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CURRENT APPOINTMENTS

University of California, Berkeley, Co-Faculty Director, India Energy and Climate Center
University of California, Berkeley, Associate Adjunct Professor, Goldman School of Public Policy
Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Scientist

EDUCATION

Stanford University, Ph.D., [Environment and Resources](#)
Field: Energy Economics and Policy
University of Pune, M.A., Economics
College of Engineering, University of Pune, B. Eng., Electrical Engineering (University of Pune Gold Medal)

PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS

Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Research Affiliate, 2009-2012
Stanford University Precourt Energy Efficiency Center, Research Assistant, 2012
Stanford University, Teaching Assistant, 2009-2010
Prayas Energy Group (India), Research Associate, 2004-2007

HONORS AND AWARDS

Berkeley Lab Director's Award for Exceptional Scientific Achievement in Societal Impact (2021)
Berkeley Lab Spot Award for Initiatives in Power System Modeling (2020)
Rudolph and McGee research fellowships, Stanford University (2008-2012)

RESEARCH

Focus: electricity markets & policies, renewable energy, electric vehicles, energy efficiency, industrial energy.
History of leading extremely high impact and comprehensive energy studies such as [The 2035 Reports \(U.S.\)](#), [Flexible Resources Initiative \(India\)](#), [China Clean Power](#), [India Energy Independence](#), [Japan 2035 Report](#), etc.
Over 100 peer-reviewed and other research papers. Wide coverage of the research in major media.
Regular advice to governments, regulators, and utilities on designing clean energy policies and programs.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

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10. Rajagopal, Deepak, Narayan Gopinathan, Aditya Khandekar, Nihan Karali, Amol Phadke, & Nikit Abhyankar, (2023). "[Comparative Evaluation of Total Cost of Ownership of Battery-Electric and Diesel Trucks in India](#)". *Transportation Research Record*, 0(0).

11. Godara, Rakesh, Nikhil Gakkhar, Shruti Deorah, Aditya Khandekar, Nikit Abhyankar, Bhautik Gajera, Akash Deep Singh & Anil Kumar Sarma (2023). "[Assessment of Economics of Hybrid Biomass Systems and Value to Grid](#)", *Recent Advances in Bio-Energy Research 2022*. ICRABR-2022, 255-266.
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2. “Driving towards the NetZero Future: Energy Storage Innovations and Market Outlook”, at World Energy Storage Day Leadership Dialogue organized by NetZero Energy Transition Association (NETRA) (September 2025)
3. “Energy storage in India: Economics and new regulatory pathways”, at Designing Solar plus Storage Tenders in India, organized by New and Renewable Energy Department, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal (September 2025)
4. “India 2047: Energy Pathways for a Developed Nation”, at Indian Institute of Technology, Chennai (June 2025)
5. “Energy Security Goals for a Viksit Bharat”, at Climate Trends Roundtable, New Delhi (June 2025)
6. “Sustainability and Energy in the US-India corridor”, at Stanford India Conference, Stanford University (April 2025)
7. “Economics of Green Steel in India”, at Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) (April 2025)

8. "Energy Storage in India: Requirement and Operation", at World Sustainable Development Summit, The Energy and Resources Institute (March 2025)
9. "Energy Transition in India: Opportunities and Challenges", at LeHigh University (September 2024)
10. "Energy Transition in India: Opportunities and Challenges", at CSIS roundtable on Operationalizing India's Clean Energy Future: High-Impact Opportunities at New York Climate Week (September 2024)
11. "Powering Prosperity: Emerging Promise of DPLs in India's Energy Sector", *Decoding Impact* Podcast (September 2024)
12. "Sustainable Energy Transition in India", at Princeton University in the Harvard-Princeton India Conference (April 2024)
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14. "Resource Adequacy: Need and Challenges", India Smart Utility Week (March 2024)
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