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Dr. Saurabh Bandyopadhyay has led and contributed to numerous high-impact research studies across diverse domains. His expertise spans agriculture and the rural economy, infrastructure, and process and policy evaluations, with a core focus on evidence-based assessment and generating data-driven policy insights.

## ***Agriculture & Rural Economy***

- *Assessing Indirect and Intangible Benefits of Major Irrigation Projects in India*
- *Impact Assessment of Central Finance Commission Grants at the Grassroots Level*
- *Assessing Species-wise Demand for Fisheries across Major Indian States*
- *Performance Assessment of Agro-Processing Cooperative Units for the National Cooperative Development Corporation*
- *Agriculture Marketing Strategy Study on Onion Price Behaviour*
- *Agriculture Outlook and Situation Analysis Series*
- *Convergence of Agricultural Interventions in Maharashtra*
- *Impact Evaluation of the National Dairy Plan-I across India*
- *Impact Evaluation of the Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Yojana (RGSA)*
- *Generation of Own Source Revenue (OSR) by Rural Local Bodies*
- *Economic Viability Assessment of Gaushalas in India*

## ***Infrastructure***

- *Connectivity and Trade Studies*
- *Railways Passenger and Freight Operations Analysis*
- *Evaluation of Dedicated Freight Corridors*
- *Refinery and Petrochemical Sector Studies*
- *Cement Sector Performance and Investment Analysis*

## ***Processes and Policy Evaluations***

- *Fare Revision Process of Hyderabad Metro Rail Limited (HMRL)*
- *Evaluation of Price Stabilisation Fund and Price Support Scheme*
- *Assessment of Multi-State Cooperative Societies*
- *State-Level Investment Potential Index Development*
- *Skill 3E Index (Employment, Employability, and Education) Formulation*
- *Evaluation of Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) Mechanisms*

Through these studies, Dr. Bandyopadhyay has gained deep empirical understanding of development processes, underpinned by rigorous field-based evidence and analytical insights.

## **Profile Summary**

Dr. Bandyopadhyay brings extensive expertise in evidence-based impact assessment, grounded in rich experience with both primary and secondary data systems across agriculture, industry, and the social sector. With strong capabilities in data analytics, survey-based evaluation, and policy interpretation, he effectively translates complex evidence into actionable insights for policymakers through reports, briefs, and strategic dissemination.

## Work Experience

## Academic Record

- 1996 **Ph. D** (Economics) from the International Trade and Development Division, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi as UGC Senior Research Fellow
- Ph. D. Dissertation: Economic Reforms, Growth of Productivity and Export Performance: Experiences of India and Selected Latin American Countries, 1996*
- Dissertation Committee: Prof. K. L. Krishna (Delhi School of Economics), Prof. B. N. Goldar (Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi) and Prof. Sandwip K. Das (Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, and later with the University of California, USA)*
- 1991 **M. Phil** (Economics) International Trade and Development Division, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi
- 1986 **M. Sc** in Economics, University of Calcutta, Calcutta

## Publication/Area of Work

- ◆ Watershed Development can become India's most Effective Rural Climate Strategy in Down to Earth on March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026 with Laxmi Joshi [Watershed development can become India's most effective rural climate strategy](#)
- ◆ Structural Gaps in Infrastructure Finance in The Hindu Business Line on February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026 [The structural gaps in infrastructure finance](#)
- ◆ AI and the Road to Vikshit Bharat in The Daily Guardian on February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026 [AI and the Road to Vikshit Bharat](#)
- ◆ When India Courts both Parents of Global Trade in The Daily Guardian on February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026 [When India courts both parents of global trade](#)
- ◆ Beyond Pro-Dam Vs Anti-Dam: What India's Irrigation Debate Gets Wrong in Down to Earth on February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026 with Laxmi Joshi [Beyond pro-dam vs anti-dam: What India's irrigation debate gets wrong](#)
- ◆ EU Deal, a Conditional Win for Both Sides in The Hindu Business Line on January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026 [EU deal, a conditional win for both sides](#)
- ◆ Are Finance Commission Grants Empowering Panchayats in The Hindu Business Line on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026 with Laxmi Joshi and CH SS Bharadwaja [Are Finance Commission grants empowering India's panchayats?](#)
- ◆ From Freshwater Staples to Premium Seafood: India's Quiet Dietary Transition in Ideas for India on January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026 with Dr. Laxmi Joshi [From freshwater staples to premium seafood: India's quiet dietary transition](#)
- ◆ Balancing Affordability and Financial Sustainability in Urban Metro Systems: Evidence from Hyderabad Metro in The Daily Guardian on January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026 [Balancing affordability and financial sustainability in urban metro systems : Evidence from Hyderabad Metro](#)
- ◆ [Why infrastructure evaluation must capture intangible social, health benefits](#) with Laxmi Joshi and Kushagra Thakral in the Down to Earth, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- ◆ [Timing is money: Why India must align its water and crop calendars to secure its farming future](#) with Laxmi Joshi in the Down to Earth, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- ◆ [Uplift women in dairying: Training, targeted support can make a difference](#) with Ajaya K Sahu & Bornali Bhandari in the Hindu Business Line, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- ◆ [Empowering panchayats through own revenue: Time to unleash local fiscal potential](#), in The Daily Guardian on August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- ◆ Aligning Economic Growth with Employment in India, Published in The Daily Guardian (Page 8) on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- ◆ India cannot resolve its food challenge without fixing how it uses water, published in the Indian Express, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025, with Raktimava Bose and Anushka Bandyopadhyay
- ◆ Irrigation and Cropping must be in Sync, published in the Financial Express, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025
- ◆ Impact Assessment of Central Finance Commission (CFC) Grants at the Grassroots Level, NCAER, February, 2025, a study sponsored by MoPR (Mimeo)
- ◆ Fisheries and Market Dynamics in India, Published in Aqua Post, Volume 03, Issue 07, December, 2024

