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Profile

PhD Research Scholar researching digital governance, digital public infrastructure, and technopolarity. Associate Editor of *Techade: An International E-Journal on Emerging Technologies and Power Dynamics*. Author of peer-reviewed articles on defence industrial policy and digital public infrastructure; one manuscript accepted in SCOPUS-indexed journal. Manuscript author of an IKS (Indian Knowledge Systems) textbook for UGC-NET. Experienced in policy writing, conference presentation, and editorial management.

Education

- PhD (in progress), Department of Political Science, Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya (GGV), Bilaspur. Supervisor: Dr. Amit Kumar Gupta. Working title: *Big Tech Companies and Nation-States: A Study on the Emergence of Technopolarity in the 21st Century Global Politics*. (Expected completion: 2028).
- MA Political Science — Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, 2023.
- BA (Hons) Political Science — Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, 2021.

Research Interests

Digital sovereignty & data governance; Digital Public Infrastructure & multipolar digital orders; Technarchs & technopolarity; Post-colonial frameworks (Digital Swaraj, IKS); Algorithmic governance & cyber statecraft.

Academic Positions & Service

- PhD Research Scholar, Dept. of Political Science, GGV — (Since March 2024)
- Associate Editor, *Techade: An International E-Journal on Emerging Technologies and Power Dynamics* — editorial coordination, CFPs, peer-review management, Student Corner curation (Since August 2025)

Selected Publications:

1. Khan, Naved Akhtar, and Amit Kumar Gupta. 2024. "Bharat's Leap: From Import Dependence to Atmanirbharta in Defence Equipment Manufacturing." *Journal of Defence Studies* 18, no. 4 (October–December 2024): 198–219. <https://www.idsa.in/publisher/journal-of-defence-studies/bharats-leap-from-import-dependence-to-atmanirbharta-in-defence-equipment-manufacturing>. ISSN 0976-1004 (print); 2583-7567 (online).

2. Gupta, Amit Kumar, and Naved Akhtar Khan. 2024. "India's Digital Public Infrastructure: In a Multipolar Digital Order." *World Focus*, October 2024, *Changing Dynamics of Defense and Security*, 68–72. ISSN 2230-8458; E-ISSN 2581-5083.

Accepted / Forthcoming

1. Khan, Naved Akhtar. Forthcoming. "Governing Emerging Technologies: Strategic Competition and Geopolitics in the Age of Photonics and Advanced Materials." *Meteor* (Springer Nature). (Accepted; SCOPUS-indexed.)
2. Khan, Naved Akhtar. Forthcoming. "SAGAR Initiative in the Indian Ocean Region: A Study of India's Benign Foreign Policy." *Indian Journal of Political Science*. (Accepted; forthcoming.)

Book Chapters

- Khan, Naved Akhtar, and Amit Kumar Gupta. "Artificial Intelligence, Marginalization, and Public Policy: Bridging the Digital Divide." In *Public Policy and Social Justice in a Changing World: Empowering Societies by Transforming Policy into Practice*, edited by Dr. Bijaya Kumar Behera and Dr. Ram Babu, 198–213. Chikkamagaluru: Iterative International Publishers, 2025. ISBN 978-1-68576-608-5.

Book Manuscript

- Khan, Naved Akhtar. 2025. *Indian Knowledge Systems*. Manuscript (textbook for UGC-NET; 10 units). Manuscript complete; submission/production stage.

Conferences & Presentations (selected)

1. Khan, Naved Akhtar. 2024. "SAGAR Initiative in the Indian Ocean Region: A Study of India's Benign Foreign Policy." Paper presented at the 61st All India Political Science Conference (61st Annual Convention of IPSA) & International Seminar on Viksit Bharat @2047, Maharaja Ganga Singh University, Bikaner, October 18–19, 2024.
2. Khan, Naved Akhtar. 2025. "Charm, Culture, and Cooperation: India's Positive Soft Power in Central Asia." Paper presented at the International Conference Resetting India's Engagement in Central Asia: From Symbol to Substance, Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, Bilaspur, April 19–20, 2025.
3. Khan, Naved Akhtar, 2026. "From Global Commons to Digital Borders: The Shift from Open Data Flows to Data Localization". Paper presented at an International Conference on Decolonizing a Discipline: India's Civilizational Insights for a New International Relations, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh (U.P), (to be held in) February 2026.

Research Projects & Major Works

1. *Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) textbook* — 10 units for UGC-NET (philosophy, mathematics, astronomy, architecture, chemistry, agriculture, etc.). Manuscript ready.
2. Monograph (in progress): *Technarchs / Technopolarity*.

3. Policy briefs & op-eds submitted to national/international outlets.

Teaching & Supervision

I taught UGC-NET classes conducted by the Department of Political Science for students preparing for the NET exam in the Political Science discipline.

Editorial & Professional Service

Associate Editor — Techade (CFP drafting, peer-review coordination, student corner). Editorial tasks: issue curation, copy editing, reviewer selection, outreach.

Languages

English (professional); Hindi and Chhattisgarhi.

Awards, Grants & Fellowships

Junior Research Fellowship (UGC-NET) — December 2022.