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Employment History

- 2024 – Present ■ **Teaching Associate** Department of Geography at University of Colorado Boulder. *GEOG 1972: Sustainable Futures; GEOG 2692: Foundations of Public Health. Guest Lecturer for GEOG 3622: Cities of the Global South.*
- 2022 – Present ■ **Urban Affairs Researcher** Citizen Matters Bengaluru. *Reporting on urban affairs in Bengaluru: <https://citizenmatters.in/author/anshulraisharma/>.*
- 2022 – 2023 ■ **Academic Associate** Azim Premji University, Bengaluru. *Research and teaching support to the School of Development at the University.*
- 2020 – 2021 ■ **Social Impact Consultant** Nandi Foundation India, Mumbai. *Designed scope of COVID relief project called Auto for Impact to raise funds for educating over 500 school students across India.*
- 2018 – 2019 ■ **Resident Assistant** Ashoka University, Delhi.

Education

- 2024 – Present ■ **Ph.D., University of Colorado Boulder** Department of Geography
Thesis title: *Caste, Resettlement and Urban Belonging: Dalit Dispossession in Urban India*
- 2021 – 2023 ■ **M.A. Public Policy, National Law School of India University** CGPA 6/7.
Thesis title: *Aspirational Cities: Social Mobility in Bengaluru Slums.*
- 2016 – 2019 ■ **B.Sc. Mathematics, Ashoka University** GPA: 3.24/4.

Research Publications

Journal Article

- 1 Sharma, Anshul Rai “From World City Dreams to Everyday Struggles: Reading Contemporary Bengaluru,” *South Asia Multidisciplinary Academic Journal* [Online], 35-36 | 2026, Online since 15 June 2026, URL: <http://journals.openedition.org/samaj/10822>; DOI: <https://doi.org/10.4000/16e54>

Book Review Articles

- 1 A. R. Sharma, “Corruption Plots: Stories, Ethics, and Publics of the Late Capitalist City: Malini Ranganathan, David L. Pike, and Sapana Doshi. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2023,” *Journal of Contemporary Asia*, pp. 1–3, Mar. 2025. [DOI: 10.1080/00472336.2025.2450518](https://doi.org/10.1080/00472336.2025.2450518)
- 2 A. R. Sharma, “Review of *Experimental Times: Startup Capitalism and Feminist Futures in India*, by Hemangini Gupta,” *Exertions*, Dec. 2025. [URL: https://anthrowork.org/book-reviews/book-review-experimental-times/](https://anthrowork.org/book-reviews/book-review-experimental-times/)
- 3 A. R. Sharma, “Migrants and Machine Politics: How India’s Urban Poor Seek Representation and Responsiveness: Adam Michael Auerbach and Tariq Thachil. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2023,” *Journal of Contemporary Asia*, pp. 1–3, Sep. 2024. [DOI: 10.1080/00472336.2024.2400171](https://doi.org/10.1080/00472336.2024.2400171)
- 4 A. R. Sharma, “Book Review: *Love and Liberation* by Lauren Carruth,” *Society for Anthropology of Work*, 2023. [URL: https://saw.americananthro.org/pub/n2uyi7xo/release/1](https://saw.americananthro.org/pub/n2uyi7xo/release/1)
- 5 A. R. Sharma, “Book Review: *Refugee Cities* by Sanaa Alimnia,” *Society for Anthropology of Work*, Aug. 2023. [URL: https://saw.americananthro.org/pub/rn32tkj1/release/2](https://saw.americananthro.org/pub/rn32tkj1/release/2)

- 6 A. R. Sharma, "Technical Territories: Data, Subjects, and Spaces in Infrastructural Asia – Book Review," *LSE Review of Books*, Dec. 2023.  URL: <https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/lsereviewofbooks/2023/12/04/technical-territories-data-subjects-and-spaces-in-infrastructural-asia-review/>

Magazine Articles

- 1 A. R. Sharma, "Beyond the Dream: What India Can Learn from Martin Luther King Jr's Lessons for Public Change," 2025.  URL: <https://scroll.in/article/1078326/beyond-the-dream-martin-luther-king-jr-and-his-enduring-lessons-for-public-change>
- 2 A. R. Sharma, "Beyond cynicism: Navigating the complex pathways of ecology education," Jun. 2024.  URL: <https://www.currentconservation.org/beyond-cynicism-navigating-the-complex-pathways-of-ecology-education/>

Public Scholarship

- 1 A. R. Sharma, *Arena of darkness: Plight of sulikunte residents points to systemic neglect*, Jul. 2025.  URL: <https://citizenmatters.in/housing-electricity-sulikunte-residents-eviction-ejipura-neglect/>
- 2 A. R. Sharma, *Dataviz: Over half of delhi's garbage ends up in landfills*, Jan. 2024.  URL: <https://www.indiaspend.com/data-viz/over-half-of-delhis-garbage-ends-up-in-landfills-888461>
- 3 A. R. Sharma, *Out of focus*, Street photographers have for decades captured memories for tourists visiting the India Gate, but the Central Vista project in New Delhi has pushed them to the margins., Dec. 2024.  URL: <https://www.themigrationstory.com/post/out-of-focus>
- 4 A. R. Sharma, *Beneath the surface: Kolar water management*, Oct. 2023.  URL: <https://www.indiawaterportal.org/articles/beneath-surface-journey-kolars-water-management>
- 5 A. R. Sharma, *Bengaluru's daily waste production soared from 200 to 6,000 tonnes between 2000 and 2020*, Aug. 2023.  URL: <https://bengaluru.citizenmatters.in/waste-management-drainage-systems-karnataka-budget-urban-poor-slums-118262>
- 6 A. R. Sharma, *Jakkur lake management: Fostering community action for ecological restoration*, Sep. 2023.  URL: <https://www.indiawaterportal.org/articles/jakkur-lake-management-fostering-community-action-ecological-restoration>
- 7 A. R. Sharma, *The promise of gruha lakshmi: Challenges of an ambitious scheme*, Sep. 2023.  URL: <https://bengaluru.citizenmatters.in/gruha-lakshmi-yojana-congress-five-guarantees-direct-bank-transfer-women-health-aadhaar-bank-accounts-self-help-groups-127088>

Awards and Certification

- 2025  **John Pitlick Fieldwork Grant**, Department of Geography, University of Colorado Boulder.
- 2024  **1st Prize**, Awarded Best Graduate Student Paper prize at 2024 American Association of Geographers Great Plains-Rocky Mountain Regional Division Annual Meeting at Utah Valley University. Paper title: *Necropolitics of Sanitation: Manual Scavengers as Modern Slaves*.
- 2023  **Outstanding Thesis Award**, Awarded "Outstanding" Masters' Thesis Award by Public Policy Institute at National Law School of India University. Thesis title: *Aspirational Cities: Social Mobility in Bengaluru Slums*.
-  **Certified QGIS Practioner**. Azim Premji University.