- ◆ Budgetary Push for the Allied Sector Growth in Agriculture: A Pecuniary Glance for the Dairy Development published in the Qrius (Online), August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 with Jigisha Sharma and Shalini Aggarwal
- ◆ A Study on Evaluation of Price Stabilisation Fund and Price Support Scheme, NCAER, a study sponsored by NITI Aayog, July 2024 (Mimeo)
- ◆ Raw Deal for Women in the Fisheries Sector published in the Hindu Business Line, 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2024
- ◆ Consumer Awareness on Health Benefit of Fish published in the Qrius (online) on 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2024 with Dr Laxmi Joshi
- ◆ Technology Plays a Crucial Role in Driving Change published in the Qrius (online) on 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2024 with Laxmi Joshi [Technology Plays a Crucial Role in Driving Change](#)
- ◆ E-Comm in Fisheries published in the Hindu Business Line, 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2024
- ◆ The Right Track to Growth: Infrastructure is Key Driving Force for Realising India's Vision of \$40 trillion Economy by 2047 published in Financial Express, 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2024
- ◆ Estimate of Fish Consumption in India in 2022-23: A Brief Outline, published in Acquapost on 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2023 and was referred in major the major dailies, including Ananda Bazaar Patrika in Bengali
- ◆ Chattogram Port: A win-win for India and Bangladesh, published in Financial Express, 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2023
- ◆ Economic Impact Analysis of a Mega Project on Petroleum Refinery: A Case Study of the Proposed Ratnagiri Refinery in Maharashtra by Saurabh Bandyopadhyay, Pradip Kumar Biswas, Devender Pratap, Laxmi Joshi, and Ajaya K. Sahu was published in the Margin: The Journal of Applied Economic Research, Volume 16, Issue 3-4, August–November 2022, Pages 254-277. The online version was published on 8th June 2023
- ◆ The Status of Own Sources of Revenue of the Rural Local Bodies (RLBs) in India: An Inquiry into Structural Concerns on Revenue Generations, published in the Journal of Economic Policy & Research, along with Dr Soumi Roy Chowdhury, & Dr Laxmi Joshi, Volume 17 No 2, April-September 2022 pp: 1-28 (backlog issue, published in 11<sup>th</sup> April 2023)
- ◆ Nutritional Security: Fishery demand in India could have been better managed, along with Nijara Deka, Palash Baruah, Laxmi Joshi & Falak Naz is published in *Qrius (online)*, 5<sup>th</sup> April 2023
- ◆ Building India's Export Competitiveness in Electronics from Assembly to Manufacturing Hub: Call to Action Report; Published by the Confederation of Indian Industry and *Co-Project Lead* from NCAER, June 2022
- ◆ Effectiveness of National Dairy Plan-I in Preserving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) on the Rural Economy of India – An Insight into the Process in the Journal of Economic and Policy Analysis, Vol 16, No 2, pp: 19-39 (April-September 2021), published by the Centre for Advanced Studies in Policy Research (CASPR) with Dr Laxmi Joshi as co-author [ISSN 0975-8577], Published in May 2022
- ◆ Gandhian Philosophy Inspires Rural Development, *The Pioneer*, 9<sup>th</sup> June 2022 with Anupma Mehta and Laxmi Joshi
- ◆ Study to Assess the Availability of Resources for Creating the Assets and Initiatives taken for Generating Various Own Sources of Revenue, NCAER Report, May 2022
- ◆ Understanding Implications of Dairy Sector Development to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), NCAER Working Paper No. 139, with Dr Laxmi Joshi, May 2022
- ◆ Labour Market Institutions, Industry Structure and Productivity in Indian Manufacturing Sector” in the Indian Journal of Labour Economics, (DOI: 10.1007/s41027-021-00339-5) JEL Classification J24 · L11 · O25 · O43 with Dr Pradip Kumar Biswas in Indian Journal of Labour Economics, October 30, 2021
- ◆ Role of Cooperatives in Indian Economy, *The Pioneer*, 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021 with Anupma Mehta
- ◆ Evaluation of Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA) across States in India, NCAER, September 2021
- ◆ Review of Industry published in the Quarterly Review of the Indian Economy, June 2021, by NCAER
- ◆ An Exploratory State-wise Education-Employability-Employment Index for India, October 2020, NCAER Working Paper No. 126, June 2021 with Bornali Bhandari, Ajaya K Sahu, and Praveen Raut
- ◆ US-China Trade War: A New Order or a Secular Decline of Economic Outlook? (March 8, 2021) in the book titled *The China-US Trade War and the South Asian Economies*, edited by Rahul Nath Choudhury of the National University of Singapore and published by *Routledge, Taylor and Francis Group*, London, ISBN 9780367513818, Section 1, Chapter 2

