

Dr Charu Jain

Academic Qualifications

- ◆ Ph.D. in Economics from Department of Economics, School of Social Sciences, IGNOU, New Delhi. **Research Topic: Quality of Education and Its Determinants** (Degree Awarded August 8, 2015).
- ◆ MBE (Business Economics) from Guru Jambheshwar University of Science and Technology (GJUST), Hisar, Haryana (**Gold Medalist**), 2003. Summer Internship: FICCI from June-July, 2002.
- ◆ Graduation, BBE (Business Economics) from Delhi University, 2001. Summer Internship: Bharat Electronic Ltd (BEL) from June-July, 1999.

Work Experience

- Currently working as **Fellow** (since April 2022) at National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER), Parisila Bhawan, I.P Estate, New Delhi.
- From Sept 2014 - March 2022: Worked as **Associate Fellow** at National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER), Parisila Bhawan, I.P Estate, New Delhi.
- From October 2008 – August 2014: Worked as **Research Analyst** at National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER), Parisila Bhawan, I.P Estate, New Delhi.
- From February 2008 – September 2008: Worked as an **Assistant Secretary, Skill Development Taskforce**, at PHD Chambers of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI), PHD House, Siri Fort Road, New Delhi.
- From May 2007 – February 2008: Worked as a **Research Executive, International Division** at TNS India Pvt. Ltd (Global Custom Market Research Org), New Delhi.
- From March 2004 – April 2007: Worked as a **Research Analyst (Survey Division)** at National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER), IP Estate, New Delhi.

Work Profile

A) NCAER:

Worked as a Project Lead

- Study on Whether Skilling Centers in Smart Cities could enhance skills and thus employability, sponsored by Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MHUA), GOI, Jan-March 2024.

Worked as a Core Team Member in various Studies

- Working on Study on Impact of Aadhaar Enrolment and Updation Services on Individuals in India, sponsored by UIDAI, 2024.
- Working on National Skill Gap Study for High Growth Sectors, sponsored by MSDE, GOI, 2024.
- Working on Study on 'Impact of Aadhaar on GDP', sponsored by UIDAI, 2023.
- Working on Monitoring and Impact Evaluation of the Scholarship Schemes for Students belonging to Minority Community, 2022-23 sponsored by Ministry of Minority Affairs (MoMA), GOI.
- Skilling in Schools, sponsored by CBSE, 2022.
- Healthcare seeking pathways in Maharashtra and Punjab, India, 2022, sponsored by the Nossal Institute for Global Health at the University of Melbourne, Australia.
- N-LRSI- Prindex India study 2021-22 sponsored by Omidyar Network India.
- NCAER-Land Record & Services Index study (2019-21), sponsored by Omidyar Network India.
- Education Satellite Account study sponsored by Uttarakhand State Government, 2020.
- Monitoring & evaluation of handloom clusters 2016-18, Office of DC Handloom, GOI.
- Agriculture outlook & situation analysis for food security, NFSM, MOAFW, GOI, 2013-16.
- International best practices in preparation of agriculture outlook & situation analysis, FAO, 14/15.
- Perspective Plan for Steel Sector in India, project sponsored by Tata Steel Ltd, 2014-15.
- Quarterly Business Expectation Survey (BES) sponsored by NCAER 2009-14.

- Quarterly study on Residex Index sponsored by National Housing Bank (NHB) 2009-13.
 - Handled Council's monthly economic database for Quarterly Review of Economy, 2009-14.
 - Rural Housing in India: Challenges & Opportunities, sponsored by Holcim Ltd., 2008-09.
 - NCAER-MNYL India protection Index Study 2006-07.
 - Demand for Car Market – 2006, sponsored by Maruti Udyog Ltd.
 - Role of S&T, Higher Education & Research in the Regional Socio-Eco Development, NIAS 2006.
 - Toshiba India Ltd.: Need for Strategic Planning 2006.
 - National Survey on Household Income and Expenditure (NSHIE) 2004-05.
 - Study to assess the genuine demand & requirement of superior kerosene oil, 2004-05.
 - Great Indian Market Report based on Market Information Survey of Households Project (MISH).
 - India's First Science Report (ISR), sponsored by Indian National Science Academy (INSA), 2003.
- B) **PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI):** Worked for the Skill Development Taskforce. Prepared concept papers/ press releases on the related issues and coordinated the conduct of various seminars/ workshops/ conferences.
- C) **TNS India Ltd:** Handled projects on assessment demand and usage of hybrid seeds and pesticides for few agricultural commodities, handled opinion polls, and brand image studies.

