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Expertise

Research Interests: Human-Computer Interaction (HCI), Critical Computing, Communities, Justice, Social Media.

Research Methods: interviews, focus-groups, ethnographic field studies, survey, thematic analysis, statistical analysis.

Education

Aug 2022 - **University of Colorado Boulder, USA**

Present Ph.D in Information Science
Advisor: Prof. Bryan Semaan

July 2017 - **Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology Delhi (IIIT Delhi), India**

July 2021 B.Tech in Computer Science and Engineering

Advisor(s): [Dr. Venkata Ratnadeep Suri](#), [Dr. Jainendra Shukla](#)

Thesis: Understanding the Digital Technology Use Amongst LGBTQ+ Adults in India for Well-Being.

Publications

[J.1] Singh, D. K., Kumar, M., Fosch-Villaronga, E., Singh, D., & Shukla, J. (2022). Ethical Considerations from Child-Robot Interactions in Under-Resourced Communities. *International Journal of Social Robotics*, 1-17. [\[PDF\]](#)

[C.1] Wani, A. S., Singh, D. K., & Singh, P. (2022, April). "Hartal (Strike) Happens Here Everyday": Understanding Impact of Disruption on Education in Kashmir. In *CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems* (pp. 1-17). [\[PDF\]](#)

[C.2] Kumar Singh, D., Sharma, S., Shukla, J., & Eden, G. (2020, March). Toy, Tutor, Peer, or Pet? Preliminary Findings from Child-Robot Interactions in a Community School. In *Companion of the 2020 ACM/IEEE International Conference on Human-Robot Interaction* (pp. 325-327). [\[PDF\]](#) [\[Video\]](#)

[W.1] Divyanshu Kumar Singh, Venkata Ratnadeep Suri, Jainendra Shukla. 2020. Design for the Well-Being of LGBTQIA+University Students. (Lightly Reviewed, Workshop Paper) in *From Needs to Strengths: Operationalizing an Assets-Based Design of Technology* at ACM CSCW 2020, Oct-2020. [\[PDF\]](#)

[C.x]=Conference, [J.x]=Journal, [W.x]=Workshop

Research Experience/Projects

September 2020 - **Digital Technology Use Amongst LGBTQ+ Adults in India**

present Advisor(s): [Dr. Venkata Ratnadeep Suri](#), [Dr. Gopinaath Kannabiran](#),
[Dr. Jainendra Shukla](#)

- Understanding tech (mobile, social media, internet, mobile apps) use and non-use by queer adults for their well-being in India. [W.1]
- Reached out to queer collectives, conducted in-depth interviews, thematic analysis.

March 2021 - **Student Researcher - [Mélange Lab](#), IIIT Delhi**
February 2021 **Advisor: [Dr. Pushpendra Singh](#)**

- **Education, Technology and Disruption in Kashmir (Mar'21 - Sep'21)**

- Understanding impact of disruption/conflict on education access, tech use in Kashmir [C.2]
- thematic analysis of interview, brainstorming implications
- *Collaboration: [Asra Sakeen Wani](#) (PhD Scholar, IIIT Delhi)*

July 2019 - **Undergraduate Student Researcher - [Human-Machine Interaction Lab](#), IIIT Delhi**
September 2021 **Advisor: [Dr. Jainendra Shukla](#)**

- **Ethics of CRI in Under-Resourced Communities (Oct'20 - Feb'21)**

- Understanding ethical issues arising from deploying social robots for education in under-resourced communities [J.1]
- Thematic & interaction analysis of video and interviews
- *Collaboration: [Deepa Singh](#) (PhD Scholar, Delhi University), [Dr. Manohar Kumar](#), [Dr. Eduard Fosch-Villaronga](#)*

- **Social Robot for Primary Education (Jul'19 - Jan'20)**

- 2 month long ethnographics Child-Robot Interaction (CRI) study for language learning tasks with Kindergarten students at a community school [C.1]
- moderated CRI sessions, analyzed videos, interviews & field notes
- *Collaboration: [Dr. Sumita Sharma](#), [Dr. Grace Eden](#)*

Professional Experience

June 2021 - **Scry Analytics**

July 2022 **Software Engineer (Data Science)**

- Working in the Data Science team on flagship document digitisation product - [Collatio](#).
- Machine Learning optimisation tests, Refining pipeline logic, Incorporating new documents.
- *Tech & Frameworks: Python, Docker, Bash, MongoDB, Selenium.*

May 2020 - **IIIT Delhi**

July 2020 **Summer Intern (Advisor: [Dr. Anuj Grover](#))**

- Studied TRIZ (Theory of Inventive Problem Solving) in various use cases and prepared an engineering course curriculum. Individually explored a Child-Robot Interaction scenario as a problem and applied TRIZ.

March 2019 - **IIIT Delhi**

June 2019 **Coordinator | Summer Camp 2019**

- In 2019, 180 students from 7 different Delhi govt. school attended the summer camp.
- Designed curriculum for 'Hands on Science' module along with a team of 32 volunteers for 5 weeks of study for students of class 8 and 9; and ensuring proper execution of the camp.

Teaching Experience

- Fall 2022 **Teaching Assistant, University of Colorado Boulder**
INFO 1101: Computation in Society
- Introductory course for 240 students in multiple departments.
 - Assisting and grading student assignments.

- Spring 2021 **Teaching Assistant, IIIT Delhi**
DES 101: Introduction to Human-Computer Interaction
- Introductory course for 282 first year undergraduates..
 - Conducting & preparing weekly tutorial sessions. Mentored and graded group of 42 students and 10 projects.

Leadership

- Coordinator (Head) **ASTRONUTS: Astronomy Club of IIIT Delhi (Aug'18 - July'19)**
- Conducted Sky-Observation and in-class session on Astronomy
 - Organized field trip to Sariska Astroport

Professional Service

- Shadow PC - Compass 2021
Peer-Reviewer (LBR) - HRI'20, CHI'21, CSCW'21, Compass'21
Sub-Reviewer- ICSR'20 Workshop (Child-Robot Interaction: Present and Future Relationships)

Volunteering

- Student Volunteer - ACM HRI'20
Community Service - Volunteer for *Roshini*: Diwali Book Donation Drive 2019 for Govt. School Students in Delhi