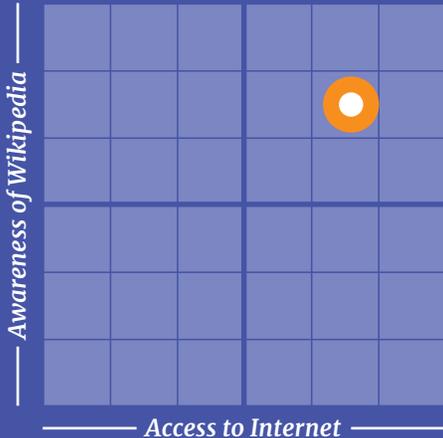


NAME: **Sandeep** AGE: **28**

FROM **Maharashtra, India**

LIVES: **Delhi, India**

OCCUPATION: **Research Scholar**



BIOGRAPHY

Sandeep is a PhD student at Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), a leading liberal arts university located in Delhi. He has always been dedicated to his studies because he believes in the value of a good education. He enjoys spending time with his professors and even thinks of them as friends.

Sandeep was introduced to computers in secondary school. He attended one of the most reputable English-medium private schools in his state, one for the children of military parents. There, he learned to type, conduct online research, and create high-quality reports and presentations.

His parents gave Sandeep a feature phone when he moved to Delhi to pursue a Bachelor's in History, because his mother wanted a means to stay in touch with him. After graduation, he enrolled in a Master's at JNU, and his friends convinced him to buy a smartphone so they could communicate on WhatsApp. Sandeep was initially hesitant to spend his meager JNU research stipend (Rs 3,000 or \$45 a month), but agreed to buy it after one of his professors hired him for a research project. His friends recommended he buy an LeEco Le 1s Android phone (Rs 12,000 or \$180) because it was a good value.

When on campus, Sandeep uses JNU's WiFi—he even has a private WiFi connection in his hostel room. When he's off campus, he has a data plan to access the internet on his phone. He uses a Dell laptop for research, writing, and studying for exams. He relies on his professors for academic information, but also supplements what they provide through Google searches and reliable sources (including JSTOR.org and EPW.in, Economic and Political Weekly) recommended by his professors and peers.

For any research project, Sandeep begins by searching on Google. He typically starts with relatively broad search terms and, based on the results they yield, will make his queries more targeted over time. During his Master's program, he learned what types of sources can be trusted. As a result, he will only use Wikipedia for topic overviews and as a source for references.

Sandeep's English is at near-native proficiency; as a result, he usually has no problem finding what he needs online. He uses a translation app for esoteric and unfamiliar English words, but those are few and far between. The only time he remembers searching in a language other than English was when he was doing a project on a local political movement in rural Maharashtra.

DEVICE USE



LeEco Le 1s Android smartphone

PRIMARY USE: Voice calls. WhatsApp, following conversations between friends but rarely participates himself.

NETWORK: Internet usage is mostly via WiFi on university campus because it is free. Maintains data on his phone in case WiFi on campus is too slow or goes out. He pays Rs 288 a month for his plan.



Personal Dell laptop

PRIMARY USE: Uses it for research, writing papers, etc.

DETAILS: Goes online in his hostel, and carries it to campus where he accesses the university's internet.