Awards and Scholarships Received

- Best Poster Award on paper entitled 'Empirical Investigations on Causes & Implications of Chronic Absenteeism Behavior on Wellbeing of Primary School Students in India' in poster session P6-Children and Youth, Intergenerational Ties, Education, Work and Economic Inequality, at Population Association of America (PAA) conference 2022, held from April 6-9, 2022.
- Gold Medalist (2001-2003 Batch) MBE in Guru Jambheshwar University of Science and Technology (GJUST), Hisar.
- Scholarship in MBE program from GJUST, Hisar for securing first rank throughout four semesters.

Publications

Papers/ Working Papers

- Charu Jain and Ruchi Jain (2023). *Chronic Absenteeism and Its Impact on the Learning Outcomes of Primary Grades Students in India*. **Margin: The Journal of Applied Economic Research**, ISSN: 0973-8010, Volume 17, Issue 1-2, Feb-May 2023, pp. 124-162.
- Charu Jain, and Ruchi Jain (2024). *Chronic Absenteeism and Its Impact on the Learning Outcomes of Primary Grades Students in India*. **NCAER Working Paper No. 157**. Jan 2024. Link: <https://www.ncaer.org/publication/chronic-absenteeism-and-its-impact-on-the-learning-outcomes-of-primary-grade-students-in-india>
- Charu Jain, Disha Saxena, Somnath Sen, and Deepak Sanan (2023). *Women's Land Ownership in India: Evidence from Digital Land Records*. **Land Use Policy, Elsevier**, Volume 133, Oct 2023, 106835, ISSN 0264-8377, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.landusepol.2023.106835>.
- Charu Jain, Disha Saxena, Chandni Mishra, Rupal Taneja, Deepak Sanan, Somnath Sen (2022). *Empirical Evidence of Gender Bias in Land Ownership in India*. **NCAER Working paper No. 132**. Jan 2022. Link: https://www.ncaer.org/publication_details.php?pID=394
- Bornali Bhandari, Charu Jain and Ajay Sahu (2021). "Are Secondary Schools Imparting Digital Skills? An Empirical Assessment" published by **Margin: The Journal of Applied Economic Research**, ISSN: 0973-8010, Volume 15, Issue 1, pp. 73-100.
- Charu Jain and Narayan Prasad, (2017). "Factors Affecting Teaching Abilities, Practices and Motivation – Evidences from Senior Secondary Schools in Delhi" published in **Conference Proceedings Manual of 3rd International Conference on Education by The International Institute of Knowledge Management (TIKM) Sri Lanka**, ISSN 2424-6700, Oct 2017, pp. 214-226.

- Charu Jain and Narayan Prasad, (2016). “Evidences of Linkage between Secondary Education and Socio-Economic Outcomes in India”, **Journal of Educational Planning and Administration (JEPA)**, published by NUEPA, ISSN- 0971-3859, Vol. XXX No.1, Jan 2016.
- R K Shukla, Anuj Das and Charu Jain, (2007). “Socio-Economic Factors Influencing Car Ownership by Indian Households”, published in **FADA Journal**, February 2007, Vol. 5, Issue XI, Pg. 5- 11.
- R.K Shukla and Charu Jain, (2006). “Overseas Education: An Indian Perspective”, published in **Margin**, Apr-Jun 2006, Vol. /No 38/3, Pg. 45-56.

Book Chapter

- Bornali Bhandari, Charu Jain and Ajay Sahu (2020). Book chapter on, “Missing Middle of Educated Unemployable: A Critical Perspective on Secondary Education in India” in edited book entitled ‘Universal Secondary Education in India: Issues, Challenges and Prospects’, edited by Jandhyala B G Tilak, published by **Springer**, August 2020, pp. 323-353, 1st ed. 2020 edition, ISBN-13: 978-9811553653, ISBN-10: 9811553653.

Book

- Charu Jain and Narayan Prasad (2018). Book entitled ‘Quality of Secondary Education in India: Concepts, Indicators, and Measurement’ published by **Springer**, ISBN 978-981-10-4928-6, ISBN 978-981-10-4929-3 (e-book), 1st ed. 2018, XXXVII, 225 p.

Policy Briefs/Measurement Briefs

- Charu Jain and Deepak Sanan, 2023. Measurement brief entitled ‘Gender imbalance in land ownership and the need for digitising land records?’ published online in Gender Talk by NCAER Gender Hub, March 2023. Link: <https://ndic.ncaer.org/gender-imbalance-in-land-ownership-and-the-need-for-digitising-land-records/>
- Charu Jain, Deepak Sanan, Somnath Sen, 2021. Policy Brief entitled ‘States Need to Expedite Action Plans for Improving the Quality of Land Records and Services’, published online on NCAER website, Oct 2021. Link: https://www.ncaer.org/publication_details.php?pID=377
- Charu Jain, Deepak Sanan, Somnath Sen, 2021. Policy Brief entitled ‘Key Drivers of Progress in Digitisation of India’s Land Records’, published online on NCAER website, Sep 2021. Link: https://www.ncaer.org/publication_details.php?pID=362

