

Curriculum Vitae

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Research Profile

My research focuses on the intersection of environmental governance, climate change, and socio-ecological systems. The work emphasises sustainability, livelihoods, and community-driven environmental initiatives within urban and coastal contexts.

Current Position

Post-Doctoral Associate

National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS), Bengaluru | September 2024 – Present

- Working on a project titled: *Economic Accounting for a Sustainable and Inclusive Blue-Economy in India: Case of Sundarbans*
- Conducting field-based and policy-oriented research on climate change, livelihoods, and ecosystem dynamics
- Analysing socio-economic and environmental data to assess sustainability challenges and adaptation strategies

Research Interests

Climate Change and Sustainability | Environmental Governance | Urban Studies | Coastal Ecology | Livelihoods and Migration | Civil Society and Environmental Movements | Waste Management | Urban Commons

Education

PhD in Development Studies (Urban Studies)

Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), University of Mysore | Awarded: October 2023

- Thesis titled: *Urban Environmental Movements in Addressing Environmental Challenges: A Study of Bengaluru*

M.Sc. in Geography (Urban & Transport Geography)

University of Calcutta | 2014 | Grade: A

B.Sc. (Hons.) in Geography

University of Kalyani | 2012 | Grade: A

Post Graduate Diploma in Educational Management and Administration (PGDEMA)

IGNOU | 2021 | 90% | Rank: 1st (National Level)

Selected Publications

- ✚ Mandal, D. (2026). Eco-activism and Multistakeholder Initiatives for Environmental Governance: Evidence from Bengaluru. *Indian Journal of Public Administration*, 1-16. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00195561261421985>
- ✚ Mandal, D. (2026). Class, Sustainability, and Activism: Examining Socioeconomic Dimensions of Urban Green Movements in Bengaluru, India. *Urbanisation*, 1-18. (Accepted for publication)
- ✚ Mandal, D. (2025). Examining stakeholder participation in sustainable waste management practices in Bengaluru, India. *Journal of Material Cycles and Waste Management*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10163-025-02318-0>
- ✚ Mandal, D. (2025). Bridging Policy, Practice, and People: A Governance Perspective on Bengaluru's Waste Management. *Nagarlok: Quarterly Journal of Urban Affairs*, 170-187. <https://doi.org/10.32381/NL.2025.57.02.4>
- ✚ Mandal, D., & Manasi, S. (2024). Garbage and Governance: A Case Study of Civic Activism in Bengaluru's Waste Crisis. *Urban India*, 1-19.
- ✚ Mandal, D., & Manasi, S. (2025). Community-based conservation initiatives for urban lakes: case studies from Bengaluru city, India. In *Hydrosystem Restoration Handbook* (pp. 265-279). Elsevier. <https://doi.org/10.1016/B978-0-443-29802-8.00019-4>
- ✚ Mandal, D., & Manasi, S. (December 2022). Civic Groups Engagement in Saving Bengaluru Lakes: A Study. *Nagarlok Journal of Urban Affairs*. Volume LIV. ISSN: 0027-7584.

Research & Project Experience

Research Associate | ISEC, Bengaluru | May 2024 – August 2024

- Project: Circular Economy in Textile Waste (SDG-12)
- Conducted field surveys, data analysis, and stakeholder engagement

Project Research Fellow | ISEC, Bengaluru | Jan 2024 – Feb 2024

- Project: Digital Disruption and Gig Economy in Indian Cities

Ground Assistant (Field Research)

International Forum for Environment, Sustainability & Technology (iFOREST), Delhi | Sept 2023 – Nov 2023

- Project: Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) of Repurposing Old and Inefficient Power Plants in Kolaghat and Bandel, West Bengal

Fellowships and Awards

- UGC National Fellowship for Scheduled Castes (NFSC) (2017–2022)
- ICSSR Doctoral Fellowship (2015–2017)
- Merit-cum-Means Scholarship (2012-2014)
- Qualified for UGC-NET for Lectureship in Geography (June 2013, December 2013 and June 2014)

Research Skills

- ✚ Qualitative Methods: Interviews, Focus Group Discussions, Field Surveys
- ✚ Quantitative Analysis: Survey Design, Data Analysis
- ✚ Spatial Analysis: GIS & Remote Sensing
- ✚ Policy Analysis and Report Writing

Conference & Academic Engagements

- Presented research on climate change, urban governance, and sustainability at national and international conferences
- Selected participant for the Asia Writeshop in Critical Agrarian Studies (China Agricultural University, 2025), which was held from July 1 to 12, 2025, at China Agricultural University, Beijing, China.