- ◆ Mid-Year Review of the Economy: December 2020 reviewed industry at the behest of the Prime Minister Economic Advisory Council (PMEAC)
- ◆ Review of Industry published in the Quarterly Review of the Indian Economy, September 2020, by NCAER
- ◆ Distressed Districts of Vidarbha under the Convergence of Agricultural Intervention (CAIM): A Synoptic View of Principal Indicators Linked to Living Conditions of the Poor and Marginalised Sections in this Region in the Journal of Economic and Policy Analysis, Vol 1, No 1, 2020 (June), published by the Centre for Advanced Studies in Policy Research (CASPR) with Dr. Laxmi Joshi as co-author [<http://www.jepa.casprindia.org/index.php/home/article/view/4>]
- ◆ Review of Industry published in the Quarterly Review of the Indian Economy, June 2020, by NCAER
- ◆ Evaluation of Industry Performance, November 16, 2019, in the Background Paper of the Malcolm S. Adiseshiah Mid-Year Review of the Indian Economy, 2019-20 by NCAER and India International Centre (IIC)
- ◆ Review of Industry published in the Quarterly Review of the Indian Economy, February 2020, by NCAER
- ◆ India's Blue Revolution: A move towards Sustainable Aquaculture, The Tilak Chronicle: <http://thetilakchronicle.com/post/9bb58170-baa3-11e9-93d4-4bd39687e75c> August 11, 2019,
- ◆ Review of Industry published in the Quarterly Review of the Indian Economy, July 26, 2019, by NCAER
- ◆ Impact Evaluation of Convergence of Agricultural Interventions in Maharashtra (CAIM), July 2019. The study was sponsored by the Project Monitoring Unit of CAIM, Amravati, and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), December 2019
- ◆ Review of Industry published in the Quarterly Review of the Indian Economy, April 26, 2019, by NCAER
- ◆ Review of Industry November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018, in the Malcolm S. Adiseshiah Mid-Year Review of the Indian Economy, 2018-19 by NCAER and India International Centre
- ◆ Economic Impact Study of Delhi Airport, NCAER, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018, contributed the chapter on airport and city links
- ◆ Skilling India: No Time to Lose, NCAER, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018, Working Paper on 3-E Index
- ◆ India's Worth as an Investment Destination, *Livemint*, October 08<sup>th</sup>, 2018, with Anushree Sinha
- ◆ N CAER's State Investment Potential Index, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018
- ◆ Review of Industry published in the Quarterly Review of the Indian Economy, May 2018 by NCAER
- ◆ Demand for Transportation Energy in India: An Interpretative Overview (KAPSARC workshop paper in Hong Kong, September 2017)
- ◆ Review of Industry published in the Quarterly Review of the Indian Economy, January 2018 by NCAER
- ◆ Indian Economist Editorial (Qrius, a digital media house): "Will putting the Draft Labour Code on the backburner increase the burden on employers?" January 26<sup>th</sup>. 2018. <https://qrius.com/labour-market-institutions-perspective-newly-presented-draft-labour-code-social-security-welfare/>
- ◆ Review of Industry November 2017, in the Malcolm S. Adiseshiah Mid-Year Review of the Indian Economy, 2016-17 by NCAER and India International Centre
- ◆ Review of Industry published in the Quarterly Review of the Indian Economy, July 2017 by NCAER
- ◆ Review of Industry published in the Quarterly Review of the Indian Economy, February 2017 by NCAER
- ◆ Review of Industry October 2016, published in the Malcolm S. Adiseshiah Mid-Year Review of the Indian Economy, 2016-17 by NCAER and India International Centre
- ◆ Interview published (24<sup>th</sup> May 2016) by the Korea Institute for International Economic Policy (KIEP) related to Economic Effect of Indian E-Commerce Taxation on Industry
- ◆ Conference Paper on Skill 3E (Education, Employability and Employment) Index for the States in India: A Framework and Overview (NCAER), September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016
- ◆ Review of Industry in Quarterly Review of Economics, May, 2016, NCAER
- ◆ Indian Manufacturing lacks Logistics (April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016) in East Asia Forum, Economics, Politics and Public Policy in East Asia and the Pacific <http://www.eastasiaforum.org>
- ◆ Factors Impacting Railway Freight Traffic in India, February 2016, NCAER in collaboration with the Railway Board, Ministry of Railways
- ◆ Emirates Airline Operations in India-A Multiplier Approach, NCAER, December 2015

