

NIJARA DEKA

EDUCATION

Ph.D. (Economics)	: 2017	Centre for the Study of Regional Development, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi-67, India
M.Phil. (Economics)	: 2010	Gauhati University, Guwahati, Assam, India
MA (Economics)	: 2008	Gauhati University, Guwahati, Assam, India

The topic of my Ph.D. dissertation is *Deprivation Characteristics of the Urban Poor: A Case Study of Guwahati City*.

AREAS OF RESEARCH

Poverty and Social Inequality, Deprivation and Human Development, Labour and Informal Sector, Economics of Education and Health, Social Protection and Sustainable Development.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Position	Organization	Period
Associate Fellow	National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER), Parisila Bhawan, 11, Indraprastha Estate, New Delhi-110002, India	September, 2019 to Present
Consultant	National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER), Parisila Bhawan, 11, Indraprastha Estate, New Delhi-110002, India	July, 2018 –August, 2019
Research Associate	Centre for Economic Policy and Public finance (CEPPF), Asian Development Research Institute (ADRI), Patna, Bihar, India	April 2018 to July 2018
Guest Assistant Professor	Dyal Singh Evening College, University of Delhi, New Delhi- 110003, India	February 2018 to April 2018
Senior Research Associate	Rajiv Gandhi Institute for Contemporary Studies (RGICS), New Delhi-110001, India	August 2016 to September 2017

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- At NCAER, I was involved as a part of core research team for the study “*District-Driven Growth a Pilot Study*”, commissioned by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India.
- At NCAER also associated with “*Preparing Tourism Satellite Account for India and States of India*”, project sponsored by Ministry of Tourism, Government of India.
- At Centre for Economic Policy and Public finance (CEPPF), Asian Development Research Institute (ADRI), Patna, Bihar, India, my work profile includes data analysis and literature survey for the project on “*Outcome Evaluation of State Finances in the Context of recommendation of the 14th Finance Commission: Determination of a Sustainable Debt Roadmap for 2020-25, taking into account impact of introduction of GST and other tax/non-tax trend forecasts*” sponsored by Fifteenth Finance Commission.
- Worked for a project on “*Connectivity Infrastructure under India’s Act East Policy: A Study on Road Infrastructure Project in North East India Borderland*” under the guidance of Dr Rakhee Bhattacharya, of Special Centre for the Study of North East India, Jawaharlal Nehru University during the period from April 2018 to June 2018. This project was commissioned by University Grant Commission (UGC) under the scheme of Universities with Potential for Excellence (UPE)/ Universities of Excellence (UoE).
- In Rajiv Gandhi Institute for Contemporary Studies (RGICS), New Delhi-110001, India, my work profile include Independent and team research, structured analysis, preparation of strategy papers, Policy briefs, data collection & Analysis.

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

- Bhattacharya, Rakhee; Deka, Nijara. “Roads Matter at the Periphery: India’s Post-liberalisation Road Projects in the Northeast”. *Journal of Social and Economic Development*, Springer publication, 6 August, 2021 (online).
- Kumar A, Deka N, Bathla S, Saroj S, Srivastava S K. “Rural Non-Farm Employment in Eastern India: Implications for Economic Well-being”. *The Indian Journal of Labour Economics*, 30 September, 2020, Springer publication.
- Deka, Nijara. "Multidimensional poverty index for the poor in Guwahati city (Assam, India)." *Journal of Social and Economic Development* 20.1 (2018) Springer publication
- Deka, Nijara. “Occupational Deprivation in Urban India: An Interstate Analysis”, *Journal of Man & Development*, Centre for Research in Rural and Industrial Development, Vol. XL, No. 1. (2018)
- Deka, Nijara. “Urbanization and Deprivation in Guwahati City (Assam)” *Assam Economic Review*, Vol. 10 (2017).

- Deka, Nijara. “Residential Deprivation of the Urban Households in India” *The Asian Economic Review*, Indian Institute of Economics, Vol. 58 No. 3 (2016).

Reports

- District Development Plan: A Pilot Study of Sindhudurg District, Maharashtra for Boosting Economic Growth, August 2021, National Council of Applied Economic Research (A study Commissioned by Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India)
- District Development Plan: A Pilot Study of Ratnagiri District, Maharashtra for Boosting Economic Growth, August 2021, National Council of Applied Economic Research (A study Commissioned by Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India)
- District Development Plan: A Pilot Study of Solan District, Himachal Pradesh for Boosting Economic Growth, August 2021, National Council of Applied Economic Research (A study Commissioned by Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India)
- Tourism Satellite Account, 2018-19, Uttarakhand, September 2021, National Council of Applied Economic Research (Directorate of Economics and Statistics, Government of Uttarakhand)
- The Third Tourism Satellite Account of India, 2015-16, November 2018, National Council of Applied Economic Research (Study Commissioned by Ministry of Tourism, Government of India)

