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## Work Experience

- Senior Project Associate, DST Centre for Policy Research on Energy Transition and Tribal Education, at the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, National Institute of Science Education and Research, Odisha. Duration: Since 8/12/23 – Present.

## Educational Qualifications

- *Centre for Development Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Kerala, India*  
PhD in Economics ([Submitted PhD thesis in December 2023](#))  
Thesis title: “*Social Exclusion and Its Impact among the Older Persons: Experiences from Tamil Nadu*”
- *Centre for Development Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Kerala, India*  
M.Phil. Applied Economics (2015-2017) (CGPA: 6.00/ 10.0)  
Thesis title: “*Understanding Healthcare utilisation among the Elderly in Tamil Nadu*”.
- *Pondicherry University, Puducherry, India*  
M.A. Applied Economics (2011-2013) (CGPA: 6.40/ 10.0)  
Dissertation title: “*Socio-Economic Conditions of Workers in Matchbox Industry: A study of Women Workers in South Thittankulam Village, Tuticorin District*”
- *St. Xavier’s College, M.S. University, Tamil Nadu, India*  
B.A. Economics (2008-2011) (64%)

## Research interest

- *Ageing and Development, Health, Employment and Enterprises*

## Software and data skills

- Stata, Excel and SPSS  
Proficient in handling diverse range of data sets such as *Census of India, Economic Census, National Sample Survey (NSS) rounds on (Ageing, Health, Migration, Education, Disability, Unincorporated Non-Agricultural Enterprises, and Employment and Unemployment), Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS), World Bank Enterprises Survey (WBES), Annual Survey of Industries (ASI), Tamil Nadu Migration Survey (TMS), India Human Development Survey (IHDS), Building Knowledge Base on Population Ageing in India (BKPAI) survey, Longitudinal Ageing Survey of India (LASI) and Energy Transition Data in Transport sector.*
- Typesetting: LaTeX (Intermediate)

## Journal Publication and book chapters

- Das, A., & Maheshkumar, T. (2024). Adoption of Electric Vehicles in Eastern India: Policies and Prospects. Policy Brief#4, DST-Centre for Policy Research, NISER, Bhubaneswar, India. <https://dstcpr.niser.ac.in/documents/publications/2024/policybrief/dstcprniser-policybrief-energy4.pdf>
- Vidyarani, K., & Maheshkumar, T. (2022). Determinants of Access to Formal Credit for the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises in India: An Inter-regional Analysis. *SEDME (Small Enterprises Development, Management & Extension Journal)*, 49(3), 311–330. <https://doi.org/10.1177/09708464221106273>
- Rajan, S.I., & Maheshkumar, T. (2020). Social Support System for Elderly- A Snapshot. In Abhijeet Jadhav (Eds) *Rural Elderly and Their Quest for Health* (pp. 179-210) India, *AuthorsUpFront Publication*. <https://www.amazon.com/Rural-Elderly-Their-Quest-Health-ebook/dp/B08VVYWY1M>
- Rajan, S.I., & Maheshkumar, T. (2018). The Changing Status of the Elderly and Its Relevance for the policies and programmes in Tamil Nadu, India. *Social Glance, Volume 7, Nos.1 and 2, Pp.1-34*. <https://www.loyolacollege.edu/lisstar/SG/profile.html?file=Issues/2018.pdf>

## Work in progress

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- Risk factors of Social Exclusion among Older Persons: Evidence from a Cross-Sectional Survey (Accepted for publication in the Ageing International Journal)
- Business Obstacles to the Growth of Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises in India: Evidence from Enterprise Surveys (Under Review)
- Decomposing the Caste Divide in Formal Credit for Unorganised Enterprises: Insights from Indian Enterprise Surveys
- Gender bias in Formal Credit for Unorganised Enterprises: Evidence from Enterprise Surveys
- Do Higher Education Levels Reduce Youth Unemployment in India? Evidence from PLFS

## Course completion (certification)

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- Completion of a course titled “Exploring Survey Data on Healthcare” conducted by NPTEL in SWAYAM portal during February-April 2023. (Elite certification)
- Completion of a course titled “Ethnography: Theory and Practice” held at Centre for Development Studies during March-April 2018.
- Completion of a course titled “Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy” held at Centre for Development Studies during October-November 2017.
- Completion of a course titled “Research Methods in Gender Issues in Labour” held during September 19-30, 2016 organised by the V.V. Giri National Labour Institute, NOIDA.

## Conferences Presented /Attended

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- Presented a paper titled “Drivers of Electric Vehicle’ Adoption in India” in the 1<sup>st</sup> International Conference on Sustainability Energy Economics in Asia-Pacific Region, conducted by the Goa Institute of Management, during April 12-13, 2024 in GOA.
- Presented a paper titled “Do Higher Education Levels Reduce Youth Unemployment in India? Evidence from PLFS” in the 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Society of Indian Labour Economics, conducted by University of Hyderabad during March 29-31, 2024 in Telangana.
- Presented a paper titled “Decomposing the Caste Divide in Formal Credit for Unorganised Enterprises: Insights from Indian Enterprise Surveys” in the ISID National Conference Towards Industrial Transformation of India: Building an Inclusive, Sustainable, and Competitive Manufacturing Sector to Realize the 2047 Vision, during October 4-6, 2023 in New Delhi.
- Presented a paper titled “The Regional Aspects of Population Ageing: Issues and Challenges in Southern India” in an International Conference on Sustainable Development and Education organised by Department of Economics, Central University of Kerala during 5-6 March, 2020.

## Achievements

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- Cleared State Eligibility Test (SET) (Accredited by UGC) conducted by Mother Teresa Women’s University in March 2018
- Doctoral Fellowship ICSSR, 2018-2020

## Languages (Read, Write and Speak)

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- Tamil, English and Malayalam

## References

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