- ◆ Cable Homes in the Small Towns of India: An Analyses of Demand and Behavioral Patterns-Working Paper, NCAER along with Dr. Tejinder Singh, August 2015
- ◆ Understanding Passenger Demand for the Indian Railways: Issues and Perceptions in a Socio-Demographic Framework, Published by NCAER, May 2015
- ◆ Railway Budget: Missed Opportunity for a Big-Bang Reforms, Deccan Herald, 27<sup>th</sup> February 2015
- ◆ Study on the Sample Survey of Crop Outlook Carried Out during December 2013-January 2014, NCAER (May 2014, with Dr. Shashanka Bhide and others)
- ◆ Estimation of Transcendental Profit Function for the Indian Farmers: A Case study of Western Region Mimeo
- ◆ India Emerging as World Economic Superpower: An Alternative Approach in The Indian Economic Journal, Vol 53, No.2
- ◆ Issues on the Impact of Efficiency Indicators on the Growth of Productivity: A Survey and Empirical Evidence from India *Margin*, (Vol.33, No.1) National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER)
- ◆ Indian Steel and Cement Sector: A Reflection of India's Growth Fundamentals, *Macro Track*, May 2009
- ◆ Is Urban Growth Good for Rural India: Future Capital Research, Mumbai July 2007 with Roopa Purushothaman and A. Roy: referred in the United Nations Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations Secretariat, New York in 2008 (Ref. UN/POP/EGM-URB/2008/08):
- ◆ The Pharmaceutical Industry: Policies and Prospects, *Macro Track*, August 2006
- ◆ Cotton Textile Industry in India: Implications for MFA Phase-Out in the book named Beyond the Transition Phase of WTO; An Indian Perspective on Emerging Issues, Published by the Academic Foundation, February 2006
- ◆ Export Credit Delivery System in India: How Satisfied is Exporters? *Margin*, (Vol 35, No. 2): along with Dr. Rajesh Chadha and Dr. D. K. Pant
- ◆ Business Confidence: Measurement and Patterns in Indian Data (along with Dr. S. Bhide and Dr. A. Sood) *Margin* (Vol.32, No. 2), NCAER
- ◆ Infrastructure Development in India: An Assessment of Status and Strategies. Contributed the Port and the Airport Chapters, February 2010
- ◆ India Infrastructure: Current Policy and Regulatory Environment for Attracting Investments, March 2009 (NCAER) Draft Report Submitted to the Planning Commission
- ◆ The Next Urban Frontiers in India, July 2008: -a research piece of the Future Capital Research in collaboration with NCAER
- ◆ UNCTAD study of the impact of liberalization on gender participation in the handicraft sector in India, (Mimeo)
- ◆ Efficient Bus Services with both Public and Private Operators: The Case of Delhi (NCAER Project Working Paper Number: 1035/6, December, 2006) with Etienne De Vallamore of the University of Toulouse, France
- ◆ Drop in Business Optimism: *Macro Track*, August, 2006
- ◆ Emerging India: Transition to a Cash-less Economy, Visa International, January 18, 2005
- ◆ Indo-Korean Economic Co-Operation *Margin*, (Vol 36, No. 2), January-March, 2004
- ◆ Civil Aviation Sector in India: A Preview of a Dynamic Sector February 2005, NCAER study for the Ministry of Civil Aviation
- ◆ Investment in India: Interface of Avenues and Constraints (confidential report): Embassy of the Republic of Korea, New Delhi, April 2003
- ◆ McKinsey Re-visited: A Profile of the Indian Economy:(Confidential Report): Embassy of the Republic of Korea, New Delhi, January 2003
- ◆ Paper contributed in "Economic and Policy Reforms in India, " Published by the NCAER, August 2001 (ISBN - 81 - 85877 -73 -4)
- ◆ Performance of the Selected Clusters of Small and Medium Industries in India in the Post-Reform Period - An Overview in the *Journal of Scientific & Industrial Research*, (Vol. 60, March 2001), Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)
- ◆ Review of the Indian Economy (From April 2000 and to August 2002), NCAER New Delhi (reviewed the Industry Sector)
- ◆ Meeting India's Petroleum Requirement: Demand Projections 2001 – 02 and 2006 – 07 (March 2000), NCAER, New Delhi (part of the Core research team)

- ◆ The Impact of Changing Global Trade Policies on India (January 2000), NCAER (mimeo) New Delhi (part of the Core research team)
- ◆ Rational of Minimum Export Price in the Coir Industry (May 1999), NCAER (mimeo), study report submitted to the Coir Board, Government of India
- ◆ Policy and Policy Changes in the Small-Scale Sector in India: A Review
- ◆ Impact of Economic Reforms in Large, Small & Medium Scale Enterprises in the Organized and Unorganized sectors (June 1996) NCAER, New Delhi (mimeo)
- ◆ Methodology for Demand Estimation of Really New Products: A Regional Perspective with Dr. Sucharita Sen at MDI Management Journal, July 1996.
- ◆ Income Recognition Norms and Banking Reforms in India (February 1995), (along with Prof. Shubhasis Gangopadhyay and Dr. Wilima Wadhwa) for the Planning Commission, New Delhi (mimeo)

