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## ABOUT ME (She / Her) [website](#)

Geoinformatics graduate with an interdisciplinary research background. Enthusiastic to write codes that are readable, scalable, and efficient; interested in machine learning, environmental issues, and spatial data science.

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## EDUCATION

### Master of Science in Geoinformatics (M. Sc.)

*Bharati Vidyapeeth Institute of Environment Education and Research, Pune, India, 8.96/10*

**Thesis:** [AssetConnect](#): A Dynamic Web Application to track assets using Geospatial Technologies.

Aug 2018

### Bachelor of Science in Physics (Honors)

*Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Learning, Anantapur, India 8.5/10*

**Thesis:** Analysis of Gamma Decay Spectrum of Tb 159 to Dy 162 using GammaVision and FIT

Apr 2016

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## EMPLOYMENT

### Data Scientist - Air pollution, ILK Labs, India

2018 - 2023

- Developing air quality models using satellite, stationary, and mobile measurements of air pollutants in Bengaluru, India in collaboration with *Google; University of Washington, Seattle; University of California, Berkeley.*
- Analysis of low-cost air pollution sensor data from a multi-state network established in the Indo Gangetic Plains-India, with *University of California, Berkeley.*

### Consultant, Sri Ramachandra Institute of Higher Education and Research, India

2020 - 2023

- Calibration model development and analysis of multi-habitat indoor and outdoor low-cost sensors as a part of assessing the effectiveness of the LPG scheme introduced by the Govt. of India.

### Intern, National Center for Polar and Ocean Research, Goa, India

2018

- Glacier velocity estimation using optical and microwave remote sensing and study of Blue Ice Areas, elevation, and melt duration effects on the estimated glacier velocity.

### Intern, Tata Power Limited, Pune, India

2017

- Segmentation on very high-resolution Worldview images using multiple software and techniques of visual interpretation.

### Intern, Wai Technologies, Pune, India

2017

- Development of android application for demonstration purpose.

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### Co-Instructor- [Introduction to R](#)

2022

*Center for Study of Science, Technology, and Policy (CSTEP) and Sri Ramachandra Institute of Higher Education and Research*

### Consultant air quality personal exposure - [The New York Times](#)

2020

## PROGRAMMING SKILLS

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Data analysis: **R** (advanced), **SQL** (intermediate), **Python** (beginner)

Software development: **R** (intermediate), **C#** (beginner)

Web development: **Shiny** (intermediate), **HTML/CSS** (beginner), **JavaScript** (beginner)

Document preparation: **markdown** (intermediate)

DevOps: **Git/GitHub**

GIS Software: **QGIS**, **ArcGIS**, **SAGA**

Google Products: [Google Maps API](#), [Google Earth Engine](#)

## OPEN-SOURCE SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT

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Developer and maintainer - [mmaqshiny](#), [pollucheck](#).

## VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

2020 - Present

- Founder and Co-organiser of [R-Ladies Bangalore](#) and co-founder of [AsiaR](#).
- Global organising team member for Sponsorship, Program and Content team and part of Code of Conduct Response team for the [useR! 2021 global](#).
- Co-hosted a live Q and A session - [Teaching](#) for [rstudio::global\(2021\)](#), chair for a Keynote at [useR! 2021](#)

## PEER REVIEWER

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1. [Journal of Open Source Software](#)
2. [rOpenSci](#)

## REPORTS

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1. CSTEP and ILK Labs (2022). Mapping air pollution in Bengaluru using low-cost sensors and mobile monitoring data. (under review)
2. CSTEP and ILK Labs (2022). Best practices for deploying and maintaining a low-cost PM<sub>2.5</sub> sensor network. [CSTEP WS-2022-02](#).
3. CSTEP and ILK Labs (2022). Performance assessment of low-cost PM<sub>2.5</sub> sensors. [CSTEP-WP-2022-01](#).

## JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

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1. Sreekanth, V., Bhargav, A. R., Kulkarni, P., Puttaswamy, N., Prabhu, V., Agrawal, P., **Upadhyaya, A. R.**, Rao, S., Sutaria, R., Mor, S., Dey, S., Khaiwal, R., Balakrishnan, K., Tripathi, S. N., Singh, P. Inter- versus Intra-city variations in the performance and calibration of low-cost PM<sub>2.5</sub> sensor: a multicity assessment in India. Manuscript accepted in ACS Earth and Space Chemistry. doi: 10.1021/acsearthspacechem.2c00257
2. Kushwaha, M., Sreekanth, V., **Upadhyaya, A. R.**, Agrawal, P., Apte, J. S., & Marshall, J. D. (2022). Bias in PM<sub>2.5</sub> measurements using collocated reference-grade and optical instruments. *Environmental Monitoring and Assessment*, 194(9), 1-14. doi: 10.1007/s10661-022-10293-4
3. Joo, R., Sánchez-Tapia, A., Mortara, S., Bellini Saibene, Y., Turner, H., Hug Peter, D., ... & Ravi, J. (2022). Ten simple rules to host an inclusive conference. *PLoS computational biology*, 18(7), e1010164. doi: 10.1371/journal.pcbi.1010164
4. Kulkarni, P., Sreekanth, V., **Upadhyaya, A. R.**, & Gautam, H. C. (2022). Which model to choose? Performance comparison of statistical and machine learning models in predicting PM<sub>2.5</sub> from high-resolution satellite aerosol optical depth. *Atmospheric Environment*, 119164. doi: 10.1016/j.atmosenv.2022.119164
5. Puttaswamy, N., Sreekanth, V., Pillarisetti, A., **Upadhyaya, A. R.**, Saidam, S., Veerappan, B., ... & Balakrishnan, K. (2022). Indoor and Ambient Air Pollution in Chennai, India during COVID-19 Lockdown: An Affordable Sensors Study. *Aerosol and Air Quality Research*, 22(1), 210170. doi: 10.4209/aaqr.210170

6. **Upadhyia, A. R.**, Agrawal, P., Vakacherla, S., & Kushwaha, M. (2021). pollucheck v1. 0: A package to explore open- source air pollution data. Journal of Open Source Software, 6(63), 3435. doi: 10.21105/joss.03435
7. Spandana, B., Rao, S. S., **Upadhyia, A. R.**, Kulkarni, P., & Sreekanth, V. (2021). PM<sub>2.5</sub>/PM<sub>10</sub> ratio characteristics over urban sites of India. Advances in Space Research, 67(10), 3134-3146. doi: 10.1016/j.asr.2021.02.008
8. Sreekanth, V., Kushwaha, M., Kulkarni, P., **Upadhyia, A. R.**, Spandana, B., & Prabhu, V. (2021). Impact of COVID-19 lockdown on the fine particulate matter concentration levels: Results from Bengaluru megacity, India. Advances in Space Research, 67(7), 2140-2150. doi: 10.1016/j.asr.2021.01.017
9. **Upadhyia, A. R.**, Agrawal, P., Vakacherla, S., & Kushwaha, M. (2020). mmaqshiny v1. 0: R-Shiny package to explore Air-Quality Mobile-Monitoring data. Journal of Open Source Software, 5(50), 2250. doi: 10.21105/joss.02250

### **AWARDS and OTHER interests**

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- [Geo for Good Summit](#), Mountain View, California, 2022 (~3300 USD)
- [Certified Tidyverse Instructor](#) – 2022
- RStudio Diversity Scholar, 2021
- [R@IISA](#) Conference Travel Award, 2019 (~160 USD)
- Primer in Methods and Ecological Research ([PRiMER](#)) Sponsored by ILK Labs, 2019 (~370 USD)
- For undergraduate degree received Gold Medal, 2016
- Wildlife Conservation – A volunteer at [Asian Nature Conservation Foundation](#), Bengaluru.