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Professional Experience

Youth Ki Awaaz

Head of Research Mar 2025 – Present
Senior Research Consultant Feb 2024 – Jan 2025

TRIP Centre, Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (IIT Delhi)

Project Scientist (Consultant), Transportation Research and Injury Prevention Centre (TRIPC), Indian Institute of Technology Delhi. Jul 2023 – Aug 2024

PRC India

Co-founder and Research Coordinator, People's Resource Centre, Delhi, India. Sept 2018 – Jun 2021

Institute for Democracy and Sustainability

Scholar-Activist on a two year-long research and advocacy programme 'Drafting Cycle Rickshaw Bill in Bihar and Jharkhand' Dec 2017 – Mar 2018

Education

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

Indian Institute of Technology Delhi, 2024

Thesis topic: New bearings on Justice in Urban Mobility: A Case Study of North-West Delhi

Master in Technology (with distinction) in Civil Engineering

Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur, 2016

Thesis topic: Understanding mode choice behaviour of school children: A case study in Kanpur

Bachelor of Technology in Civil Engineering

Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur, 2015

Undergraduate Research: Fluorosis in North Rajasthan- Distribution and relationship with physio-social factors

Research Interests

Survey Methods, Public Opinion Research, Active Citizenship, Inequality, Youth, Ethics in Emerging Tech, Gender and Social Justice

Skills

Advanced Statistical Analysis, Technical Writing and Communication, Policy Evaluation, Mixed-Methods Research, Spatial Analysis, R

Awards And Scholarship

Volvo Research and Education Foundation (VREF) Fellowship for Transport Research 2021-22

Doctoral Research Fellowship, Ministry of Human Resources and Development, Government of India 2019-20

Senior Research Fellowship, Ministry of Human Resources and Development, Government of India 2018-19

Articles In Peer-Reviewed Journals

2018 Singh, N., & Vasudevan, V. (2018). Understanding school trip mode choice—The case of Kanpur (India). *Journal of transport geography*, 66, 283-290.

Conference Presentations

2025 Singh, A., Nishant. Riding the Justice Route: Free Bus Travel as a Step Toward Gender-Just Public Transport in Delhi. Presented at the Annual meeting of the American Association of Geographers. Mar 23.

2023 Singh, N. Justice without rethinking planning?: An appraisal of frameworks of Transport Justice and its critical formulations. Presented at the Annual meeting of the American Association of Geographers. Jan 23.

2022 Farooq, A., Nishant. Survey of Urban Agriculture in Delhi: Some Preliminary Findings. International Seminar on Sustainable Urban Agricultural Systems and Community Resilient Cities. Thiruvananthapuram. Mar 22.

2021 Nishant. Urban Against Urbanisation: Farming in Delhi and its Significance as a Systemic Alternative. Urban ARC 2021. Indian Institute of Human Settlement (IIHS) Bangalore. January 15.

2019 Singh, N. (2019). *Four Dimensions of Transportation Equity: A Conceptual Framework*. Mobilize, Dar es Salam, Tanzania. June 29.
Jain, D., Sharma, A., Singh, N., Tiwari, G., Manoj, M. *Assessment of National Information Repository and Database(s) for Modelling Health Impacts of Urban Transport in India*. 15th World Conference on Transport Research. Mumbai, India. May 29.

2018 Singh, N. *Understanding the Pattern of Work Travel in India using the Census Data*. Urban Mobility India, Hyderabad. Nov 5.

Technical Reports

2025 Nishant. Voices for Inclusion, Belonging, and Empowerment (VIBE): First National Survey on Active Citizenship Among Youth in India. Centre for Public Insights.

2024 Singh, M., Nishant, Sachdeva, G. Balancing Consent and Customisation: Perspectives of India's Youth and Parents on Verifiable Parental Consent and Value of Personalisation of Internet in the context of Digital Personal Data Protection Act.

2024 Singh, A., Nishant. Riding the Justice Route: Assessing the Impact of Free Bus Travel on Progress Toward Gender-Just Public Transport in Delhi. Greenpeace India Society, Bengaluru.

2024 Status Report on Road Safety in India. TRIP Centre, IIT Delhi and World Health Organisation.

2022 Nishant. Bustling Through Bengaluru. Greenpeace India Society, Bengaluru.

2018 Nishant, Ravi, R. *Riding on Debt: Financial Analysis of Delhi Metro after Phase III*. Centre For Financial Accountability.

2018 Tiwari, G., Nishant. Travel to Work in India: Current Patterns and Future Concerns. New Delhi: Transport Research & Injury Prevention Programme, Indian Institute of Technology Delhi, New Delhi.

Articles in Non-peer-reviewed Journals and Magazines

- 2025 Nishant, and Singh, A. "Fighting gender inequality through mobility: Assessing Delhi's 'Pink Ticket' scheme". Ideas for India. Mar 2025
- 2025 Nishant, and Singh, A. "A Free Ticket Can Be a Ticket to Freedom". The India Forum. February 2025.
- 2021 Chanda D., and Nishant. "In Pedestrian-Heavy Patna, Crores are Being Invested in Road and Metro Projects Instead". The Bastion. August 2021.

Classroom Guest Lectures

- 2024 "Focus Group Discussions with Vulnerable Communities". Courses: Physical Mobility Studio; Research Methods. Jindal School of Art and Architecture. Course Instructors: Dr. Alopeparna Sengupta; Dr. Ekta Chauhan. February 17.
- 2022 "Radicalising the Research on Urban Agriculture in India". Course: Urban Agriculture. Ambedkar University, Delhi. Course Instructor: Anita Pinheiro. January 4.
- 2021 "Designing and Conducting Focus Group Discussions". Physical Mobility Studio. Jindal School of Art and Architecture, Sonapat, Haryana. Instructor: Alopeparna Sengupta. October 19.
- "Draft Cycle Rickshaw Bill: Learnings from an Experiment in Community Mobilisation". Physical Mobility Studio. Jindal School of Art and Architecture, Sonapat. Instructor: Alopeparna Sengupta. October 12.

Other Professional Activities

- 2025 Mentored participating teams at Road Safety Hackathon organised by Cars24 and Indian Road Safety Campaign. March 21.
- 2022 Co-organized and moderated the 'State-level Public Consultation on Draft Urban Agriculture Policy for Delhi'. India International Centre. September 21.
- 2021 'Moving' Towards Climate Justice presented at 'State-level Meeting on Climate Change' co-organised by Human Rights and Law Network (HRLN), Socio-Legal Information Centre, Climate Action Network South Asia, and Centre for Constitutional Rights India. India International Centre Delhi. September 26.
- Co-organizer and speaker at 'Reimagining the Public Bus'. Press Club of India. December 20.

Invited Speaker at Professional and Public Events

- 2022 "Sowing Sustainable Cities: Launching an online exhibition and compendium on urban agriculture in Indian cities". Seminar hosted at IIHS Bengaluru City Campus. July 26.
- 2021 'Moving Towards Climate Justice presented at 'State-level Meeting on Climate Change' co-organised by Human Rights and Law Network (HRLN), Socio-Legal Information Centre, Climate Action Network South Asia (CANSAs), and Centre for Constitutional Rights India (CCRI). India International Centre Delhi. September 26.
- 2020 'Is Metro the future of public transport? Lessons from Delhi and Lucknow'. Virtual Panel Discussion organised by Fridays For Future India. November 16.

Featured in Media (Selected)

- 2025 Interviewed for SystemShift podcast Season 3 Episode 2. Buses are Free for Women in Delhi: What Can the World Learn From That? March 5.
- Research quoted in the article 'On board Delhi's buses, here's who working-class women availing free transport support this election' published in The Indian Express. January 29.
- Interviewed in 'मेट्रो के फैलाव में हो रही बस सेवाओं की अनदेखी, विशेषज्ञों ने सरकार को दी ये सलाह' published in Newslaundry Hindi. January 24.
- Research quoted in the article 'Draft policy on affordable transport seeks reforms' in New Indian Express. January 23.
- Research quoted in the article 'Budget 2025: Civil Society Groups Propose Policy for Affordable Public Transport' published in The Wire. January 22.
- 2024 Research quoted in 'Women mobility up after free fare bus service in Delhi' published in New Indian Express. October 31.
- Research quoted in the article 'Free bus rides improved women's mobility by 23%, but 77% passengers feel unsafe after 5pm: Report' published in the Hindustan Times. October 30.
- Research quoted in the article '77 pc women feel unsafe on Delhi buses after dark' published in The Print. October 29.
- 2023 Research quoted in 'The unrecognised urban farmers of Delhi are caught in conflict over land'. Mongabay India. January 5.
- 2022 Research quoted in the article 'Cultivated Idea' published in the 'Down To Earth' Magazine. November 1.

Academic Reviewing

Journal of Transport Geography; Urban Mobility India (2018, 2023); Urbanisation (2021)

Memberships

Coordinator, Public Transport Forum; Member, Sustainable Urban Mobility Network; Member, Teachers Against Climate Crisis

Citation Metrics

Total Citations 108 | h-index 3 | i10-index 2 (as of June 1, 2025)

Academic References

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