## Major Project Experiences

- Project Leader of the study on Assessing Indirect/Intangible Benefits of the Major Irrigation projects in India, a study commissioned by the Central Water Commission (CWC) under the aegis of the Ministry of Water Resources
- Core Project Team of the National Skill Gap Study for High Growth Sector, sponsored by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and led the analysis for the Livestock Sector
- Project Leader of the study for Impact Assessment of Central Finance Commission's grant at the Grassroots level, a study sponsored by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR).
- Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE) project on studying the skill gap, focusing on the livestock sector as part of Core-Team Member, ongoing
- Study to evaluate Price Support Scheme (PSS) and Price Stabilization Fund (PSF) for Onion and Pulses: Sponsored by DMEQ, NITI Aayog, Status Completed, Capacity as Project Leader
- Study to revise the fare of the Hyderabad Metro Rail: Sponsored by Hyderabad Metro Rail Ltd. Completed, Capacity as Project Leader, March 2024
- PM-EAC project, coordinated on the Annual Survey of Industry (ASI) part with Piyali Majumdar and Ajaya Sahu, November 2023.
- Study to Assess the Demand for the Fisheries Sector in India; Sponsored by the Ministry of Fishery, Animal Husbandry and Dairying. Status: Completed, as Project Leader, May 2023
- Study to Assess the Availability of Resources for Creating the Assets and Initiatives taken for Generating Various Own Sources of Revenue in the functioning of local governance in India. The study covers 23 major states of India at the grass-roots level of governance; May 2022
- Study to Assess the Impact of RGSA on the Functioning of Local Governance in India. The study covers 12 major states of India as well as Traditional Local Bodies (TLBs), September 2021
- NCAER study to Assess the Competitive Landscape of the Cement Industry in India and the Trend of Profitability in Comparison to Other Related Sectors of the Indian Economy; August 2021
- NCAER study to assess the economic impact of the Ratnagiri Refinery and the Petro-Chemical Complex Ltd. on the West Coast of Maharashtra since March 2020.
- NCAER study of the Socio-Economic Impact Evaluation of the National Dairy Programme (NDP-I), by the National Dairy Development Board, with assistance from IDA (International Development Assistance) since May 2019
- Study on Agricultural Diagnostics for the State of Bihar in India; 2018-19
- Impact Assessment Study of Convergence of Agricultural Interventions in Maharashtra (CAIM): 2018-19
- Assessment of the Progress and Preparedness of the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) across States and Union Territories of India (Mimeo), 2018-19
- N-SIPI (NCAER-State Investment Potential Index), August 2018
- Study for Assessing the Need for Establishing a Separate Authority for the Office of the Central Registrar of Cooperative Societies (CRCS); this study is for the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperation, 2017-18.
- Developing Skill 3E (Education, Employability, and Employment) Index at the state levels for India, 2016-17
- Contributed "Airport and City Link" in the study on the Economic Impact of Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi, August 2017

- Factors Impacting Railway Freight Traffic in India –a detailed study of the movement of bulk commodities in India and the reason for the recent slowdown, May-June, 2015
- Quarterly review of the Industry Sectors in India
- Assessment of the Institutional Funding Gap to the Cooperative Agro-Processing Sector in India and opportunities lost in creating employment potential in the rural areas of India
- Targeted Public Distribution System in India- Evaluation based on its impact on the level of food security for the population below the poverty line, 2015-16
- Airline Operation in India- Analyses of the Impact Based on Employment and Output in India, 2016
- Study of Agricultural Outlook and Situational Analyses for India. Coordinated PDA-based surveys all over India with schematic planning, starting from pre-testing survey to data extraction from the server, its compilation, and analyses. This study was assigned by the Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India 2013
- Detailed study of Passenger Traffic for the Indian Railways for the Ministry of Railways. Designed and implemented outlines linked to the detailed demographic structure of the Railway Passengers in India to assess their perceptions of service quality and willingness to pay. 2012
- Study of Agricultural Marketing Strategy for India: A case study of onion price fluctuations and its relevance to the incentive structure of the farming community.
- Project Leader for the extended study of the Cable TV Market in different parts of India. 2010-11
- Principal Investigator in the study of the Cable TV market in the small towns of India. The study is aimed to assess the number of Cable TV Homes in the Small Towns of India and the cost per connection. The study is extended further to analyze the demographic parameters in terms of ward clusters to ascertain the reason for the penetration of TV households in the small towns of India. 2009-10
- Study on the Evaluation of the Status of Infrastructure in the Port and Airport sector in India
- Study of Cement Industry and its Sectoral Linkages;
- Evaluation of afforestation in the catchment area of the Indira Sagar Dam in Madhya Pradesh
- Study of Current Policy and Regulatory Environment for Attracting Investments in Infrastructure, Mach, 2009 (NCAER) Draft Report Submitted to the Planning Commission
- Field-level analysis of the women's participation in weaving-based employment in Northern India (UNCTAD study)
- Principal Researcher to Business Expectation Survey (BES) in two different intervals that are considered to be a comprehensive indicator of the business sentiment of the country.
- Bearing Point study of Capacity Building in the three states of Uttarakhand, Jharkhand, and Karnataka, 2006-07. My role was linked to the coordination of research activities through meetings with government and other officials, data assimilation, and using the outcome in the analytical framework of the report.
- Visa International study to evaluate and assess the emerging trend of transition of India's paper-based monetary transaction to the plastic economy along with the prospect of retail credit in India. 2005
- The study for SAB Miller to assess the incidence of taxation on the market for beer and possible ways to retain high revenue growth of excise without affecting the level of demand
- Complementary study of the Naresh Chandra Committee (to suggest the roadmap of the liberalization of Indian civil aviation) conferred to NCAER by the Ministry of Civil Aviation. While analyzing the market, the study predicted an immense potential for budget airlines, which were at their nascent stage in 2004 and are now a reality
- Study to evaluate and assess the prospect of domestic tourism (Ministry of Tourism)-2003
- Study to evaluate the level of satisfaction with the export credit delivery system by RBI-2002
- SIDBI Study and Survey of Small-Scale Units in India, 1999
- Study to predict India's petroleum requirement (Ministry of Petroleum)-1997
- Study to assess the performance of the State Level Public Sector Enterprises (SLPEs), 1998-99 (Study was sponsored by the office of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India)
- Led World Bank research project on the impact of economic reforms on SMEs in 1997.

## **Presentations, Meetings, Workshops, Training & Courses**

- Meeting cum presentation with the Joint Secretary of the MoJS on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026 at Shram Shakti Bhawan, New delhi
- Presentation in the National Workshop for the all the Regions on March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at NCAER, New Delhi

- Presentation in the Regional Workshop for the Southern Region on February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at Bangalore
- Presentation in the Regional Workshop for the Eastern and NE Region on February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at Guwahati
- Presentation in the Regional Workshop for the Western Region on February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at Pune
- Presentation in the Regional Workshop for the Northern Region on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026 at CWC Headquarter, New Delhi
- Presentation on Project Findings of the CWC Study, at CWC Head Office, New Delhi, September 12<sup>th</sup> and July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025
- Attended and participated in the 2-Day National Workshop on Panchayat Advancement Index 2.0 for the FY 2023-24, organised by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, Janpath Road, New Delhi, 26-27 May, 2025
- Presentation in the first meeting of the Consultancy Management Committee for the "Assessment of Indirect/Intangible Benefits of Irrigation Projects" by NCAER, commissioned by the Central Water Commission, Ministry of Jal Shakti, 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2025 at CWC, New Delhi
- Training conducted for the Impact Assessment Study of Central Finance Commission Grants at the Grassroots Level at the behest of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) at T2 Auditorium of NCAER, November 21-22, 2024
- Presentation before the High-Level Committee at the Defence Research Development Organisation (DRDO) on Economic Assessment of the Impact of Defence R&D on Productivity, Employment and Export at DRDO Bhawan, Rajaji Marg, New Delhi, on September 13, 2024.
- Meeting cum Presentation at the Defence Research Development Organisation (DRDO) on a prospective study on the Economic Assessment of the Impact of Defence R&D on Productivity, Employment and Export at DRDO Bhawan, Rajaji Marg, New Delhi, on May 24, 2024.
- Presentation at the Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) on "Outcomes as Seen at the Grassroots from Central Finance Commission (CFC) Grants at the Rural Local Bodies (RLBs) in India" at 9<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room of the Jeevan Bharti Building, Connaught Place, New Delhi, on May 21, 2024
- Lecture on two topics, i.e., on "Importance of Action Research in Tribal Areas and Key Parameters" and "How to Write Good Scientific Research Papers" Workshop on Research Methodology at National Tribal Research Institute, New Delhi on February 26, 2024
- Presentation on Assessment of Indirect/Intangible Benefit due to Irrigation Projects in its Command/Local/Vicinity Area at *Sewa Sadan, Committee Room, Second Floor, Central Water Commission*, R. K. Puram, New Delhi, February 7, 2024
- Presentation on Viable Financial Model for Generation of Own Sources of Revenue by the Rural Local Bodies at *Conference Hall, Ministry of Panchayati Raj, 9th Floor (Tower II), Sansad Marg, New Delhi*, January 30, 2024
- Presentation in Session 1 of the Shrimp Retail Conference (Edition 2) in the CIDCO Convention Centre, Navi Mumbai on November 22, 2023, organized by Aquapost (P2C Communications), New Delhi. The Conference was attended by Senior Government Officials, Professionals and Dignitaries in the related field and focused on understanding Indian Consumer Preferences for fish and its prospects
- One of the Discussants in the Round Table Discussion on *Advancing Maritime Connectivity with Bangladesh and Beyond* organized by the *Centre for Maritime Economy & Connectivity*, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS) in India Habitat Centre, October 6, 2023
- Presentation through Video Conferencing before the Senior Officials of the Ministry of Fisheries, on the 17<sup>th</sup> Project Monitoring and Evaluation Unit on Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMSSY) on the 14<sup>th</sup> of September, 2023
- Presentation through Video Conferencing before the Senior Officials of the Ministry of Fisheries, on the Current Status of the Fisheries Sector in India; August 6, 2023
- Presentation at NCAER on Dialogue Room Seminar on the Current Status of the Fisheries Sector in India; July 26, 2023
- Presentation at, DMEO, NITI Aayog on PSS and PSF; July 20, 2023
- Presentation at, Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Good Governance and Policy Analysis (AIGGPA), Bhopal on Impact Assessment of CAIM and NDP-1; July 8, 2023
- Presentation at, DMEO, NITI Aayog on PSS and PSF; June 1, 2023
- Meeting at the Centre for Maritime Economy and Connectivity (CMEC) of the Research and Information System (RIS) on May 25, 2023, on the maritime sector
- Presentation on the Study of the Fishery Sector in India: An Overview of Current Supply, Fish Value Chain and Future Prospect at the 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Project Monitoring and Evaluation Unit (PMEU)

under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) of the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, through Video Conferencing, April 8, 2023

