Professor of Economic History, London School of Economics (LSE)*

For many decades the unique academic programme of CDS has turned out graduates who have gone on to occupy senior positions in a vast number of areas -- academics of course, and financial institutions, civil society and the media.

**C. Rammanohar Reddy,**  
*Editor, Economic and Political Weekly*

CDS is more than an institution that taught me Economics. It taught me to think and empathize with the issues and problems that affect the lives of the common people in rural and urban India. The professors and seniors at CDS along with the CDS community and the various discussion forums outside the campus provided an intellectually stimulating environment to the young mind.

**Jeemol Unni,**  
*Director, Institute of Rural Management (IRMA)*
I have great memories of my time at CDS, for the camaraderie and friendships that the community provided. I was privileged to be amongst a group of brilliant minds, committed to finding solutions to India's numerous development challenges. Being a Malayalee, I was also proud to be associated with a place of academic excellence like CDS, in my own home state!

Dr. Cherian Samuel,
*Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (World Bank Group)*

CDS is where I learnt my economics. If "It is a method, rather than a doctrine, an apparatus of mind, a technique of thinking" - as John Maynard Keynes said - the Centre helped me acquire it. With some of the country's finest economists as teachers, liberal intellectual environment, and a thoughtful student body, studying at the Centre was an intense and rewarding experience.

R Nagraj,
*Professor, IGIDR, Mumbai*

I owe my conviction in Kenneth Boulding quote that 'Theories without facts may be barren, but facts without theories are meaningless' to my training at CDS with an integrated perspective on these two dimensions.

M.H Suryanarayana,
*Professor, IGIDR, Mumbai*

CDS fostered a dynamic and adaptive learning environment with a thrust on academic rigour and honed my skills in economic analysis. Importantly, I learnt the importance of nurturing institutions in the role that each one has to play in ensuring the dynamism of institutions. It also taught me to be guided by a sense of social responsibility in whatever I do. I carried these learning to my classrooms-teaching management students, training corporate executives and government officials. CDS academic legacy has a indelible influence in my professional advancement.

J. Dennis Rajakumar,
*Director, EPW Research Foundation*
M.A. in Applied Economics at CDS is a unique master’s programme in economics that aims at providing a rigorous training in theory, tools and methods for applied economic analysis, with a special focus on issues of economic development. The degree is awarded by Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. MA students are a part of a vibrant research community at CDS, comprising of faculty, research scholars and visitors, working on various facets of development within an interdisciplinary framework. Trained as applied economists, students are expected to be well prepared for careers in academia, government, national and international development agencies, research institutions, the corporate sector and the media.

In addition to the courses listed below, the students of the 2013-15 MA batch have been exposed to the following supplementary courses:

- Programming in R Statistical Software
- Advanced topics in Applied Econometrics with the M.Phil. Programme
- Short course on standard scientific research writing

Admission Process:

Admission to the highly sought after Master’s programme is based on an entrance test held across the country. The selection procedure is stringent with only 3% of all applicants being selected for the course. The Centre has expanded its list of admission centers to include Trivandrum, Chennai, New Delhi, Kolkata, Bangalore, Hyderabad and Chandigarh over the past three years to ensure that the outreach of the programme improves and the Centre attracts best of the brains from various pockets of the country.
Students are required to complete sixteen courses: nine compulsory and seven optional courses as listed below. One compulsory course in the fourth semester is a project in which the student works under faculty supervision.

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The Joan Robinson Prize:

Joan Robinson, the famous Cambridge economist, who was a student of Keynes and in turn PhD advisor of Amartya Sen and Manmohan Singh, was a frequent visitor to CDS until her death. She was an active participant in all the academic activities of the CDS. CDS holds the copyright on her two books from whose royalty this prize has been established.

The prize is awarded for the best overall performance in the MA (Applied Economics) Programme. The best performer is the one who obtains the highest Final Grade Point Average (FGPA) at the end of four semesters.

