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### **Current position**

- *Assistant Professor* in Post-Graduate Department of Economics, University of Kashmir since 4<sup>th</sup> of March, 2025.

### **Areas of specialization**

- **Teaching:** Indian economy, development economics, and labour economics.
- **Research:** capability approach, human development, and social exclusion.

### **Employment history**

- *Academic Arrangement Lecturer* in Higher Education Department, Government of Jammu & Kashmir from September, 2020 to May, 2023.
- *Research Assistant* in Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy (CSSEIP), University of Jammu from August, 2019 to March, 2020.
- *Field Investigator* in a research project titled ‘Seasonal Migration and Human Development: A Study of Bakarwals in Jammu & Kashmir’, financed by the Directorate of Tribal Affairs, Government of Jammu & Kashmir from December, 2018 to May, 2019.

### **Education**

- **Post-Graduate Department of Economics (University of Jammu)** **2019**  
PhD (Economics)  
Title of PhD thesis: Determinants of human development in rural areas: A study of Kathua and Barnoti blocks in Kathua district
- **Post-Graduate Department of Economics (University of Jammu)** **2013**  
MA (Economics)
- **Government Maulana Azad Memorial Post-Graduate College (University of Jammu)** **2011**  
BA (Economics, Political Science, Literature)
- **Army School B.D. Bari (Central Board of Secondary Education)** **2008**  
Class 12 (H&SS)

### **Fellowships, scholarships, and tests**

- JK SET (2022).
- UGC NET-SRF (November, 2016): Availed from November, 2016 to November, 2018 and taught ‘Public Economics’ to Master Degree students during this period.
- UGC NET-JRF (December, 2014): Not availed.
- UGC NET-JRF (June, 2014): Availed from November, 2014 to November, 2016 and taught ‘Indian Agriculture’ to Master Degree students during this period.
- Sant Nirankari Mission’s Meritorious Scholarship (2004).

### **Professional development programme**

- Obtained ‘A’ grade in UGC approved ‘Short-Term Professional Development Programme’ under Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching organized by Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi from 27<sup>th</sup> of October, 2022 to 5<sup>th</sup> of November, 2022.

## Book review article

- Kundal, R. (2020). Ingrid Robeyns, wellbeing, freedom and social justice: The capability approach reexamined. *Journal of Development Policy and Practice* (SAGE), 5(2), 204-208.

## Book chapters

- Kundal, R. (2022). 'Triple' burden of gender, caste and class: An insight into Dalit women's struggle. In Vohra, A., Singh, J., Kumari, P., & Wejnert, B. (Eds.), *Violence and Gender Disparities against Women: A Global Scenario* (pp. 137-143). Chandigarh, India: White Falcon Publishing.
- Singh, J., Charak, S., & **Kundal, R.** (2019). Trends and gaps in gender dimension of primary education: Case of India. In Singh, J., Vohra, A., Subhash, N., Bhat, A., **Kundal, R.**, & Mohan, T. (Eds.), *Social Exclusion and Marginal Communities: Challenges of Deprivation and Discrimination* (pp. 95-102). New Delhi, India: Authors Press.

## Book edited

- Singh, J., Vohra, A., Subhash, N., Bhat, A., **Kundal, R.**, & Mohan, T. (Eds.) (2019). *Social Exclusion and Marginal Communities: Challenges of Deprivation and Discrimination*. New Delhi, India: Authors Press.

## Research papers

- Singh, J., & **Kundal, R.** (2020). Analysis of educational expenditure in Kathua district of Jammu and Kashmir. *Researcher*, 16(1), 52-65.
- Singh, J., & **Kundal, R.** (2018). Gender empowerment in Barnoti and Kathua blocks in Kathua district. *IOSR Journal of Business and Management*, 20(9), 50-56.
- Choudhary, K., & **Kundal, R.** (2017). Trends in determinants of human development: Case of India. *IOSR Journal of Humanities and Social Science*, 22(11), 1-15.
- Choudhary, K., & **Kundal, R.** (2017). Trends and gaps in gender dimension of education: Case of India. *IOSR Journal of Humanities and Social Science*, 22(9), 73-80.

## Conferences and seminars

- Kundal, R. (2020, June 19). *Is globalization aiding or eliminating economic inequality? An Indian perspective*. Paper presented at 'International Conference on Globalization, Inequality and Exclusion: Plan for Development or Path to Marginalization' organized by Planning Commission Chair, Punjabi University at Patiala, Punjab, India.
- Kundal, R. (2020, January 17-18). *Exclusion of Dalits in India: A theoretical perspective*. Paper presented at 'National Seminar on Social Exclusion and Challenges of Inclusion in India: Need for Paradigm Shift' organized by CSSEIP, University of Jammu at Jammu, Jammu and Kashmir, India.
- Kundal, R. (2019, November 8-9). *A review of socio-political-economic exclusion of Dalits in India*. Paper presented at '23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of Indian Political Economy Association (IPEA) on Political Economy of Nexus between State, Big Corporations and Development in India' organized by IPEA and Department of Economics, Punjabi University at Patiala, Punjab, India.
- Kundal, R. (2018, May 25-26). *Trends and gaps in gender dimension of primary education: Case of India*. Paper presented at 'National Seminar on Social Exclusion and Marginal Communities: Challenges of Deprivation and Discrimination in Northern India' organized by CSSEIP, University of Jammu at Jammu, Jammu and Kashmir, India.
- Kundal, R. (2018, March 9-10). *Infrastructure and agricultural performance in Kathua district of Jammu and Kashmir*. Paper presented at 'UGC National Seminar (under SAP) on Agricultural Crisis and Rural Industrialization' organized by Punjab School of Economics, Guru Nanak Dev University (GNDU) at Amritsar, Punjab, India.
- Kundal, R. (2017, March 17-18). *A review of health expenditure and health outcomes in India*. Paper presented at 'UGC National Seminar on Changing Policy Regime and Sectoral Performance of India' organized by Punjab School of Economics, GNDU at Amritsar, Punjab, India.
- Kundal, R. (2017, March 4). *A comparative analysis of health expenditure in SAARC economies*. Paper presented at 'National Seminar on Rural Transformation in South Asia: Issues and Interventions' organized by Centre for South West Asia Study (Pakistan and Afghanistan), Punjabi University at Patiala, Punjab, India.
- Kundal, R. (2016, February 7). *Human development in India: Economic interpretation of some indicators*. Paper presented at 'International Conference on Innovative Practices in Business, Banking, and Economics' organized by Krishi Sanskriti at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India.

## Workshops

- Participated in ‘One-Day Workshop on Cognitive Skills, Design and Critical Thinking’ (under the aegis of MHRD-RUSA II) organized by Institution Innovative Council, University of Jammu on 8<sup>th</sup> of April, 2019 at Jammu, Jammu and Kashmir, India.
- Participated in ‘One-Day Workshop on Gender Sensitization among Youth’ organized by the Chairperson, National Service Scheme (NSS), University of Jammu on 12<sup>th</sup> of August, 2017 at Jammu, Jammu and Kashmir, India.
- Participated in ‘Orientation Workshop on Training Skills for Handling Central Digital Language Lab’ organized by the Chairperson, NSS, University of Jammu and Centre for Advanced Communication, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kharagpur from 8<sup>th</sup> of March to 9<sup>th</sup> of March, 2017 at Jammu, Jammu and Kashmir, India.
- Participated in the ICSSR sponsored ‘10-Day National Workshop on Research Methodology for PhD Students of Social Sciences’ organized by Department of Human Resource Management & Organizational Behaviour, School of Business Studies, Central University of Jammu from 12<sup>th</sup> of May, 2015 to 21<sup>st</sup> of May, 2015 at Jammu, Jammu and Kashmir, India.
- Participated in and completed ‘The Introduction to Kingian Nonviolence Conflict Reconciliation Core Training Workshop’ organized by Center for Nonviolence and Peace Studies, University of Rhode Island (USA) and Gandhian Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, University of Jammu on 19<sup>th</sup> of January, 2011 at Jammu, Jammu and Kashmir, India.

## Invited lecture

- Delivered a lecture during the Digital Week Jammu & Kashmir on ‘The COVID-19 Pandemic and the Indian Economy’ organized by Government Degree College (GDC) Ramgarh (University of Jammu) on 25<sup>th</sup> of July, 2022.

## Managerial roles

- Compered the proceedings of ‘One-Day International Web-Conference on Gandhian Philosophy’ organized by Attitude Change International (Jammu & Kashmir) and GDC Ramgarh (University of Jammu) on 3<sup>rd</sup> of October, 2022 at Samba, Jammu and Kashmir, India.
- Volunteered in ‘Two-Day National Conference on Roadmap for Doubling Farmers’ Income by 2022: Towards Addressing Agriculture Sustainability and Ways Forward’ organized by Post-Graduate Department of Economics, University of Jammu from 29<sup>th</sup> of March, 2017 to 30<sup>th</sup> of March, 2017 at Jammu, Jammu and Kashmir, India.
- Convened the Print Media Committee in ‘One-Day Seminar on Economy & Society: Thoughts of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar’ organized by Post-Graduate Department of Economics, University of Jammu on 26<sup>th</sup> of November, 2015 at Jammu, Jammu and Kashmir, India.

## Co-curricular and extracurricular activities (2008-11)

- **NSS, Government Maulana Azad Memorial Post-Graduate College (University of Jammu):** Participated in 28 workshops and camps, such as Pre-Republic Day Parade camp (Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India), annual special camps, tree plantation workshops, communal harmony week celebration workshops, pulse polio workshops, aids and blood donation awareness workshops, disaster management workshops, et cetera. Also received Best Volunteer Award (2010).
- **Gandhian Studies Centre (GSC), Government Maulana Azad Memorial Post-Graduate College (University of Jammu):** As a student member of the organizing committee of GSC, organized and participated in *Shramdan* (cleanliness) drives, Gandhian philosophy discussion meeting, etc.
- **Nehru Yuva Kendra (NYK), Jammu:** Participated in a National Integration Camp at Nagrota, Jammu organized by NYK (Jammu), Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India.

## Academic referees

- **Prof. Effat Yasmin**  
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