

Dr. Bhaskar Bhattacharyya

PhD in Economics | UGC-NET (LS) Qualified | Health Economics | Development Economics

bhaskarbhattacharyya2@gmail.com | www.linkedin.com/in/bhaskar01 | bhaskareco.github.io | +91-9475102216

PROFILE

Bhaskar Bhattacharyya earned his PhD from Visva-Bharati University, one of India's premier central universities. He previously worked as a Research Assistant at the prestigious St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata. His research interests lie at the intersection of health economics and development economics, integrating theoretical modelling with rigorous empirical analysis based on large-scale national survey data. His primary research areas include maternal and child health outcomes, the role of social capital in shaping health-seeking behavior and health outcomes, and issues related to ageing and old-age vulnerability in developing economies. He has published in reputed international journals, including *Eurasian Economic Review*, *The Indian Economic Journal*, and *SN Business & Economics*, and actively serves as a peer reviewer for academic journals.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant

February 2025 – August 2025

St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata

- **Led a team of field investigators** conducting primary surveys across multiple study areas for a large-scale research project.
- **Performed advanced econometric analysis** using STATA and other statistical software, generating insights for peer-reviewed publications and policy briefs.
- **Synthesized academic literature** and authored analytical sections of research papers submitted to international journals.
- Managed departmental coordination, academic documentation, and day-to-day research operations.

Field Investigator

January 2026 – March 2026

IIM Ahmedabad

- Successfully conducted data collection for a Ministry of Rural Development (GoI)-funded research project on Self-Help Group (SHG) women in West Bengal.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Guest Faculty

February 2026 – June 2026

Bankura Christian College – Department of Economics

- **Teaching undergraduate courses in Health Economics**

Part Time Faculty

July 2026 – Present

St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata – Department of Commerce

- **Teaching undergraduate Commerce courses in Microeconomics and Indian Economy**

EDUCATION

PhD in Economics

2021 – 2026

Visva-Bharati (Central University and Institute of National Importance), Santiniketan, India

Thesis: Essays on Issues of Health and Healthcare

Supervisors: Dr. Soumyadip Chattopadhyay & Prof. Biswajit Mandal

Status: Degree Awarded

MPhil in Economics

2019 – 2021

Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan | CGPA: 7.94/10 | Ranked 1st Overall

Dissertation: *Correlates of Distress Financing in Case of Institutional Delivery in India*

Supervisor: Prof. Sarbajit Sengupta

MA in Economics

2017 – 2019

Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan | CGPA: 7.86/10 | Ranked 3rd Overall

Dissertation: *Determinants of Housing Price: A Case Study of Bangalore*

Supervisor: Prof. Sarbajit Sengupta

BA (Hons) in Economics

2014 – 2017

Bankura Christian College, The University of Burdwan | First Class (60%)

PUBLICATIONS

- Hardship Due to Institutional Childbirth: An Indian Experience. *Eurasian Economic Review* (2025). [SCOPUS Q1 Journal]
- Demand for Maternal Health Inputs in Eastern States of India. *The Indian Economic Journal*, Vol. 73, Issue 4 (2023).
- Parental Bargaining and Child Health: A Theoretical Note. *SN Business & Economics*, 4:44 (2024).
- Progressiveness of Out-of-Pocket Expenditure and Determinants of Distress Financing in Case of Institutional Delivery in India. *Arthabisleshon*, Joint Issue (2021–22).

WORKING PAPERS

- Revisiting Social Capital–Health Nexus: Evidence from India (with Prof. B. Mandal and Dr. S. Chaudhuri)
- Maternal Agency and Child Survival in India: Regional Contexts and Health Pathways (with Dr. S. Chaudhuri)
- Demand for Maternal Health Inputs and Health Outcomes in India (with Dr. S. Chaudhuri and Prof. B. Mandal)
- Bargaining Power-Induced Budget Reallocation and Child Health (with Prof. B. Mandal and L.R. Chakraborty)
- Demand for Maternal Health Inputs and Health Outcomes: A Study with Reference to West Bengal (with Dr. S. Chaudhuri)
- Greying India: Shifting Family Dynamics in High-Ageing States (with Dr. S. Chaudhuri)
- Mapping Elderly Vulnerability in West Bengal Using NFHS-5 Data (with Dr. S. Chaudhuri)
- Alcohol Consumption and Preventive Health Screening in Africa: Evidence from WHO STEPS (with Dr. S. Chaudhuri)
- A Dynamic Model of Social Capital and Health (with Prof. B. Mandal)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- IHEPA (Institute of Economic Growth)
- 57th & 58th Annual Conferences of The Indian Econometric Society (TIES) – University of Hyderabad & Tripura University
- St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata
- St. Xavier's University, Kolkata
- Calcutta University
- Jadavpur University
- Presidency University
- IIFT Kolkata

- Visva-Bharati University
- Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira, Belur, Kolkata

TECHNICAL & RESEARCH SKILLS

Statistical Software: STATA, EViews, SPSS

Data Sources: NSSO, NFHS, IHDS, WHO STEPs and other large-scale unit-level survey datasets

Office & Productivity: MS Excel, MS Word, MS PowerPoint

Languages: English (proficient), Bengali (native), Hindi (proficient)

AWARDS & CERTIFICATIONS

- UGC-NET (Lectureship Qualified) – December 2019
- Best Paper Award – JIS College, Kalyani, India
- Certification: Handling Large-Scale Unit Level Data Using STATA – IIT Roorkee (NPTEL)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Health Economics | Maternal and Child Health | Social Capital & Health Behavior | Ageing & Old-Age Vulnerabilities | Gender and Household Economics | Public Policy | Quantitative Methods | Development Economics

TEACHING INTERESTS

Health Economics | Microeconomics | Econometrics | Public Economics

REFERENCES

Available upon request.