The M.G. Kanbur Prize:

This prize commemorates the legacy of Dr. M. G. Kanbur, a visiting faculty at CDS, who belonged to the initial cohort of economists using mathematical and econometric methods to analyze the economy of India and other developing countries.

The prize is awarded to the best performer in the quantitative courses of the MA (Applied Economics) programme. These include three of the core courses on Mathematics, Statistics and Econometrics taught in the first year of the programme. The best performer is the one who obtains the highest Average Grade Point (AGP) in these three courses at the end of two semesters.

The endowment for both the Joan Robinson and M. G Kanbur prize has been established by generous funds provided by Prof. Ravi Kanbur, Cornell University (USA) who was recipient of K N Raj Fellowship, instituted by RBI for the year 2013-14.
LIBRARY FACILITIES:

Ever since its inception, CDS has accorded a high priority to building up a good library in social sciences. It is now one of the leading social science research and reference libraries in the country with a rich collection of books, journals, publications of other research institutes (national and international) and government publications. The library collection is over 150,000 titles covering economics, statistics, development studies, sociology, demography, history, political science and other allied subjects. Currently it subscribes to 230 journals currently. In addition, it receives about 120 journals by way of gifts or exchange. The library is maintaining an exchange programme of publications with a number of national and international organizations.

In fond remembrance of our founder, Professor K N Raj, the CDS Library was renamed as K N Raj Library with effect from July 9 2010.

The library’s collection is also enriched by some precious books received in the form of gifts and donation by the well-wishers of CDS. This includes a collection of books donated by the Raja of Kollengode, a collection of books donated by the family of Lord Nicholas Kaldor (Economist, Cambridge), a collection of books received as a gift from Sanjay Lall (Economist, Oxford), a collection of books donated by Padma Bhushan Devaki Jain (Activist and Feminist Economist), a collection of books received as gift from Prof K N Raj, a collection of books donated by the family of B G Gopal Kumar (Economist) and many more.

Book and article review are conducted regularly by faculty and students.
Facilities/ Infrastructure/ Resources at CDS

**CAMPUS:**

CDS is located in a residential area in the northern outskirts of Trivandrum. The CDS campus and buildings, designed by the renowned architect, Dr. Laurie Baker, exemplify the cost-effective techniques in construction. It is also a green campus with a prize-winning garden.

Residential accommodation in the campus consists of quarters for faculty and staff, hostel for students (both women and men), a guesthouse and a cafeteria.

**HOSTEL:**

The hostels are for residential purposes of students of the Centre. The Centre allot the rooms on single or on double occupancy basis subject to the availability of the vacant rooms. The rooms have attached bath and the furnishings include a bed (with mattress), table, chair and wardrobe. The campus at present 3 hostels viz. Men Hostel including Annex building, Women Hostel including Annex building and a newly built hostel which was inaugurated by Dr. Bimal Jalan, former RBI Governor. All the three hostels are well connected by the Wi-Fi facility.

At present all the students of the Centre are accommodated with single occupancy.
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IT FACILITY:

In tune with its professed goal of providing necessary IT services to the faculty and students of the Centre, the Computing wing of the Centre is equipped with the necessary organizational and computing resources. To facilitate the computing services to course through the length and breadth of organization efficiently and effectively, the institute has planted major IT-service centers targeted to various categories of users. Services provided include:

- 24×7 Net access
- POP/IMAP enabled E-mail with 1Gb mailbox
- Google Apps (Gmail type of mail accounts) on cds.edu
- 1GB storage, accessible from anywhere.
- Self-administrable web page for each of the users.
- Library on-line catalogue.
- Wi-Fi hotspots in different locations such as Library, computer centre, main block, classrooms, hostels, guesthouse etc.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

CDS promotes a mix of academic and extracurricular activities. The Students of the Centre actively participate in various sports events. The Centre has a badminton court, a cricket field and rooms with facilities for various indoor games such as Chess, Carom and Table Tennis. There are also two recreation and resting rooms equipped with television in the campus for the students.

Since the Centre attracts students from across the country, cultural diversity is very well seen in its tradition of celebrating all the festivals such as Onam, Diwali, Id, Holi, among others with the entire CDS fraternity.
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At CDS, teaching is a blend of theory and empirics which explains the vibrant research community at the institute. This environment instills a habit of careful analysis of propositions, theories, axioms and data into its students which well-equips them in dealing with any socio cultural or industrial issues. The students of M.A program benefit from this constantly engaging and result oriented research environment.

OUR STRENGTHS

• **Analytical Skills**: The course structure and teaching methodology enables the student to visualize, articulate and solve complex as well as simple problems. The students are able to demonstrate their ability to apply logical thinking to gathering and analyzing information, modeling and testing solutions to problems and formulating plans.

• **Quantitative Aptitude**: The emphasis on quantitative analysis enables the students to develop appropriate and relevant techniques for statistical analysis, forecasting, extrapolation, and other tools essential for effective decision-making. There is special focus on right reading of interpretation to make it relevant and reflect reality closely.

• **Exposure**: The students have also interned with various Public/Private Organizations and Research Institutions like Planning Commission, State Planning Board, Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation, SBI, Institute of Economic Growth, State Public Expenditure Review Committee. Moreover, the students hail from all parts of the country and it helps them appreciate cultural diversity and build meaningful relationships with people.

• **Statistical Skills**: The students have exposure to SPSS, STATA and other packages. In particular a certificate course in R has been offered to enhance their statistical computing skills. This has widely enhanced their skill set and makes them suitable for corporate environment.

Thus students are honed in analytical thinking using a blend of theory and empirics which make them valuable assets to the organizations. This is well reflected in our Alumni list. Despite being an academic research institute for decades, our students are occupying high positions not only in academia but in corporate, media, politics and government which is a testimony of the invaluable gains one receives here during their training in Economics. In particular, our graduates would fit in Data Analytics, Macroeconomic Research, Banking and Financial firms, Media Houses and Non-governmental Organizations.
STUDENT’S PROFILE: M.A. APPLIED ECONOMICS (2013-15)
**Background**

- **Cyril Jose**
  - Educational Qualifications:
    - BA (Honours) Economics from St. Xavier's College, Mumbai
  - Kerala State Planning Board (2014)
    - Role: Project on “Demand Supply gap in Road Infrastructure”
  - Capstocks India Pvt Ltd (2012)
    - Role: Analysed share price movements in the Equity Research Department

- **Deepti Bhatia**
  - Educational Qualifications:
    - BA (Honours) Economics from Kalindi College, Delhi University
  - IIT Gandhinagar (2014)
    - Role: Project on Moral Decision Making
  - National Institute of Urban Affairs (2013)
    - Role: Worked on proposed reforms for urban poor, study of City Development Plans (CDPs) for 65 cities

- **Gurdeep Lamba**
  - Educational Qualifications:
    - BA (Honours) Economics from SGTB Khalsa College, Delhi University
  - Dr. Amarnath Tripathi, Institute of Economic Growth (2014)
    - Role: Project on “Onion Price Rise”
### Jasleen Kaur

**Educational Qualifications**
- BA (Honours) Economics from Indraprastha College for Women, Delhi University

**Certified Courses**
- Actuarial Sciences (Papers Cleared: Business Economics and Financial Mathematics)
- Coursera: “Age of Sustainable Development” by Jeffrey Sachs, Columbia University

**Summer Internships/Projects**
- Kerala State Planning Board (2014)
  - **Role**: Project on “Mainstreaming persons with disability into the economy”

### Kashika Arora

**Educational Qualifications**
- BA (Honours) Economics from A.R.S.D. College, Delhi University

**Summer Internships/Projects**
- Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (2014)
  - **Role**: Project on “Analysis of the Competitiveness of Indian Exports in the backdrop of Economic Reforms”

### Krishan

**Educational Qualifications**
- BA Economics/Mathematics from Ram Lal Anand College, Delhi University

**Summer Internships/Projects**
- Kerala State Planning Board (2014)
  - **Role**: Project on “Ascertaining the Capital Content in the Revenue Expenditure”
**Kuldeep Changia**

