

CURRICULUM VITAE



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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY:

Associate at the **Centre for WTO Studies (CWS), IIFT**, Affiliated to the **Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India** (Jan 2024-present)

- Member of the Committee constituted to review **WTO Reforms** for the upcoming 14th Ministerial Conference (MC 14) to be held at Cameroon
- Contribute analytical inputs and research support to senior government officials and stakeholders
- Represented India (Trade in Goods) for the **4th Round of India-Chile CEPA Negotiations**
- Prepare Policy Briefs and Discussion Papers for areas centred around **trade and environmental sustainability, agriculture, gender and Sustainable Development Goals**

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS:

YEAR	ORGANIZATION	DEGREE OBTAINED
2022	Centre for Economic Studies and Planning (CESP), Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi	PhD. In Economics
2017	Centre for Economic Studies and Planning (CESP), Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi	M.Phil. in Economics
2014	Centre for Economic Studies and Planning (CESP), Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi	M.A. in Economics
2012	Shri Ram College of Commerce (SRCC), Delhi University, New Delhi	B.A.(Hons.) Economics
2009	Convent of Jesus & Mary, Waverley, Mussoorie	XII
2007	Convent of Jesus & Mary, Dehradun	X

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:

- Sonker A.P. & Randev, A. (2024). From Margins to Mainstream: Brishti's Story of Defiance and Hope. In Sisodiya, R. (Ed.) *Unflinched Childhoods. Exploring Human Rights of Children in India with Special Reference to Rajasthan*. IIP Iterative International Publishers. https://iipbooks.com/admin/ebook/demo_book/220720240927242013democopy.pdf
- Sonker A.P. & Randev, A. (2024). Healing the Health Insurance Sector in India, *Student Law Journal*, DNLU.
- Sonker, A.P. (2023). Rural Credit and Growth in Indian Agriculture In Beena, P.L., Kallummal, M. and Kumar, S. (Ed.), *Indian Economy and Neoliberal Globalization: Finance, Trade, Industry and Employment*. Routledge. Taylor and Francis Group. London and New York.
- Sonker, A.P. (2020) "State Government Finances and Rural Development in India in the Post-Reform Era", *Anvesak*, Vol. 50., No.1, January-June 2020, pp. 45-65.
- Sonker, A.P. (2019). "Cooperative Credit Institutions and Rural Credit in India", *Social Scientist*, Vol. 47, No. 11/12 (558-559), (November– December 2019), pp. 37-62

Working Papers:

- Sonker, A. P. & Kallummal, M. (2024). Trade and Sustainability Challenges in India. Possibilities for Paddy Crop in India, CWS, CRIT Working Paper No. 87. Centre for WTO Studies, New Delhi.

https://wtocentre.iift.ac.in/workingpaper/CWS_WorkingPaper_87_07072025.pdf

- Sonker, A. P. & Kallummal, M. (2026). Climate and Sustainability Challenges in the Agricultural Sector. A Case of Millets (Shree Anna) (Forthcoming)

Workshops:

- Resource Person for Specialised Training Programme On Standards, Regulations and WTO SPS and TBT Measures under the auspices of the **Indian Technical and Cooperation (ITEC) Programme**-(24th July to 2nd August 2024) organized by the Centre for WTO Studies, Centre for Research on International Trade, IIFT, New Delhi and Ministry of External Affairs and Department of Commerce, Government of India.
- Resource Person for Specialised Training Programme On Standards, Regulations and WTO SPS and TBT Measures under the auspices of the **Indian Technical and Cooperation (ITEC) Programme**- (16th to 25th July 2025) organized by the Centre for WTO Studies, Centre for Research on International Trade, IIFT, New Delhi and Ministry of External Affairs and Department of Commerce, Government of India.

Conferences/Seminars:

- Presented Paper titled "*State Government Finances and Rural Development in the Post-Reform Era*" at the two-day ICSSR Sponsored Conference on "Economic Development of Indian States" on 18-19th September, 2019 at Delhi University.
- Presented Paper Titled "*Cooperative Credit Institutions and Rural Credit in India under Neoliberalism*" at the seminar on Contemporary Issues in Indian Economy organised by the Department of Economics, Sri Venkateshwara College, Delhi University, on September 26, 2019.

Awards & Achievements:

- Awarded the University Grants Commission-Senior Research Fellowship in 2018
- Cleared the University Grants Commission (UGC) -National Eligibility Test (NET) Exam and awarded Junior Research Fellowship in December 2013
- Awarded the KPMG scholarship in 2011

Roles and Responsibilities:

- Member, Editorial Board, Convent Of Jesus & Mary, Waverley, Mussoorie,(2006-07)
- Member, Student Faculty Coordinator, Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, JNU for 2014-15
- Member, Organising Committee, CESP-Alumni Meet 2014-15
- Member, Organising Committee, CESP, Young Scholars' Seminar-2015,
- Member, Organising Committee, CESP, Young Scholars' Seminar-2017,
- Member, Organising Committee for the Screening and Panel Discussion of the "The Prophet and the Poet" in 2017

Areas of Interest:

- Macroeconomics
- Indian Economy
- Agriculture & Rural Credit
- Trade and Sustainability

Skills

- Basic knowledge of R, Stata, Eviews, MS Office