Oped/ Articles

- Charu Jain, 2021. Oped in *Indian Express* (Online) entitled ‘Board evaluation criteria keeps students in mind’, published on June 22, 2021. Link: <https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/board-evaluation-criteria-keeps-students-in-mind-7370883/>
- Charu Jain and Deepak Sanan, 2021. Oped in *The Print* (Online) entitled ‘Indian states taking ownership of land records digitisation, up to govt to expand it now: Study?’ published on April 16, 2021. Link: <https://theprint.in/opinion/indian-states-taking-ownership-of-land-records-digitisation-up-to-govt-to-expand-it-now-study/640130/>
- Bornali Bhandari, Charu Jain and Ajay Sahu, 2020. Oped in *The Hindu Business Line* Newspaper entitled ‘Is learning the best bet during lockdown?’ published on April 24, 2020. Link: <https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/is-e-learning-the-best-bet-during-lockdown/article31426331.ece>
- P. Prabhakar, C. Jain, A. Kapoor, D. Sanan, D.B Gupta and S. Sen., 2020. Article on ‘Status of Land Records Digitization in India: NCAER’s Land Records and Services Index’ published in Report on *Land in India: Issues & Debates*, published by NRMC and edited by P.R Choudhury & A. Narayana, March 2020, pp 7-9. Link: <https://landportal.org/library/resources/land-india-issues-and-debate>
- Charu Jain, 2018. Article entitled “Changing Spending Patterns on Private Coaching in India”, published in *Geography and You (GnY) Magazine*, special issue of Educational Goals, Issue 109, 16-31 May 2018, pp.32-37. Link <https://www.geographyandyou.com/changing-spending-patterns-on-private-coaching-in-india/>
- Around 30 articles published in Macro Track, a monthly magazine published by NCAER from 2009-2013.

Computer Skills

- Extensively used SPSS, working knowledge of STATA/EVIEWS.

Training/ Workshops attended/ Lectures Delivered

- Presented on the topic 'Insights on Survey Methodology, Challenges & Solutions: N-LRSI's Experience' at Workshop on 'Survey Methodologies for Large Scale Sample Surveys' organized by MOSPI on May 20, 2024 at New Delhi.
- Key speaker at special session on 'Exploring Digital Skills in Secondary Schools' at Online Workshop on Leadership for Vocational Education, organized by NIEPA from 2-4 March 2023.
- Presented 'Key Findings of N-LRSI 2021' at Land Records and Services Index (N-LRSI 2021) Launch Event held virtually on March 4, 2021 at NCAER.
- Presented 'Sampling Methodology' at Land Records and Services Index (N-LRSI 2020) Launch Event held at NCAER T1 Auditorium on February 27, 2020.
- Discussant in workshop on the topic 'Perception and Level of Job Satisfaction of Teachers towards Teachers Transfer Policy of Haryana' held on Jan 23, 2019 at the Department of Economics, GJUST, Hisar (Haryana).
- Key Speaker at 2-day Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on 'Research Problem Formulation and Analysis' by Department of Commerce, Maitreyi College, Delhi University, 13-14 Nov 18.
- Delivered lecture on 'Mixed Research Methods: Concepts & Application' on January 19, 2018 at Department of Education, School of Social Science, IGNOU.
- Delivered lecture on 'Mixed Research Methods: Study on Quality of Education and Its Determinants' on July 20, 2017 at Department of Management, School of Social Science, IGNOU.
- International Training on Survey Data Analysis Techniques organized together by ISER- Nepal and University of Michigan at Chitwan, Nepal from 24-28 Dec, 2017.
- 3rd Annual IHDS User Conference organized by NCAER and University of Maryland from 16-18 March 2016 in Neemrana, Rajasthan.
- Workshop on World Bank Open Data Development & Initiative on 10 Dec 2013 at NCAER.
- NCAER-World Bank Training on Impact Evaluation and Survey Method, March 11-22, 2013, New Delhi.
- IRDC training programme on Econometrics, Poverty & Inequality Analysis organized at NCAER during 12- 16 Dec 2011, 23 - 27 May 2011 and 14- 18 March 2011.
- 13 days training programme organized by NCAER-CMCR in collaboration with IASRI on Research Methodologies for Socio-economic Studies from 19 Oct 2010 to 4 Nov 2010.
- One day workshop on SPSS version 18.0 organized by SPSS organization on Sept 18th 2009.
- One day SPSS 12.0 workshop organized by the NCAER, New Delhi, March 22nd, 2006.

Research Interest

- Education & Skills, Gender & Land Issues, Monitoring and Impact Evaluation.

Personal Profile

Nationality: Indian

Languages Known: English and Hindi

This is to certify that the above information is true to the best of my knowledge.

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