

Current Position:

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Research Interests

Poverty and Social Protection, Labor Force Behaviour, Gender and Development

Education

2014	Ph.D. in Economics, University of Wyoming (USA)
2002	Masters in Economics (First Class), Calcutta University (C.U.)
2000	B.Sc. (Honors), Lady Brabourne College, (C.U.)

Work Experience

Oct'26 –	<i>Full Professor</i> , National Council of Applied Economic Research
April'24 –	<i>Deputy Director</i> , NCAER National Data Innovation Center
2022–2026	<i>Senior Fellow</i> , National Council of Applied Economic Research
2018–2022	<i>Fellow</i> , National Council of Applied Economic Research
2015–2018	<i>Associate Fellow</i> , National Council of Applied Economic Research
2012–2015	<i>Visiting Assistant Professor</i> , Grand Valley State University (Michigan, USA)
2007–2008	<i>Graduate Instructor</i> , University of Wyoming (Wyoming, USA)
2007–2008	<i>Research Assistant for Dr. Sherrill Shaffer</i> , (Spring 2007, Fall 2007, Spring 2008)
2004–2007	<i>Teaching Assistant</i> , University of Wyoming (Wyoming, USA)
2001–2003	<i>Financial Consultant</i> , Standard Chartered Bank, Kolkata, India

Selected Service to Government of India

- Member, *Working Group for Household Consumer Expenditure Survey (HCES)*, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MOSPI), Govt. of India (2021-23)

Publications

Peer-reviewed Journals

- Sharma, S., **Choudhuri P.**, and Desai S. (2026). *Does Respondent Gender Matter to the Collection of Household Consumption and Expenditure Data in India?* Journal of Survey Statistics and Methodology (Forthcoming)
- **Choudhuri P.** and Desai S. (2026). *Changes in the Household Expenditure Basket during COVID-19 in India*. Demographic Research [\[link\]](#)
- Desai S., Barik D., **Choudhuri P.**, Chouhan B., Sharma O. P., Sharma S., Tiwari D. (2025). *Rethinking Social Safety Nets in a Changing Society: Evidence from the India Human Development Survey*. India Policy Forum [\[link\]](#)
- **Choudhuri, P.**, Pramanik S., and Desai S., (2023). *Urban Exclusion: Rethinking Social Protection in the Wake of the Pandemic in India*. Margin: The Journal of Applied Economic Research (December 2023) [\[link\]](#)
- **Choudhuri, P.** and Desai S., (2021). *Lack of Access to Clean Fuel and Piped Water and Children's Educational Outcomes in Rural India*, World Development, Vol 145, 2021 [\[link\]](#)

- **Choudhuri, P.** and Desai S., (2020). *Gender inequalities and household fuel choice in India*, Journal of Cleaner Production, Vol 265, 2020 [[link](#)]

Journal (ed.)

- Barik, D., **Choudhuri, P.**, Jain R, and Desai S. (Guest Editors). (2025) *Special Issue: India in Transition: Insights from India Human Development Survey (2004–2012)*, Margin: The Journal of Applied Economic Research [[link](#)]

Book (ed.)

- **Choudhuri, P.** and Desai S., Dubey A., (Editors). (2023) *India's Social and Economic Transformation in 21st Century*, Routledge Publications, India [[link](#)]

Book chapter

- Desai, S., & **Choudhuri, P.** (2026). *India's occupational transformation: A tale of two escalators*. In K. Basu, S. Desai, A. Deshpande, & N. Singh (Eds.), *The Indian economy: Navigating a global turning point*. Simon & Schuster. [[link](#)]
 - Pre-print: NCAER Working Paper #193 [[link](#)]

