

# JAYANTA TALUKDER

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## EDUCATION

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| <b>University at Albany, SUNY, New York</b><br>Ph.D. in Economics<br>Thesis - <i>Informal Migration Resilience and Response to External Shocks: Evidence from India</i> | 2016 - 2023 |
| <b>Jadavpur University, India</b><br>M.A. in Economics  | 2013 - 2015 |
| <b>University of Calcutta, India</b><br>B.Sc. in Economics  | 2010 - 2013 |

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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| <b>National Council of Applied Economic Research, New Delhi</b><br><i>Associate Fellow</i>  | Jul 2023 - <i>present</i> |
| Research fellow on NCAER-World Bank India Report on Labor Mobility and Regional Development under Sonalde Desai   | May 2026 - <i>present</i> |
| Co-author on Employment Report on Pathways to Jobs: A Review of India's Labour Reforms 2026 under Farzana Afridi  | Jan - May 2026            |
| Co-author of Report on India's Employment Prospects: Pathways to Jobs 2025 under Farzana Afridi   | Jan - Dec 2025            |
| Co-Project Lead on <i>NITI-NCAER States Economic Forum</i> with the State Finance Division at NITI Aayog, launched on April 1, 2025, by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman | Oct 2024 - April 2026     |
| Co-Project Lead for Study on State-Level Diagnostic Reports and Policy Briefs with the 16th Finance Commission under Poonam Gupta   | Jan - Oct 2024            |
| <b>Office of Mental Health, New York</b><br><i>Research Intern</i>  | Jun 2020 - May 2023       |
| <b>University at Albany, SUNY, New York</b><br><i>Adjunct Instructor</i>  | Aug 2019 - May 2021       |
| Instructor for Principles of Microeconomics (AECO 110) - Fall 2019, Spring 2020   |                           |
| Instructor for Principles of Macroeconomics (AECO 111) - Spring 2021  |                           |
| <b>University at Albany, SUNY, New York</b><br><i>Research Analyst</i>  | Aug 2017 - Aug 2019       |
| <b>University at Albany, SUNY, New York</b><br><i>Teaching Assistant</i>  | Aug 2016 - May 2017       |
| Economic Statistics (AECO 320) - Fall 2016, Spring 2017   |                           |
| <b>Global Change Programme, Jadavpur University, India</b><br><i>Research Associate</i>   | Jul 2015 - Jun 2016       |
| Conducted extensive primary surveys and limited dependent variable analyses on the societal impact of an arsenic remediation technology under Joyashree Roy                 |                           |
| <b>Bandhan Financial Services Pvt. Ltd, India</b><br><i>Summer Intern</i>   | Jun 2014 - Aug 2015       |

Conducted primary surveys in rural West Bengal districts on banking habits of poor households

## PUBLICATIONS

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- Pathways to Jobs: A Review of India's Labour Reforms** 2026  
(with F. Afridi, A. Chandna, A. Smruti, J. Thakur)  
*NCAER Working Paper No. 189*
- Between Keynesianism and Neoclassicism: A Comparative Analysis of Public Debt-Unemployment Nexus Across Continents** 2024  
(with S. Sengupta, A. Atal)  
*Development and Sustainability in Economics and Finance*
- Willingness to pay (WTP) for arsenic safe drinking water: A Case Study to understand societal embedding of ECAR technology in rural West Bengal, India** 2022  
(with S. Dasgupta, J. Roy, M. Ghosh)  
*Development Engineering*

## PROJECTS

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- NITI-NCAER States Economic Forum** Oct 2024 - April 2026  
(Co-Project Lead under Dr Poonam Gupta (Oct 2024 - Mar 2025) and Dr Anil K Sharma (Apr 2025 - present)  
A comprehensive State-level public data portal with reports and summaries for 28 States of India covering the domains of demography, economic growth, socio-economic indicators, public finances and State fiscal rules ([Link](#)).
- India's Employment Prospects: Pathways to Jobs** Jan 2025 - Dec 2025  
(with F. Afridi, A. Chandna, J. Rangan, J. Thakur and A. Smruti)  
An examination of India's potential towards generating more productive and inclusive employment by strengthening labour-intensive sectors, improving workforce skills and reforming labour and industrial policies ([Link](#)).

## WORKING PAPERS

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- State FRBM Compliance in India: Evidence from CAG-based Evaluations** 2026  
(with A. Sharma, K. Soni)  
*NCAER Working Paper Series*
- Pathways to Jobs** 2025  
(with F. Afridi, A. Chandna, J. Rangan)  
*Forthcoming in India Policy Forum 2025*  
Media citations: Economic Times, June 27, 2025; Times of India, June 30, 2025
- Coping Migrant Labor Market Shock with Internal Migration: Evidence from India** 2024  
(with S. Bhattacharya, C. Ho.)  
*Under Revision*
- Inter-State Migration and Climate Variability in India** 2024  
(with C. Ho, K. Zhang)  
*Under Revision*

## OP-EDS

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- Limits of India's demographic sweet spot** Nov 2025  
*Hindustan Times*  
(with K. Soni)

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| <b>Women's participation in the labour force: It's too risky to let it languish</b><br>(with K. Soni)<br><i>Livemint</i> | Jul 2025 |
| <b>Gender Parity: Lost in Transit from school to labour market</b><br><i>Hindustan Times</i>                             | Nov 2024 |

## GRANTS AND AWARDS

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| <b>University at Albany, SUNY, 3MT Competition, Second Place Winner</b>  | 2023        |
| <b>University at Albany, SUNY, Graduate Research Grant</b>               | 2022        |
| <b>University at Albany, SUNY, Benevolent Association Research Grant</b> | 2021        |
| <b>SurveyCTO Data Collection Research Grant</b>                          | 2021        |
| <b>University at Albany, SUNY, Helen Horowitz Teaching Award</b>         | 2021        |
| <b>University at Albany, SUNY, Professional Development Fund</b>         | 2018, 2023  |
| <b>I.S.E.O. Summer School, Italy, Scholarship</b>                        | 2018        |
| <b>University at Albany, SUNY, PhD Tuition Scholarship</b>               | 2016 - 2023 |

## PRESENTATIONS

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| <b>Adamas University, Flagship Conference, West Bengal</b>              | 2023 |
| <b>Eastern Economic Association, 49th Annual Conference, New York</b>   | 2023 |
| <b>Bengal Economic Association, Lady Brabourne College, West Bengal</b> | 2014 |
| <b>St. Xavier's College, Confluence, West Bengal</b>                    | 2012 |

## JOURNAL REVIEWS

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Singapore Economic Review, International Journal of Development Issues, Journal of Economics and Finance

## SKILLS AND PERSONAL

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| <b>Software &amp; Tools</b> | LaTeX   STATA   Open Data Kit   Tableau                           |
| <b>Research Interests</b>   | Development Economics   Applied Econometrics   Migration          |
| <b>Certificates</b>         | CITI Program, IRB: Human Subject Research (Stage 1)               |
| <b>Languages</b>            | English (fluent)   Bengali (native)   Hindi (working proficiency) |
| <b>Citizenship</b>          | India   |

## REFERENCES

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Professor Chun-Yu Ho | Associate Professor | University at Albany, SUNY | cho@albany.edu  
 Professor Anil K Sharma | Director of Operations | NCAER, New Delhi | aksharma@ncaer.org