Other Publications

- The Citizenship debate in Assam, 02/03/2017. The Assam Tribune. Published Simultaneously from Guwahati & Dibrugarh, Assam.
- COVID-19: Slums in India provide fertile ground for outbreaks, 11/05/2020. Down To Earth. A Blog published online. <https://www.downtoearth.org.in/blog/health/covid-19-slums-in-india-provide-fertile-ground-for-outbreaks-71037>
- Why we need to boost Cashew export in Konkan Region of the State ? 24/12/2022. Published online. <https://qrius.com/why-we-need-to-boost-cashew-export-in-konkan-region-of-the-state/>

FELLOWSHIPS/ AWARDS

- **Foreign Travel Grant from ICSSR** to attend HDCA Annual Conference in Washington D.C. USA on 10-13 September 2015.
- **Doctoral Fellowship of ICSSR** (Indian Council of Social Science Research): Selected for this fellowship on 26 August 2013

- **Basic Scientific Research (BSR) Fellowship** of University Grant Commission (UGC), India: Selected for this fellowship on 29 July 2013
- **UGC-NET Exam** Qualified in Economics, UGC Ref. No.: 25045/(NET-JUNE 2014)
- **State Eligibility Test (SET) 2014** Conducted by State Level Eligibility Test Commission N.E. Region, India Qualified in Economics.

TRAINING PROGRAMMES

<i>Programme</i>	<i>Time Period & Venue</i>
Joint Program in Survey Methodology (JPSM), University of Maryland course on SURV631 Questionnaire Design.	Live online course of University of Maryland, United States (From March 18 to May 7, 2020)
Human Development and Capability Association (HDCA) 2018 Summer School organized by the Human Development and Capability Association (HDCA)	Pontifical Catholic University of Argentina, Buenos Aires, Argentina (August 27-28,2018)
Summer School on Multidimensional Poverty Analysis organized by the Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI).	Georgetown University, Washington D.C., USA (August 3-15, 2015)
Authors' Workshop held in Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, conducted by Wiley in collaboration with Jawaharlal Nehru University	Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India (September 20. 2012)

PAPERS PRESENTED IN CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR

<i>Seminar/ Conference</i>	<i>Time Period & Venue</i>
Presented a paper titled Urban Housing and Settlement Pattern in Northeast India. Annual Conference (2018) of <i>Human Development and Capability Association.</i>	Pontifical Catholic University of Argentina, Buenos Aires, Argentina (August 30- September 1, 2018)
Presented a poster titled Inclusiveness and Sustainability of Indian Labour Market: An Interstate Analysis. Annual Conference (2018) of <i>Human Development and Capability Association</i>	Pontifical Catholic University of Argentina, Buenos Aires, Argentina (August 30- September 1, 2018)
Presented major findings of the PhD thesis Deprivation Characteristics of the Urban Poor: A Case Study of Guwahati City in <i>Young Scientist Meet 2017.</i>	Omeo Kumar Das Institute of Social Change and Development, Guwahati, Assam, India (December 13-14, 2017)

Presented a paper titled **Deprivation Characteristics of the Poor in Guwahati City (Assam)**. In *Doctoral Research Symposium* organized by Department of Economics and International Business School of Business Studies, Sharda University, Greater Noida, Delhi NCR. **Adjudged *Best Paper Award* on the theme Analytical Framework for this presentation.**

Sharda University, Greater Noida, Delhi NCR, India (March 17-18, 2017)

Presented a paper titled **Access to Housing & Basic Amenities in Urban India: An Interstate Analysis, 2002-2012**. Annual Conference (2015) of *Human Development and Capability Association*.

Georgetown University, Washington D.C. USA (September 10-13, 2015)

Presented a paper titled **Poverty and Inequality in Urban India: A case of Assam**. *UGC SAP SEMINAR 2014-15* in Department of Economics, Gauhati University, Guwahati, Assam.

Gauhati University, Guwahati, Assam, India (March 27-28, 2015)

Presented a paper titled **Determinants of Health and Education Expenditure in India**. *4th International Conference on Applied Econometrics (ICAE-IV)* organized by IBS (Indian Business School) Hyderabad in collaboration with The Indian Econometric Society.

Indian Business School, Hyderabad, India (March 20-21, 2014)

Presented a paper titled **Multidimensional Perspectives of Urban Poverty: A Review**. *Platinum Jubilee Conference on Globalization and Social transformation: The Indian Experience*.

Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai, India (February 17-19, 2012)

Presented a paper titled **Status of Women Workers across States and Population Groups in Northeast India**. *UGC Sponsored National Seminar on Human Rights and Socio-Economic and Political Status of Women in Northeast India*.

Barbhag College, Kalag, Nalbari, Assam and Gramya Vikash Mancha (GVM), Dakshingaon, Nalbari, Assam. India (November 12-13, 2010)

Presented a paper titled **Socio-Economic Status of Rural Women in a Globalized World: A Case Study**. *UGC Sponsored national Seminar*.

Department of Economics, Bagadhar Brahma Kishan College, Jalah. Baksa, BTAD, Assam-781327, India (August 28-29, 2010)

COMPUTER PROFICIENCY

Good knowledge in Microsoft office including Word, Excel and PowerPoint, proficiency in **STATA programming and SPSS**.

MEMBERSHIP

Human Development and Capability Association: Annual Member for year 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2018-19

REFEREES

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