Op-eds / Popular Press / Media Coverage

- Desai, S. and **Choudhuri, P.** (2024). *Fall and rise in women's work participation*. The Hindu, March 08, 2024 [[link](#)]
- **Choudhuri, P.** (2023). *Mind the gender gap*. The Economic Times, February 23, 2022 [[link](#)]
- **Choudhuri, P.** and Desai, S., (2023). *Measuring women's work participation: why it is important to get it right*. The Hindu, February 11, 2023 [[link](#)]
- **Choudhuri, P.**, Desai S., and Pramanik S. (2022). *Urban exclusion: Rethinking social protection in India in the wake of Covid-19*. Ideas for India, June 13, 2022 [[link](#)]
- **Choudhuri, P.**, (2021). *Why clean air and potable water has impact on education*. Indian Express, June 7, 2021 [[link](#)]
- **Choudhuri, P.** and Desai S., (2020). *Plugging holes in welfare net*, Indian Express, Nov 28, 2020 [[link](#)]

Working papers

- Desai, S., & **Choudhuri, P.** (2026). *India's occupational transformation: A tale of two escalators*. NCAER Working Paper No. 193. [[link](#)]
 - Appeared in K. Basu, S. Desai, A. Deshpande, & N. Singh (Eds.), *The Indian economy: Navigating a global turning point*. Simon & Schuster.
- Gupta S., Choudhuri, P., Chauhan B., Desai S. (2025). *Hedging against climate risks: long-term vs circular migration in rural India*. AGECD Conference Paper [[link](#)]
- Bhandari B., Bandyopadhyay S., Bhattacharya T., **Choudhuri P.**, et. al., (2021). *Skilling India from the Ground up: Project Case Studies*. NCAER Working Paper No. 127. June 2021 [[link](#)]

Research Reports

- Pramanik, S., Banerji M., Tiwari, D., **Choudhuri P.**, et. al. (2022). *India Covid-19 Poverty Monitor. Research Bulletin*, NCAER-NDIC and Chronic Poverty Advisory Network (CPAN), ODI
- **Choudhuri P.** and Mundle S. (2020). *Money and Financial Markets in the NCAER Quarterly Review of the Indian Economy*, Q2: 2020-21, In Coronavirus times. [[link](#)]
- Mundle S. and **Choudhuri P.** (2019) *Money and Financial Markets*, in the *NCAER Mid-Year Review of the Indian Economy*, November 2019 [[link](#)]
- Bhandari B., **Choudhuri P.**, Das M., Bandyopadhyay S., Sahu A.K., (2018). *Skilling India – No Time To Lose*, NCAER Report, October 2018 [[link](#)]

- Sinha A., Jaiswal R. K., **Choudhuri P.**, Urs S. K., et. Al. (2017). *Building Synergies: Matching Business Reforms to Improved 'Ease of Doing Business'*, NCAER Report, April 2017 [[link](#)]
- Iyer I., Munjal P., **Choudhuri P.**, Alam A., Urs Sk. K. (2016). *NCAER State Investment Potential Index (N-SIPI)*, NCAER Report, March 2016 [[link](#)]