- **Educational Qualifications**
  - B.Sc. Economics from Symbiosis School of Economics, Pune

- **Work Experience (18 months)**
  - Investment Banking Analyst, Verity Knowledge Solutions, an affiliate of UBS, Hyderabad

- **Professional Qualifications**
  - Actuarial Sciences (Papers Cleared: Business Economics and Financial Mathematics)

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**Neha Chawla**

- **Educational Qualifications**
  - BBE from B.R. Ambedkar College, Delhi University

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**Nitish Kashyap**

- **Educational Qualifications**
  - BA (Honours) Economics from Kirori Mal College, Delhi University

- **Work Experience (7 months)**
  - Research Analyst, Giimo Pte Ltd., New Delhi

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**Summer Internships/Projects**

- **Planning Commission of India (2014)**
  - Role: Project on “Comparative analysis of the Finances of the Non Special Category States”

- **Kerala State Planning Board (2014)**
  - Role: Project on “Analysis of MGNREGA programme in Kerala; Case Study Attappady Block”

- **Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (2010)**
  - Role: Auditing of the Projects completed in the districts of Khursakata and Kucha

- **Dr. Amaranth Tripathi, Institute of Economic Growth (2014)**
  - Role: Project on “Onion Price Rise”

- **Prof. Sunil Mani, Centre for Development Studies (2014)**
  - Role: Worked on “Trends in Industrial Investment in Kerala”, Project by State Planning Board

- **Sino India Conjunction, New Delhi (2012)**
  - Role: Project on “Indian Pharmaceutical Industry”
Background

• Educational Qualifications
  – B.Sc. Economics from Symbiosis School of Economics, Pune

• Certified Courses
  – Coursera: Attending course titled “Introduction to Finance”, University of Michigan

• Kerala State Planning Board (2014)
  – Role: Project on “Scope for Revival of Spinning Mills in Kerala”

• Institute of Social Work, Kolkata (2012)
  – Role: Project on “Child Marriage and its Relation with Poverty”

• National Thermal Power Corporation (2011)
  – Role: Project on “Trend Analysis of Last 7 Years Coal Prices and Comparison of Bio-Diesel as a Substitute of the Coal”

Summer Internships/Projects

• Prof. Irudaya Rajan, Centre for Development Studies (2014)
  – Role: Worked on “Kerala Migration Survey”, Project under Kerala State Planning Board

• Educational Qualifications
  – BA (Honours) Economics from Satyawati College, Delhi University

• Educational Qualifications
  – B.Sc. Economics, Mathematics and Statistics from Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira, Calcutta University

• Term Paper titled “Technology diffusion and Economic growth” (2014)
  – Historical and comparative perspective on technology diffusion

Sarbartho Mukherjee

Shrey Jain

Sourish Dutta
Vinith Kurian

- **Educational Qualifications**
  - B.A. Economics from Madras Christian College, University of Madras

- **Summer Internships/Projects**
  - **Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, Govt. of India (2014)**
    - **Role**: Project on “Analysis of National Statistical Systems in India”
    - Estimation of Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP)
    - Estimation of the monthly Consumer Price Index (CPI) covering 358 items for the state of Uttarakhand
    - Evaluation of the Twenty Point Programme, Govt. of Uttarakhand

Vikesh Koul

- **Educational Qualifications**
  - B.Sc. Economics from Symbiosis School of Economics, Pune

- **Work Experience (20 months)**
  - Investment Banking Analyst, Verity Knowledge Solutions, an affiliate of UBS, Hyderabad

- **Certified Courses**
  - "Graduate Certificate in Public Policy" by Takshashila Institute
  - Coursera: “Understanding Economic Policymaking” by IE Business School, Spain
  - Coursera: “Economics of Money and Banking-1” by Columbia University
  - Coursera: “Data Scientist Toolbox” by John Hopkins University
  - edx: “Introduction to Descriptive Statistics” by University of California, Berkley
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