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Current Position:

Senior Fellow and Deputy Director

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Research Interests

Social Protection, Poverty, Informality, Employment, Gender

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)
2012–2012	<i>Adjunct Professor</i> , Laramie County Community College (Wyoming, 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

Research Projects

Ongoing Projects

- *India Human Development Survey - Wave III*
- *NCAER-NDIC Gender Data Hub*

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

Teaching Experience

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
Courses taught (undergraduate): Principles of Microeconomics, Financial Intermediation, Managerial Economics

Publications

Peer-reviewed Journals

- **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 [\[link\]](#)

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

- 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

- 2024 • Presenter, *Population Association of America Annual Meeting*, April 2024, (Columbus, OH)
- 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
 - Chair, session on "Gender Inequality in Low and Middle Income Countries" at the *Population Association of America Annual Meeting*, April 2023, (New Orleans, LA)
- 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)
- 2017 • Presenter, “*Building Synergies: Matching Business Reforms to Improved Ease of Doing Business*”, New Delhi – February 2017, IPE Hyderabad – January, 2017
- 2016 • Panelist, *7th CII Global Summit on Skill Development*, Session: “Enabling Policy: Towards Quality & Inclusion”, Hyderabad, November, 2016
 - Presenter, “*Skilling India: India’s 3E Challenge of Education, Employability, and Employment*”, New Delhi, October 2016.

Selected Activities: Policy/Workshop/Training

- 2024 • Participated at the "UNICEF India Evidence for Children Roundtable" held in New Delhi, January 30 - February 1, 2024.
- 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

Membership of task forces/working groups/committees

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

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 Affiliation

- American Economic Association (AEA), Econometric Society, Population Association of America (PAA), International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP)