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Dr. Ananda Meher has been working as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Economics, Indira Gandhi National Tribal University (IGNTU), Amarkantak, Madhya Pradesh, since December 24, 2024. He has more than 3 years of teaching and research experience from University and Academic Institutions across India. Previously, he worked as an Assistant Professor of Economics at the Department of Economics and Commerce, KIIT (Deem to be University), Bhubaneswar and also worked as a Research Fellow at Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI), Hyderabad and Indian Institute of Public Health (IIPH), Bhubaneswar.

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Dr. Meher has worked in two research projects on Health Technology Assessment of Total Knee Replacement (TKR) in patients with Osteoarthritis (OA) knee in India; Department of Health Research (DHR), Government of India (2023) and Rapid assessment of management of COVID-19 in Odisha: Health, Livelihood and Social Security Interventions; Odisha State Disaster Management Authority (OSDMA), Government of Odisha (2022). Currently working as co-principal investigator on a ICSSR research project on “Digital Financial Inclusion of Tribal Women: A Case Study of ITDA Villages in Telangana” under the special call for Vision Viksit Bharat@2047 (VVB@2047).

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