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PROFILE

Early-career investor with seven months inside IVCA, India's apex private equity and venture capital industry body, working across ecosystem research, fund and LP engagement, and industry publishing. Independently taught myself to build and ship software, and to publish original primary-source research on India's private markets. CFA Level I candidate, November 2026. Focused on digital economy, deep tech and applied AI.

PUBLISHED RESEARCH AND SELF-BUILT PROJECTS

Tax Without Recognition: India's Virtual Digital Asset Regime

2026

Independent research report | Published at khuswantsharma.com

- Authored a 19-page primary-source report on the divergence between the RBI's containment stance on virtual digital assets and the Parliamentary Standing Committee's July 2026 recommendation for an SRO-led framework.
- Built three original data visualisations comparing adoption estimates, mapping the regulatory timeline, and benchmarking e-rupee against UPI.
- Included a method-and-sources section disclosing unverified figures and limitations; scrapped an earlier survey-based draft rather than publish data that could not be defended.

khuswantsharma.com: Investment Research Site

2026

Designed, built and deployed independently with no prior coding background

- Built and shipped a production site using React, Vite, Tailwind CSS, Framer Motion and Recharts, version-controlled on GitHub and deployed on Vercel with continuous redeployment.
- Used Claude Code as a build partner while learning the stack from zero; executed a full mid-build rebrand across typography, CSS custom properties, Tailwind tokens and three chart components.

Semi-Automated Job Application Pipeline

2026

- Built a no-code workflow chaining Apify, Airtable, Make.com and the Claude API to cut a recurring weekly task to under thirty minutes.

EXPERIENCE

Private Equity Fellow, Indian Venture and Alternate Capital Association (IVCA)

Feb 2026 - Present

New Delhi | India's apex industry body for private equity and venture capital

- Researched Indian private market activity across fund structures, LP-GP dynamics, private credit, venture deployment and the SEBI and AIF regulatory architecture governing the alternate capital industry.
- Synthesised deal flow, fundraising and emerging asset class data into white papers, knowledge series publications and policy advocacy material published under IVCA.
- Managed engagement across 100+ stakeholder touchpoints with fund managers, institutional LPs, government bodies and academic institutions on behalf of the industry body.
- Delivered the IVCA Annual Conclave, India's flagship PE/VC gathering, owning participant data, logistics coordination and post-event engagement analytics for 100+ attendees.
- Maintained structured trackers and documentation repositories across sponsor and member accounts with audit-ready versioning.

Independent Consultant, Digital Strategy and Content

Jul 2021 - Aug 2025

Self-employed | Multi-client

- Ran an independent client book for four years alongside full-time study, owning scoping, delivery, pricing and client communication without supervision, and building repeatable delivery systems across concurrent accounts.

EDUCATION

CFA Institute, USA - CFA Level I Candidate

Nov 2026

St. Xavier's University, Kolkata - BMS (Honours)

2022 - 2025

G.D. Goenka Public School, Kolkata (CBSE) - Class XII

2022

SKILLS

Investment: Private market research, fund structures and LP-GP dynamics, AIF and SEBI regulatory frameworks, financial statement analysis, valuation fundamentals, market sizing, CFA Level I curriculum

Research: Primary and secondary research, long-form report authoring, data visualisation, source verification, methodology disclosure

Technical: MS Excel (Advanced), Power BI, Tableau, Recharts, SQL (Basic), Python (Basic), Git and GitHub, React and Tailwind (working, AI-assisted)

AI Tooling: Claude and Claude Code for build and adversarial research review; Make.com, Airtable and Apify for workflow automation, Chatgpt and Codex.

ADDITIONAL

Awards: 1st Place, Men's Basketball, Samagam Inter-College Sports Fest, Loreto College Kolkata (2023); 2nd Place, Emblaze, The Heritage College (2023)

Interests: Private markets and deep tech research, building with AI tooling, basketball, non-fiction