Selected Conference and Seminar Presentations

- 2026 • Presenter, *Population Association of America Annual Meeting*, April 2026, (St. Louis, MO)
- Delivered lecture on *Quantitative Methods in Social Science Research* at the National Workshop on Quantitative Methods in Social Science Research, organized by Madras Institute of Development Studies (MIDS), March 12, 2026 (invited).
- 2025 • Presenter, *20th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development*, hosted by ISI-Delhi, December 2025, New Delhi
- Presenter, *International Population Conference 2025 (IUSSP)*, Brisbane, Australia, July 2025
- 2024 • Commentator, “Working with Time-Use Studies”, *Revaluing Care in the Global Economy (RCGE) Working Papers Seminar*, supported by Duke University and National Endowment for Humanities, September 27, 2024
- Panelist, “Urbanization, Informality, and Welfare Policy”, workshop on *Re-imagining India's Social Protection System*, Tata-Cornell Institute, New Delhi, August 8, 2024.
- Presenter, *Population Association of America Annual Meeting*, April 2024, (Columbus, OH)
- 2022 • Presenter, *17th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development*, hosted by ISI-Delhi, December 2022, New Delhi
- Chair, session on “The income pathway: Wages, employment, and transfers” at workshop on “Affordability of Healthy Diets in South Asia: Challenges and Recommendation”, a CGIAR – IFPRI initiative, New Delhi, December 2022.
- Presenter, *5th IZA Labor Statistics Workshop*, July 2022 (scheduled online)
- Presenter, *Population Association of America Annual Meeting*, April 2022, (Atlanta, GA)
- Presenter, *3rd Economics Conference*, Ahmedabad University, 2022
- 2021 • Presenter, the *16th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development*, hosted by ISI-Delhi, December 2021 (online)
- Presenter, 2021 International Population Conference, hosted by IUSSP, December 2021 (online)
- Presenter, Invited Seminar hosted jointly by the *Institute of Economic Growth (IEG)* and *Center for Development Economics, Delhi School of Economics (DSE)*, 19 August 2021, New Delhi (online)
- Presenter, *Population Association of America Annual Meeting*, May 2021, (online)
- Commentator, *Webinar on Time Use data and Its Uses*, WEDGE of University of Maryland and EMERGE of UC San Diego (online)
- Presenter, *6th International Conference on South Asian Economic Development*, February 2021, New Delhi (online)
- 2020 • Presenter, *Population Association of America Annual Meeting*, April 2020, Washington DC (online)
- 2019 • Presenter, *Sustainability and Development Conference* at the University of Michigan, October 2019, Ann Arbor, Michigan
- Presenter, *Population Association of America Annual Meeting*, April 2019, Austin, Texas (poster)
- 2018 • Presenter, *Population Association of America Annual Meeting*, April 2018, Denver, Colorado (poster)

Selected Activities: Policy/Workshop (invited)

- 2026
 - Presenter, “*Measuring the Outcomes: Gender-Disaggregated Data*” at the Capacity Partnership Workshop on Gender-Responsive Agricultural Policy and Data Systems, organised by IFPRI South Asia in collaboration with the Department of Agriculture & Farmers’ Empowerment (DA&FE), Government of Odisha, on June 23, 2026, in Bhubaneswar.
 - Panelist, “*Gender Statistics and Women-led Development*” at the Capacity Building Workshop on Monitoring Frameworks of SDGs, Environment Accounts, and Gender Statistics, organized by Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation and the Government of Bihar. March 18, 2026.
 - Panelist, “*Gender Mainstreaming in Data Collection & Potential Biases Against Data Collection of Women*” at the NCAER Conference on Enhancing Gender Statistics, held in collaboration with MoSPI, January 2026.
- 2025
 - Panelist, “*Data Users Conference*” organized by the National Statistics Office (NSO) under the MoSPI in collaboration with the Indian School of Business (ISB, Hyderabad). May 27, 2025.
 - Panelist, “*Longitudinal Surveys in India: Lessons and Challenges*” at the “*National Workshop on Longitudinal Surveys in India: Lessons and Challenges*” hosted by the Madras Institute of Development Studies (MIDS). Chennai, March 18, 2025
 - Delivered lecture at the *National Workshop on Longitudinal Surveys in India: Lessons and Challenges* “Indian Human Development Survey, a technical presentation” at the Madras Institute of Development Studies (MIDS). Chennai, March 19, 2025
- 2024
 - Panelist, “*The role of civic data initiatives in strengthening India’s data ecosystem*” at the *DATASCAPE* hosted by Centre for Economic Data & Analysis (CEDA), Ashoka University, November 29, 2024, IHC, New Delhi
 - Panelist, “Improving Gender Outcomes through Data Driven Policymaking” at the session on “Data systems for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals” at the *Niti Aayog Data Forum 2024*, jointly organized with the Government of Odisha, the World Bank and the MoSPI, at Bhubaneswar, Odisha, November 22, 2024
 - Consultative meeting titled “*Brainstorming session held on Education, Skill and ECE*” held at the NITI Aayog” on April 23, 2024
 - Participated at the “*UNICEF India Evidence for Children Roundtable*” held in New Delhi, January 30 - February 1, 2024.
- 2023
 - Panelist, *Niti-Aayog State Workshop Series* on “Leveraging State Data Ecosystems for State and District-Level Policy and Planning”, Lucknow, November 2023
 - Panelist, “Employment and Unemployment Statistics: Issues and Challenges”, *NCAER Dialogue Room Series*, NCAER, September 2023
 - Discussant for presentation on ‘*Explaining the Significant Hikes in Female Work Participation Rate in India in Recent Years and Some Thoughts on How to Raise It Further*’, Institute for Human Development (IHD), New Delhi, November 9, 2023
 - Attended meetings of the *Working Group for Household Consumer Expenditure Survey (HCES)*, MOSPI, New Delhi (HCES, Working Group member), 2023.
- 2022
 - Attended *All India Workshop of Trainers for Household Consumption Expenditure Survey (HCES)*, organised by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MOSPI) at Bangalore, May 2022
- 2021
 - Attended 5th meeting of the Sub-Committee 2 of the Standing Committee on Economic Statistics (SCES), (MOSPI), New Delhi, March 2021
- 2020
 - Attended meetings of the *Working Group for Household Consumer Expenditure Survey (HCES)*, MOSPI, New Delhi (HCES, Working Group member), 2020
- 2018
 - Attended *All India Workshop of Trainers for NSS 77th Round & Time Use Survey*, organised by MOSPI at Guwahati, 2018