- Participation in the National Steering Committee under the SVAMITVA Scheme, organized by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Government of India, at Jeevan Bharti Building, Connaught Place, New Delhi on March 29, 2023
- Participation in the Interactive Roundtable on Transforming Food System in India on March 09, 2023, at the Committee Room – I, NASC Complex, CG Block, Dev Prakash Shastri Road, Pusa, New Delhi 110012 organized by International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI).
- Training conducted at the NCAER seminar hall for field supervisors/investigators for the study of PSS and PSF, 2-3 March 2023
- Meeting at the PM-EAC on February 9, 2023
- Presentation at NITI Aayog on PSS and PSF, February 1, 2023.
- Presentation of the Draft Report of the Fishery Study in the Department of Fishery, January 30, 2023.
- Presentation before the Fare Fixation Committee (4<sup>th</sup> Meeting) of the Hyderabad Metro Rail (HMR) on behalf of NCAER at ITC, Kakatiya, Hyderabad on January 10, 2023
- Presentation before the Fare Fixation Committee (2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting) of the Hyderabad Metro Rail (HMR) on behalf of NCAER at the HMR head office at Rasoolpura, Hyderabad on November 15, 2022. The FFC is been set up by the Government of India to take a decision on the revision of fares of the Hyderabad Metro Rail, which is one of the largest PPPs in India. NCAER is providing critical research inputs to HMR and FFC to arrive at the revised fares.
- Presentation of the Mid-Term Report of the Fishery Study by NCAER in the Department of Fishery, October 18, 2022.
- Presentation before the Fare Fixation Committee for the Hyderabad Metro Rail on behalf of NCAER at ITC-Kakatiya, Hyderabad on September 22, 2022
- Participated 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Programme of the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY), entitled Neeli Kranti Ke Saath Arth Kranti: September 10, 2022, at Dr Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi.
- Discussant in the Expert Workshop on Formalizing Evaluation Parameters of the National Council of Cooperative Training (NCCT) constituent institutes towards building Centre of Excellence. The Workshop was organized by the Institute of Rural Management, Anand (IRMA) on June 20, 2022
- Attended and participated in an intensive discussion with Shri Gyanesh Kumar, Secretary, Ministry of Cooperation, and other Senior Officials from the Ministry with respect to the status of cooperation in the economy, June 10, 2022
- Attended and Participated in the Stakeholder Consultation Meeting to prepare a report on the economic viability of Gaushalas in India at the Niti Aayog, Yojana Bhawan, June 09, 2022
- Attended and Participated in the Stakeholder Consultation Meeting to prepare District Investment Potentiality Index and Profile in the Niti Aayog, Yojana Bhawan, June 03, 2022
- Discussant of the paper on "*Trends in Farm Incomes and the Impact of Market Reforms and Procurement on Agricultural Wages*", by Dr. Deepankar Basu (University of Massachusetts, Amherst) and Dr. Kartik Misra (Sewanee: The University of the South), May 10, 2022, at NCAER
- Presentation at the National Conference on Augmentation of Own Source of Revenue (OSR) of the Rural Local Bodies (RLBs) organized by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj in the SCOPE Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi on April 14, 2022. Presentation title "Study to Assess Availability of Resources in Generating OSR by the RLBs".
- Capacity Building Workshop on Research Methodology at National Tribal Research Institute, February 18, 2022
- Presentation in the Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) on Field Assessment of the Status of Devolution of Powers and Resources to the Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) across States and Union Territories in the Country for the year 2020-21 to Develop Indicative Evidence-based Ranking; The presentation was attended by the Additional Secretary Dr Chandra Kumar, MoPR, Government of India and other Senior Officials; February 10, 2022
- A kick-off meeting and presentation to initiate the study of the fishery sector in India: an overview of the current status and its future prospects. The presentation was attended by Shri Jatindra Nath Swain, Secretary, Department of Fishery, Ministry of Fishery, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India, and other Senior officials; January 6, 2022
- Presentation on the study to assess the availability of resources for generating own sources of revenue (OSR) by the Gram Panchayats in India. Presentation by Dr. Saurabh Bandyopadhyay and Dr. Soumi

Roy Choudhury. The presentation was attended by the Additional Secretary Dr. Chandra Kumar, the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, the Government of India, and other Senior Officials. January 19, 2022

