

# Kashish Mehta

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## SUMMARY

- Strong experience in research, analysis, statistics, and developing compelling reports.
- Consistently top-ranked in academics, merit holder and recognized by Dean's list.
- Hands-on experience in research and analysis in complex financial policy topics, including economic analysis, multi-dimensional poverty index, and informal credit markets.
- Hardworking, self-starter and motivated to drive results and achieve more.

## EDUCATION

- **Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey** **New Brunswick, NJ**  
M.A. in Economics (GPA 4.0/4.0) (Expected) December 2022
- **O.P. Jindal Global University** **Sonipat, India**  
B.A. (Hons.) Economics (GPA: 7.93/8.00) May 2020  
(Summa cum laude, First position in Dean's List for three years)

## SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

- Awarded Gold Medal on securing first position out of 70 students in the B.A. (Hons.) Economics program of Jindal School of Government & Public Policy (2017-2020). Excelled all 3 years and stood first in the Dean's list throughout.
- Awarded 100% scholarship at O.P. Jindal Global University, Sonipat for academic proficiency in CBSE Senior Secondary examination and entrance examination, 2017–20.

## SKILLS

- Computer: MATLAB, Stata, Python, Adobe Acrobat, MS Word, MS Excel, MS PowerPoint
- Languages: English, Hindi

## WORK EXPERIENCE

- **Celestial Jewels Pvt. Ltd.** **Chandigarh, India**  
*Market Research Intern* April–June 2021
  - Reduced 5% cost by conducting inventory analysis and proposed plan to remanufacture dead inventory and optimizing the marketing budget.
  - Increased repeat purchase value over \$500 per transaction by fostering relationships with high-value clients.
  - Presented detailed reports to analyze sales trends of competitors' new collections and active products across all product segments.
- **O.P. Jindal Global University** **Sonipat, India**  
*Graduate Research Immersion Program (GRIP) Scholar* October 2020 – March 2021
  - Selected as an only student among 400 graduates from O.P. Jindal Global University to carry out stipendiary research on "Poverty Measurement in India", under the mentorship of Professor Rajeiv Malhotra.
  - Reviewed India's poverty estimation methodologies over the past 50 years, conducted statistical analyses and interpreted results.
  - Conducted comprehensive literature reviews on poverty, income inequality, poverty estimation and analyzed World Development Reports and Human Development Reports for the last 15 years.
- **O.P. Jindal Global University** **Sonipat, India**  
*Research Assistant* March 2019 – January 2020
  - Assisted Professor Debajit Jha by compiling data, reviewing large datasets from various government and market sources and conducting literature reviews on female labor force participation in India.
  - Designed online surveys, computed questionnaires and performed quantitative data analysis for 28 Indian states using STATA.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- **O.P. Jindal Global University** **Sonipat, India**  
*Game Theory Teaching Assistant* February – June 2021
  - Taught game theory to a class of 60 undergrad students, graded weekly homework assignments and provided regular feedback when asked by students.
  - Rated over 4.6/5.0 by 90% of students in course evaluations.
- **O.P. Jindal Global University** **Sonipat, India**  
*Mathematics Teaching Assistant* August – October 2018
  - Taught mathematics as an undergrad teaching assistant during a 3-hour session held every week.
  - Held weekly office hours to provide extra support to students who had questions on homework or material from the lecture.

## LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

### Animal Welfare Society, O.P. Jindal Global University

Sonipat, India

President

November 2018 – May 2020

- Led a team of 400+ volunteers, oversaw the administration, budgeting, care of animals and strategic plan of the society.
- Organized 5+ fundraisers and initiated a robust volunteer program with a full training program and volunteer appreciation events to strengthen the relationship between the society and volunteers. This resulted in an increase in the retention rate by nearly 60 percent.
- Modified marketing techniques to gain 70+ followers monthly on Instagram. Partnered with 30+ animal shelters for an annual sterilization and adoption drive resulting in over 60 animals being adopted.

### Career Committee, O.P. Jindal Global University

Sonipat, India

Executive Committee Member

August 2018 – August 2019

- Collaborated with 30+ professionals from various firms and organized workshops for building resumes, cover letters and LinkedIn profiles.
- Counseled over 60 students for 8 hours per week, gathered and analyzed data from career center and proposed the results to 50+ recruiters.

## INTERNSHIPS AND VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

- Volunteered with Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS), a project designed to provide healthcare for Veterans and their families. June – July 2019
- Research internship under Professor Swagta Sarkar on KMP Western Expressway. December 2018 – January 2019
- Interned with Asha School: A School for Differently Abled Children. May -July 2018
- Volunteered with Aashray: Senior Veterans Home. May - June 2018

## ACADEMIC PROJECTS

### Analysis of the Indian Economy and the Economy of New Delhi

February – May 2020

- Identified the main turning points in per capita GNP of the Indian Economy and per capita NSDP of New Delhi over 12 years.
- Recognized the set of government policies that were most possibly responsible for these turning points in the economies of India and New Delhi. Analyzed and interpreted the findings to write a detailed report as part of a course on Development in Indian Economy.

### Factors Affecting Juvenile Crimes in Indian States.

February – May 2020

- Studied the effect of poverty rate on the number of juvenile crimes committed in the Indian states and examined the data using STATA.
- Applied statistical and econometric methods to test the hypothesis, “Higher poverty rate leads to an increased number of crimes committed by juveniles” and summarized the results in a research paper.

### Multidimensional Poverty Index and Migration in Rai, Sonipat

February – May 2019

- Surveyed 20+ households of the industrial area of Rai, Sonipat, India as a part of a course on development economics.
- Collected, processed, and analyzed the data; calculated the multidimensional poverty index and compiled the highlights and patterns in a detailed report.

### A Study on informal credit markets

August – November 2018

- Interviewed over 50 landowners, farmers, creditors and debtors in Jatheri village, Haryana.
- Analyzed the findings and conducted secondary research to supplement analyses and wrote an essay titled, “The Idiosyncratic Nature of Sahukars and Karz”, examining the working mechanism of the informal credit market and its shortcomings in India.