Research Grants

- Principal Investigator. “*GenderStat: Women’s Leadership in Social and Economic Statistics*,” Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation & University of Maryland. April 1, 2026-March 30, 2031.
- Principal Investigator. “*Labour Mobility and Regional Development*,” The World Bank Group. April 1, 2026 - November 30, 2026.
- Co-Principal Investigator. “*Holistically Capturing Household Income in Indian Household Surveys*,” Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. April 1, 2026-March 30, 2029.
- Co-Principal Investigator. “*Gender Hub*,” Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. January 1, 2021-March 30, 2027.

Journal Reviewer

- World Development, Review of Development Economics, Nature: Water, Oxford Development Studies, Education Economics, Population and Environment, Journal of Quantitative Economics, Margin.

Teaching Experience

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| 2012–2015 | Visiting Assistant Professor, Grand Valley State University (Michigan, USA)
<i>Courses taught</i> (undergraduate): Principles of Microeconomics, Principles of Macroeconomics, Intermediate Macroeconomics, Game Theory, Public Economics |
| Spring 2012 | Adjunct Faculty, Laramie County Community College (Wyoming, USA) |
| 2008-09 | Graduate Instructor, Department of Economics, College of Business, University of Wyoming
<i>Courses taught</i> (undergraduate): Principles of Microeconomics, Financial Intermediation, Managerial Economics |

Selected Honors

- U.W. International Graduate Student Award for Excellence in Internationalization (2011), awarded by the International Board of Advisors, University of Wyoming
- International Students’ Scholarship, University of Wyoming (2009-2011)
- Dunnewald Scholarship, University of Wyoming (2007/2008)
- Graduate Teaching and Research Assistantship, University of Wyoming (2004 -2009)

Selected Conference Organization

- Program Committee Co-Chair, Conference on Enhancing Gender Statistics held in collaboration with the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), January 2026
- Chair, “Gender and Child Nutrition” *International Population Conference 2025 (IUSSP)*
- Program Committee, Gender Conclave held in 2024 in collaboration with Population Foundation of India, World Bank, C3, and SEWA Bharat
- Chair, "Gender Inequality in Low-and Middle-Income Countries" at the *Population Association of America Annual Meeting*, April 2023, (New Orleans, LA)

Software Skills

- Statistical software: Stata, R

Professional Association

- Member, Population Association of America (PAA)
- Member, International Association for Feminist Economics (IAFFE)
- Member, International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP)