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1. Professional Profile:

1.1 Current Position

- **Assistant Professor (Full-Time)** in Post-Graduate Department of Economics, University of Kashmir (since 4th of March, 2025).

1.2 Areas of Specialization

- **Teaching:** Indian Economy, Microeconomics, and Writing & Communication Skills.
- **Research:** Capabilities and Human Development, Gender, Social Exclusion, and Implications of AI.

1.3 Additional Institutional Assignments

- **Nodal Officer**, Directorate of Internal Quality Assurance, University of Kashmir (since 31st of January, 2026).
- **In-charge**, Departmental Webpage, Post-Graduate Department of Economics, University of Kashmir (since 1st of January, 2026).
- **Representative Member**, Socio-Economically Disadvantaged Groups Cell, University of Kashmir (since 3rd of November, 2025).
- **Member**, Departmental Research Committee, Post-Graduate Department of Economics, University of Kashmir (since 8th of August, 2025).
- **Nominee** for Amazon Web Services Academy from Post-Graduate Department of Economics, University of Kashmir (since 28th of July, 2025).
- **Member**, Post-Graduate Board of Studies, Post-Graduate Department of Economics, University of Kashmir (since 15th of May, 2025).
- **Member**, Departmental Purchase Committee, Departmental Library Committee, Departmental Infrastructure Committee, Post-Graduate Department of Economics, University of Kashmir (since 17th of April, 2025).

1.4 Previous Positions Held

- **Lecturer (Academic Arrangement)**, Department of Higher Education, Government of Jammu & Kashmir (September, 2020-May, 2023).
 - Taught Introductory Microeconomics and Introductory Macroeconomics to undergraduate students.
- **Research Assistant (Fixed Tenure)**, Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy (CSSEIP), University of Jammu (August, 2019-March, 2020).

- Conducted research on marginalized sections and taught Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy to post-graduate students.
- **Field Investigator (Fixed Tenure)**, research project titled *Seasonal Migration and Human Development: A Study of Bakarwals in Jammu & Kashmir* (funded by Directorate of Tribal Affairs, Government of Jammu & Kashmir), CSSEIP, University of Jammu (December, 2018-May, 2019).

1.5 PhD Supervision

Serial Number	Name of PhD Candidate	Year of Admission / Batch
1.	Ms. Shariqa Fayaz	2026
2.	Mr. Ishfaq Ahmad	2026

2. Academic Profile:

2.1 Academic Credentials

- **Post-Graduate Department of Economics (University of Jammu)** **2019**
PhD
- **Post-Graduate Department of Economics (University of Jammu)** **2013**
MA
- **Government Maulana Azad Memorial P. G. College (University of Jammu)** **2011**
BA
- **Army School B. D. Bari (Central Board of Secondary Education)** **2008**
Class 12

2.2 Fellowships, Scholarships, and Eligibility Qualifications

- JKSET (2022).
- UGC NET-SRF (November, 2016): Aailed from November, 2016 to November, 2018.
 - Taught Public Economics to post-graduate students.
- UGC NET-JRF (December, 2014): Did not avail.
- UGC NET-JRF (June, 2014): Aailed from November, 2014 to November, 2016.
 - Taught Indian Agriculture to post-graduate students.
- Sant Nirankari Mission's Meritorious Scholarship (2004): Aailed in 2005.

3. Academic Engagements and Professional Development:

3.1 Invited Lectures and Extension Talks

- "South Asia's Human Development: Progress Amidst Persistent Inequalities", invited lecture organized by Post-Graduate Department of Political Science, University of Kashmir on 19th of June, 2025.
- "The Idea of Human Development: From Theory to Practice", invited lecture organized by Post-Graduate Department of Political Science, University of Kashmir on 16th of June, 2025.
- "The COVID-19 Pandemic and the Indian Economy", lecture delivered during Digital Week Jammu & Kashmir, organized by Government Degree College Ramgarh, University of Jammu on 25th of July, 2022.

3.2 Academic Coordination and Organizational Roles

- **Coordinator**, 9th Annual CECFEE Research & Policy Workshop, organized by Centre for Research on the Economics of Climate, Food, Energy and Environment (CECFEE), Indian Statistical Institute Delhi, in collaboration with Post-Graduate Department of Economics, University of Kashmir from 13th to 14th of November, 2025.
- **Compeer**, One-Day International Web-Conference on Gandhian Philosophy, organized by Attitude Change International in collaboration with Government Degree College Ramgarh (University of Jammu) on 3rd of October, 2022.
- **Organizing Volunteer**, National Conference on Roadmap for Doubling Farmers' Income by 2022: Towards Addressing Agricultural Sustainability and Ways Forward, organized by Post-Graduate Department of Economics, University of Jammu from 29th to 30th of March, 2017.
- **Convenor**, Print Media Committee, One-Day Seminar on Economy & Society: Thoughts of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, organized by Post-Graduate Department of Economics, University of Jammu on 26th of November, 2015.

3.3 Faculty Development and Professional Training

- 11th Faculty Induction Programme, under UGC Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre (MMTTC), organized by Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gorakhpur University from 3rd to 31st of December, 2025 (Grade A+).
- One-Week Faculty Development Programme on *Research Methodology and Data Analytics*, under UGC MMTTC, organized by University of Ladakh in collaboration with Institute for Human Development (knowledge partner), Banaras Hindu University, and Rajiv Gandhi University from 18th to 24th of July, 2025 (Grade A+).
- Ten-Day Short-Term Professional Development Programme, under UGC MMTTC, organized by Indira Gandhi National Open University from 27th of October to 5th of November, 2022 (Grade A).

3.4 Workshops and Training Programmes

- One-Week National Workshop on Tech-Enhanced Research: From Data Collection to Publication, organized by Post-Graduate Department of Economics, University of Kashmir from 24th of June to 1st of July, 2025.
- One-Day Workshop on Cognitive Skills, Design and Critical Thinking, organized by Institution Innovation Council, University of Jammu on 8th of April, 2019.
- One-Day Workshop on Gender Sensitization among Youth, organized by National Service Scheme (NSS), University of Jammu on 12th of August, 2017.
- Orientation Workshop on Training Skills for Handling Central Digital Language Lab, organized by NSS, University of Jammu, in collaboration with Centre for Advanced Communication, Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur from 8th to 9th of March, 2017.
- ICSSR-Sponsored National Workshop on Research Methodology for PhD Students of Social Sciences, organized by Department of Human Resource Management & Organisational Behaviour, School of Business Studies, Central University of Jammu from 12th to 21st of May, 2015.
- Core Training Workshop on Introduction to Kingian Nonviolence Conflict Reconciliation, organized by Center for Nonviolence and Peace Studies, University of Rhode Island, USA, in collaboration with Gandhian Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, University of Jammu on 19th of January, 2011.

4. Publications:

4.1 Authored Books and Edited Volumes

- Kundal, R. (2026). *Development Economics*. Centre for Distance and Online Learning, University of Kashmir. **- forthcoming**
- 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.

4.2 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.

4.3 Book Reviews

- Kundal, R. (2026). Emily Callaci, *Wages for Housework: The Story of a Movement, an Idea, a Promise*. *Journal of Development Policy and Practice* (SAGE). **- forthcoming**
- 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.

4.4 Journal Articles

- Singh, J., & Kundal, R. (2020). Analysis of educational expenditure in Kathua district of Jammu and Kashmir. *Researcher*, 16(1), 52-65.
- 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.

4.5 Media Article

- Kundal, R. (2026, January 10). Can AI shape India's next leap in human development? *Daily Excelsior*.

5. Conference and Seminar Presentations

- Kundal, R. (2020, June 19). *Is globalization aiding or eliminating economic inequality? An Indian perspective*. Paper presented at the International Conference on Globalization, Inequality and Exclusion: Plan for Development or Path to Marginalization, organized by Planning Commission Chair, Punjabi University, Patiala, Punjab, India.

- Kundal, R. (2020, January 17–18). *Exclusion of Dalits in India: A theoretical perspective*. Paper presented at the National Seminar on Social Exclusion and Challenges of Inclusion in India: Need for Paradigm Shift, organized by CSSEIP, University of Jammu, Jammu, Jammu & Kashmir, India.
- Kundal, R. (2019, November 8–9). *A review of socio-politico-economic exclusion of Dalits in India*. Paper presented at the 23rd 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 the Department of Economics, Punjabi University, Patiala, Punjab, India.
- Kundal, R. (2018, May 25–26). *Trends and gaps in gender dimension of primary education: Case of India*. Paper presented at the National Seminar on Social Exclusion and Marginal Communities: Challenges of Deprivation and Discrimination in Northern India, organized by CSSEIP, University of Jammu, Jammu, Jammu & Kashmir, India.
- Kundal, R. (2018, March 9–10). *Infrastructure and agricultural performance in Kathua district of Jammu and Kashmir*. Paper presented at the UGC National Seminar (under SAP) on Agricultural Crisis and Rural Industrialization, organized by Punjab School of Economics, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, Punjab, India.
- Kundal, R. (2017, March 17–18). *A review of health expenditure and health outcomes in India*. Paper presented at the UGC National Seminar on Changing Policy Regime and Sectoral Performance of India, organized by Punjab School of Economics, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, Punjab, India.
- Kundal, R. (2017, March 4). *A comparative analysis of health expenditure in SAARC economies*. Paper presented at the National Seminar on Rural Transformation in South Asia: Issues and Interventions, organized by Centre for South West Asia Study (Pakistan and Afghanistan), Punjabi University, Patiala, Punjab, India.
- Kundal, R. (2016, February 7). *Human development in India: Economic interpretation of some indicators*. Paper presented at the International Conference on Innovative Practices in Business, Banking, and Economics, organized by Krishi Sanskriti, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India.

6. Volunteering and Community Engagement:

6.1 Student Volunteer, National Service Scheme, Government of India (June, 2008-May, 2011)

- Participated in approximately 30 workshops, camps, and community service activities, including the Pre-Republic Day Parade Camp, National Integration Camp, annual special camps, tree plantation drives, Communal Harmony Week, pulse polio campaigns, AIDS and blood donation awareness programmes, blood donation camps, and disaster management workshops.
- Completed the international workshop “Introduction to Kingian Nonviolence Conflict Reconciliation – Core Training,” jointly organized by the Center for Nonviolence and Peace Studies, University of Rhode Island (USA) and Gandhian Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, University of Jammu (India).
- Recipient of the Best NSS Volunteer Award, 2010 (University of Jammu).

6.2 Student Member, Organising Committee, Gandhian Studies Centre, Government Maulana Azad Memorial P. G. College, University of Jammu (June, 2009–May, 2011)

- Organized and participated in Shramdan (cleanliness drives), discussions on Gandhian philosophy, and related service-oriented academic and community activities.

7. Academic Referees:

7.1 Prof. Effat Yasmin

Professor and Head, Post-Graduate Department of Economics, University of Kashmir, Srinagar, J&K, India.

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7.2 Dr. Sayantan Mandal

Associate Professor, Zakir Husain Centre for Educational Studies, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India.

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