# Rahat Tasneem

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#### **EDUCATION**

Ambedkar University Delhi, India

Masters in Development Studies

**Thesis:** Study of Unique Biometric Identification as Tool of Bio-political Governance

# Shri Ram College of Commerce, Delhi University

Delhi, India

Bachelor in Commerce | Specialization: Finance and Human Resource Management Clubs: Head of the Poetry Editorial Team for the college magazine - Yamuna

#### WORK EXPERIENCE

## Centre for Budget and Governance Accountability (CBGA)

Delhi, India

A pan-India not-for-profit organisation focused on public spending review

## Policy Analyst (Apr-21 to Oct-22)

- Developed a gender responsiveness training module in collaboration with IM (a Swedish development organization), benefiting 18 civil society organizations in India and Nepal
- Developed and delivered a training module to both trainers and grassroots communities, fostering sustained capacity building and empowered 73 women and 26 student volunteers from marginalized communities
- Consulted with the National Institute of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj, contributing to the formulation of Guidelines for Social Audit of Scholarship schemes

# Research Consultant (Nov-19 to Apr-21)

- Identified and addressed design, allocation, fund sharing, and flow issues in the Post-matric Scholarship scheme
  for Scheduled Caste, aiding advocacy efforts, resulting in increased allocation, accountability, and 900,000
  students receiving tertiary scholarships
- Led review of public spending on Nutrition in West Singhbhum district, Jharkhand, identifying bottlenecks in budget implementation at the district level. Presented actionable solutions to the Jharkhand State Government, West Singhbhum administration, and local civil societies

#### **Kaarak Development Services**

Delhi, India

A private social sector consultancy

#### Research Analyst (Mar-17 to May-19)

- Conducted a situational analysis of adolescents in Jhabua, Madhya Pradesh, assessing health, education, WASH, and child protection schemes; and Knowledge, Attitude, and Perception of adolescents, and the community. Findings informed the design of UNICEF Bhopal's Adolescent Empowerment Programme
- Assessed employment and working conditions of contract laborers in 14 garment manufacturing units in Delhi-NCR for a British fashion retailer, ensuring worker rights in the company's Indian supply chain met both company standards and local legislation
- Evaluated Anti-Slavery International's bonded labour eradication project in Chhattisgarh brick kilns, assessing its success against set project outcomes
- Conducted qualitative research assessing participation of Elected Women Representatives in Panchayati Raj Institutions across 6 Indian states, and provided recommendations to enhance gender-responsive governance
- Drafted proposals for research assignments employing universally accepted frameworks and methodologies

# **PUBLICATIONS**

- Mere Fiscal Commitment Isn't Enough to Promote Education of Scheduled Castes, The Wire, 2022
- 15 Years Later, Govt Scheme to Rehabilitate Manual Scavengers Has Made Little Progress, *The Wire*, 2022
- Budget 2022-23: Too Little For Development Of Marginalised Communities, WNTA, 2022
- Assessing Public Finance Management Issues in the Post- matric Scholarship Scheme for Scheduled Castes, CBGA, 2021
- Public Expenditure Review for Nutrition in Jharkhand, CBGA, 2020
- Nutrition should not be forgotten in the face of pandemic, CBGA, 2020

# **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- Workshop: Completed a four-week creative writing workshop at the Paris American Academy in Paris, earning 6 credits and a Grade A. Explored both Fiction and Non-fiction, and authored 'Family Tongue'- Link
- Certification: Google Data Analytics Professional Certificate
- Languages: Fluent English, Native Hindi
- Interests: Aerial Arts, Cycling, Reading, Writing

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