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Profile

Pallavi Choudhuri is a Senior Fellow and the Deputy Director at the NCAER-National Data Innovation Center (NDIC). Her primary research interests are in the areas of development economics, focusing on social protection, poverty, labour, intergenerational welfare, and gender. In recent years, Dr Choudhuri has been part of the core research team for the Indian Human Development Survey (IHDS), a longitudinal household survey covering more than 47,000 households, involved with the design and implementation of the third wave of the survey, including remote monitoring and data quality control. Dr Choudhuri also co-leads NCAER-NDIC's Gender Hub initiative.

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

April'24 –	<i>Deputy Director</i> , NCAER National Data Innovation Center
April'22 –	<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

Membership of task forces/working groups/committees

- Member, Selection Committee for Evaluation of Use Cases under NITI for States, NITI Aayog (2025)
- Member, *Working Group for Household Consumer Expenditure Survey (HCES)*, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MOSPI), Govt. of India (2021-23)

Research Projects

Ongoing Projects

- *India Human Development Survey - Wave III*
- *NCAER-NDIC Gender Hub (co-lead)*

Completed Projects

2017–2021	<i>Delhi Metropolitan Area Study (DMAS)</i> , grant awarded by Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF)
2021	<i>Poverty Monitoring in the Context of Covid-19</i> , grant awarded by Overseas Development Institute (ODI)

- 2016–2018 *Skilling India – No Time To Lose*, funding from J. P. Morgan’s New Skills At Work global initiative
- 2016–2017 *Building Synergies: Matching Business Reforms to Improved ‘Ease of Doing Business’*, grant awarded by Foreign Commonwealth Office (FCO), British High Commission
- 2015–2016 *NCAER State Investment Potential Index (N-SIPI)*, grant awarded by Department for International Development (DFID), British High Commission

Teaching Experience

- 2012–2015 Visiting Assistant Professor, Grand Valley State University (Michigan, USA)
Courses taught (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
Courses taught (undergraduate): Principles of Microeconomics, Financial Intermediation, Managerial Economics

Publications

Peer-reviewed Journals

- **Choudhuri P.** and Desai S. *Changes in the Household Consumption Basket during COVID-19 in India*. R&R
- Sharma, S., **Choudhuri P.**, and Desai S., *Does Respondent Gender Matter to the Collection of Household Consumption and Expenditure Data in India?* R&R
- Desai S., Barik D., **Choudhuri P.**, Chouhan B., Sharma O. P., Sharma S., Tiwari D. (2024). *Rethinking Social Safety Nets in a Changing Society: Evidence from the India Human Development Survey*. India Policy Forum
- **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)
- **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 [\[link\]](#)
- **Choudhuri, P.** and Venkatesan R., (2017) *Is Disinvestment of Air India Appropriate?*, Economic and Political Weekly, Vol. 52, Issue No. 27, 2017 [\[link\]](#)

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 [\[link\]](#)

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., Barik D., **Choudhuri P.**, Chouhan B., Sharma O. P., Sharma S., Tiwari D. *Rethinking Social Safety Nets in a Changing Society: Evidence from the India Human Development Survey*. India Policy Forum 2024 [[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](#)]
- **Choudhuri, P.**, (2021). *India's Employment Challenges and Demand for Skills* – NCAER working paper No. 121. May 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](#)]

Measurement Briefs

- **Choudhuri, P.**, Pramanik S., and Desai S. (2020). "Urban Challenges of the COVID-19 Pandemic: Findings from the Delhi NCR Coronavirus Telephone Survey, Rounds 1 and 2", Measurement Brief No. 2020-3, New Delhi: NCAER National Data Innovation Centre. [[link](#)]

Selected Conference and Seminar Presentations

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| 2025 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presenter, <i>International Population Conference 2025 (IUSSP)</i>, Brisbane, Australia, July 2025 • Chair, "Gender and Child Nutrition" <i>International Population Conference 2025 (IUSSP)</i>. |
| 2024 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commentator, "Working with Time-Use Studies", <i>Revaluing Care in the Global Economy (RCGE) Working Papers Seminar</i>, supported by Duke University and National Endowment for Humanities, September 27, 2024 • Panelist, "Urbanization, Informality, and Welfare Policy", workshop on <i>Re-imagining India's Social Protection System</i>, Tata-Cornell Institute, New Delhi, August 8, 2024. • Presenter, <i>Population Association of America Annual Meeting</i>, April 2024, (Columbus, OH) |
| 2023 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair, "Gender Inequality in Low and Middle Income Countries" at the <i>Population Association of America Annual Meeting</i>, April 2023, (New Orleans, LA) |
| 2022 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presenter, <i>17th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development</i>, 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

- 2025 • Panelist, “Data Users Conference” organized by the National Statistics Office (NSO) under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (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 Bhubaneshwar, 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 *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
- 2017 • Attended *Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability, & Learning (MEAL) workshop* organized by SDPI – IDRC at UNESCAP, Bangkok, July 2017

Journal Reviewer

- World Development, Review of Development Economics, Population and Environment, Education Economics, PLoS One.

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)

Software Skills

- Statistical software: Stata, R

Professional Association

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