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EDUCATION

PhD student, Finance, 2005- Present
University of Maryland, USA
Post Graduate Diploma in Business Management, 2000-2002
Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad, India.
Bachelor of Technology (Electrical Engineering), 1995-1999
Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur, India

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Information and Asset pricing, Volatility

WORKING PAPERS

News Dynamics (Dissertation chapter, Advisor: Prof Albert Kyle)
I document news dynamics in US equity markets. I obtain a measure of the positivity of firm specific news and report its impact on the asset prices. I further relate news arrival rates to the volatility patterns of stock prices. The research is relevant for financial economists studying asset pricing.

What kind of disclosure is informative (Dissertation chapter)
I examine the information content in various kind of disclosures made by firms to the SEC and establish what kind of disclosures are informative. The research is relevant for law makers, law scholars and financial economists.

What drives mergers : An Empirical Comparison of Two Popular Theories (Second year summer paper)

I examine two popular theories of mergers: Q theory and stock market driven acquisition theories, while accounting for sample selection.

HONORS AND AWARDS

2008 Allan N Nash outstanding doctoral student award
2005-2008 Dean's research support

- 2001 J P Morgan scholarship
Finalist, Deutsche Bank Inter-IIM essay competition
Travel scholarship, Campus for Finance
- 1999-1993 National Talent Search Scholarship, India
- 1994 Top 1% in National Physics Olympiad, India
- 1993 Ranked 5th in Mathematics Olympiad
Ranked 13th Among 100 K students, India

TEACHING

Instructor, University of Maryland Smith School of Business

- BMGT 443: APPLIED EQUITY ANALYSIS AND PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT,
UNDERGRADUATE SENIORS 2007-2008

Instructor, Institute for Financial Management and Research, India

- MERGERS AND ACQUISITIONS
Elective Course for 2nd year MBA students 2005
- CORPORATE FINANCE
Core course for Masters in Finance students 2004
- INTRODUCTION TO DERIVATIVES
Course for General managers 2004-2005
- INTRODUCTION TO EQUITY DERIVATIVES
Course for treasury professionals 2004-2005

Teaching Assistant, Smith School of Business

- *MATH CAMP FOR MBA AND EXECUTIVE MBA STUDENTS*
 - Prof S Lele, University of Maryland , 2006-2008
- *INSTITUTIONAL MONEY MANAGEMENT (MBA LEVEL)*
 - Prof Albert Kyle, University of Maryland, 2008
- *ADVANCED FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT (UNDERGRADUATE LEVEL)*
 - Prof Mark Chen, University of Maryland, 2005-2006

SKILLS

Proficient in

- PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES: C++, Perl and Python
- ECONOMETRIC PACKAGES: SAS, MATLAB, STATA
- DATABASE MANAGEMENT: MySQL

- DATABASES: CRSP, COMPUSTAT, DATASTREAM, SDC, TAQ

PRESENTATIONS	Washington Area Finance Association	2007
	Seminar on Indian Financial System in Goa, India.	2004
	Australiatian Conference of Banking and Finance	2004
SERVICES	Vice president, Association of Doctoral student (ADS),	2008-2009
	Member, Dean search committee, University of Maryland	2008
	Student mentor, first year finance doctoral students	2006,2007
	ADS Representative in Graduate student senate	2006
	Member, selection committee, Masters in finance program, CAFS	
	Member, Senate Undergraduate Committee, IIT Kanpur	1997

OTHER EXPERIENCE

CENTRE FOR ADVANCED FINANCIAL STUDIES, *RESEARCHER*

JUNE 2003-JULY 2005

- Teaching and Research

TATA STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT GROUP, *ASSOCIATE CONSULTANT*

MAY 2002 – JUNE 2003

- Facilitated development of Vision and Mission for diversified management buy out in Bangladesh
- Developed business plan for over 100 million dollar Indian subsidiary of a European engineering company

GOLDMAN SACHS, HONG KONG, *EQUITY ANALYST*

APRIL 2001-JUNE 2001

- Initiated the research coverage of a technology stock.

ITC LIMITED, SAHARANPUR, *ASSISTANT MANAGER*

June 1999-June 2000

- Managed a team of over 50 member maintenance crew
- Oversaw production of packing slides
- Implemented staggered maintenance for packing machines in the cigarette factory

OTHER INTERESTS

Reading, Traveling.