- Study to Assess the Availability of Resources for Creating the Assets and Initiatives Taken for Generating Various Own Sources of Revenue (OSR). The presentation was attended by the Additional Secretary Dr Chandra Kumar, Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Government of India, and other Senior Officials on November 24, 2021
- Cement Industry in India: Current Scenario and an Overview of Competitive Landscape, November 17, 2021; The presentation was attended by Representative officials from Holcim, ACC, and Ambuja Cement Ltd (ACL) including MD & CEO of ACL Mr Neeraj Akhouri
- Presentation in the meeting of the Consultancy Evaluation Committee (CEC) to review the Detailed Cost proposal of the Study on Demand of Fisheries Sector in India, October 27, 2021
- Expert speaker in the Consultative Meeting of the Development Monitoring and Evaluation Office (DMEO) of the Niti Aayog on July 15, 2021
- Expert speaker in the international E-Symposium organised by *Trends Research and Advisory*, Abu Dhabi on New Industries & Financial Capital: Opportunity, Sustainability and Mobility; January 25, 2021
- Presentation on the Study of Economic Impact Analysis of the proposed investment of the Ratnagiri Refinery and Petrochemical Ltd in the West Coast of Maharashtra on December 23, 2020, at a Webinar attended by the CEO and the top officials of the IOCL, BPCL, and HPCL along with NCAER project team
- Presentation on the Study of Multi-State Cooperatives in India on March 5, 2020, at the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperation, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
- Presentation in the Kickoff meeting of the Economic Impact of the proposed Refinery at Ratnagiri district in the state of Maharashtra with RRPCL Officials on February 18, 2020, at NCAER
- Presentation in the Workshop on Research Methodology, December 4, 2019 at the Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA)
- Presentation on the Socio-Economic Impact of the National Dairy Programme in India, World Bank and the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB), Anand, Gujarat, December 10, 2019
- Presentation on Convergence of Agricultural Intervention in the Vidarbha Region of Maharashtra, Office of the Development Commissioner, Amravati, Maharashtra, May 26, 2019
- Presentation on “The Roadmap for India Ahead in the Light of recent Economic and Political Developments in the Economy” at the Economic Society of the Daulat Ram College, Delhi University, February 01, 2019
- Presentation in the Workshop on Ease of Doing Business at Project Bhawan, Dhurwa, Ranchi, October 26, 2018, organized by the Single Window System, Ministry of Industries, Government of Jharkhand
- Presentation in the Workshop on the NCAER’s State Investment Potential at India International Centre, August 03, 2018
- Participation and presentation in the Workshop on the Future of Transportation Energy Demand for Freight: China & India in Hong Kong, September 11, 2017 organized by the King Abdullah Petroleum Studies & Research Centre (KAPSARC), Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
- Took part in the panel discussion on "Sheer advancement in technology in India: Time to revisit the Luddite fallacy" in The Economics Summit, Conventus 2017" at International Management Institute, New Delhi on August 19, 2017
- Structured and participated in the Regional Impact Evaluation and Survey Methods Workshop, commissioned by Strategic Impact Evaluation Fund (SIEF), World Bank, March 11-22, 2013
- Executive training on the use of household data to estimate different measures of poverty by Professor Stephen D Younger of Cornell University, sponsored by IDRC from March 14 to March 18, 2011, at NCAER
- Participated in IDRC-NCAER training programs on applied econometrics and policy by Prof. David E Sahn of Cornell University, May 23, 2011, to May 28, 2011.
- Training on programming the use of household data to estimate binary outcomes by Professor Stephen D Younger of Cornell University, sponsored by IDRC from Dec 12 to December 16, 2011, at NCAER
- Rigorous exercise on Advanced Econometrics Applications of Panel Data using NCAER REDS data, sponsored by the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), November 23 to December 2, 2010, at NCAER under the supervision of Prof. K. Kalirajan of the Australian Open University.

Took classes in the training programme for the Indian Foreign Service (IFS) and Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officers on “Indian Economy in the 21st Century” and “Policy Priorities of the Indian Economy” in August: 2005 at NCAER

## **Professional Visibility**

- Member of the National Steering Committee of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Government of India for implementation of the Drone-based SVAMITVA Scheme, which helps estimate scientifically the land-record system in the rural areas of India
- Member of the Committee of the Niti Aayog to prepare District Investment Potentiality Index and Profile, April 2022 onward
- Member: Electric Power Survey Committee of the Central Electricity Authority, Government of India for Power Transmission Statistics, November 2020
- Resource Person for Training and Capacity Building: National Tribal Research Centre, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India
- Chief Coordinator to the NCAER-HDFC Conference on Rural Housing held on August 28, 2009 at India International Centre. The programme required constant interaction and coordination with the HDFC Chairman Dr. Deepak Parekh and the Former Governor of the Reserve Bank of India Dr. Bimal Jalan.
- Peer Reviewer of the East Asia Forum, Australian National University, and reviewed 5 papers
- 2006: Conference on Private Public Partnership at the University of Toulouse, France
- 1997-2002: Associate Editor of Margin, from NCAER
- 2000: Participant in the International Visitors Program and visited the USA to study Federal Institutions & Policies, Regulatory Structures and Reforms in the American Financial Sector through seminars, debates, and other forms of interactions.
- Peer Reviewer of Margin and reviewed 2 papers
- Member, Alumni Association of JNU

## **Additional**

- Member: Gender Committee of NCAER, 2021 onwards
- Secretary of the NCAER Staff Welfare Association:2008-15
- President of the N CAER's Thrift and Credit Society, 2014-22

**Declaration:** The above information is true to my belief and knowledge.

**Saurabh Bandyopadhyay**