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DOB: 12 March 1996

A UGC Senior Research Fellow, working in the field(s) of political theory, moral philosophy, and queer studies. Currently studying the effects of the regimes of morality on human autonomy, freedom, and sexuality, with particular emphasis on the experiences of queer individuals.

Education

- **Ph.D. Researcher at BITS-Pilani Goa (ongoing)**
Date of Joining: 13 January 2020
Department of Humanities and Social Sciences
Topic: “An inquiry into the effects of regimes of morality on the experience of freedom as an authentic self-expression among queer individuals in India.”
Supervisor: Dr. Reena Cheruvalath
- **MA Political Science (2017-2019)**
Department of Political Science, University of Delhi
Thesis:
 1. *The Chronicles of the rise and fall of the two-nation theory*
 - Dr. Nasreen Chowdhury
 2. *Morality, the nemesis of freedom: Possibilities of ethical life.*
 - Dr. Praem Hidam
 3. *Colonial governmentality and the evolution of Indian identities.*
 - Dr. Rajesh Dev
- **BA Political Science (Hons.) (2014-2017)**
Delhi College of Arts and Commerce, University of Delhi

Certification/fellowship

- Awarded UGC Junior Research Fellowship (January 2020)
- Commenced UGC Senior Research Fellowship (January 2022)
- Certified UGC NET, eligible as an assistant professor

Work experience and ongoing projects

- Conducted the “Attitudes, Perceptions, and Experiences pertaining to Sexuality in India (APEPSI)” survey with 900 respondents.
- Developing an interview questionnaire for studying the effects of the regimes of morality on the experience of freedom, authentic self-expression, and autonomy of queer individuals in India.
- Teacher Assistant for BITS “Work Integrated Learning Program (WILP).”

Publications

- Paper Under Review:
“*Development of a Self-Report Measure of the Regimes of Morality Pertaining to Sexuality in India.*”
The paper was submitted to the “Archives of Social Behavior” on 20.05.2022 and is under review.

Conference

- International Centre of Advanced Studies ‘Metamorphoses of the Political’ (ICAS: MP) Spring School 2021 for Doctoral Researchers – ‘Thinking the Political’
From March 15 to 24, 2021

Languages

English: Certified Advanced English (spoken) from the British Council, Kasturba Gandhi Marg, ND. (2016)

Hindi: Native, high proficiency, oral/written

Hobbies/skills

- Check out my blog on philosophy and spirituality: <https://thusspokekaran.wordpress.com/>
- Led discussions on political theory, key texts in political philosophy, and international relations theory among MA students at the Department of Political Science.
- Have been an active debater and organizer at various Model United Nations conferences.
- Vedic Chanting