

Curriculum Vitae: Ruchira Bhattacharya

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Academic Qualifications

2017 PhD

Centre for the Study of Regional Development (CSRD), School of Social Sciences
Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

Thesis title: "The Public Distribution System and Household Welfare in India: A Spatial and Temporal Analysis"

Thesis supervisors: Dr. Himanshu and Prof. Amaresh Dubey, JNU

2012 MPhil

Centre for the Study of Regional Development (CSRD), School of Social Sciences
Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

Thesis title: "Estimating Poverty under the Changed Perspective of State Engagement in Education and Health"

Thesis supervisors: Prof. Amitabh Kundu and Dr. Himanshu, JNU

MPhil with First Class with specialization in Regional Development

2009 MA

Centre for the Study of Regional Development (CSRD), School of Social Sciences
Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

MA with First Class with specialization in Regional Development

Work Experience

Assistant Professor

Centre for CSR, PPP, PA & Research Consultancy [2021 onwards]

National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Delhi 110003

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Centre for Gender Studies and Development [2017 – 2021]

National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Hyderabad 500030

15th November 2017 onwards

Responsibilities: Capacity building, research, collaborations, and consultancy

Program Officer

Population Council, New Delhi 110003

15th March 2017 to 14th November 2017

Responsibilities: Research and evaluation

Project: AVAHAN III (Funded by Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, India)

Adjunct Faculty

Ambedkar University Delhi, Delhi 110006

9th August 2016 to 30th November 2016 (Monsoon Semester)

Responsibilities: Teaching

Course: "Introduction to Development Economics" (Post-Graduate in Development Studies)

Research Assistant

Centre for Social Sciences and Humanities, New Delhi 110003

1st September 2011 to 31st December 2015

Responsibilities: Quantitative and qualitative research

Project: A Changing Country and a changing Village (Asia Research Centre, London School of Economics, UK and DFID, UK)

Research Studies/Consultancies/Grants

Principal Investigator /First Coordinator

A Case Study of Jharkhand's Lemongrass Cultivation through SHG Women-Impact of Man Ki Baat

Duration: April to May 2023, Grant amount: < 1,00,000 INR

Grant-in-Aid Ministry of Rural Development

Baseline evaluation study for 'Nutrition and Sanitation' for Nestle Vriddhi II

Duration: 1st September to 31st December 2021; Grant amount: 4,00,000 INR

S M Sehgal Foundation, Gurgaon, and Nestle India CSR

Content enrichment and review of a Training Guidebook for Nutrition and Sanitation for Nestle Vriddhi I

Duration: 15th September to 31st October 2020; Grant amount: <1,00,000 INR

S M Sehgal Foundation, Gurgaon and Nestle India CSR

Effectiveness of SERP Telangana's Health/Nutrition Intervention in Improving Women's Nutrition/Sanitation Practices

Duration: January 2020 to May 2021, Grant amount: > 2,00,000 INR

Grant-in-Aid Ministry of Rural Development

Gender Differences in Access to Nutrition and Food Production in Rural India

Duration: October 2018 to June 2019, Grant amount: > 10,00,000 INR

Grant-in-Aid Ministry of Rural Development

Functioning of the "Dular" initiative of UNICEF: Case Study

Duration: July to December 2018, Grant amount: < 2,00,000 INR

Grant-in-Aid Ministry of Rural Development

Cost-effectiveness Analysis for Evaluation of AVAHAN III Community Mobilization

Duration: 1st March to 30th April 2018; Grant amount: 1,00,000 INR

Population Council, India and Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Childhood Immunization and Childhood Diarrhoea and Pneumonia Management in Uttar Pradesh

Duration: 1st December 2017 to 31st January 2018; Grant amount: 1,00,000 INR

UNICEF and King George Medical University, Lucknow, 226003

Revisiting Blocked by Caste: Compilation of Articles/Papers on Reservation in Private Sector

Duration: 1st January to 31st March 2016; Grant amount: <1,00,000 INR

ICSSR and The Indian Institute of Dalit Studies, New Delhi, 110049

Social Protection in Global South: Differences and Commonalities

Duration: June 2016; Grant amount: 5000 USD

Research Seed Grant 2015-16, Brown International Advanced Research Institute, Watson Institute, Brown University with CIECS, Cordoba, Argentina

Co-Principal Investigator /Second coordinator

'Jalagam'-Pathways to a Water-Secure and Climate Resilient Rural India

Duration: November 2023 – March 2024, Grant amount: Non-financial MoU,

Sehgal Foundation and ADB Bank CSR Project

Impact Assessment of CSR Projects of CIL: Coal India Ltd.

Duration: September 2021 – March 2022, Grant amount: > 10,00,000 INR

NIRDPR and Coal India Ltd. CSR Evaluation Project

Child Rights Resource Unit: UNICEF-NIRD-PR

Duration: June 2019-December 2020, Grant amount: > 1 Crore INR

UNICEF and NIRDPR (<http://nirdpr.org.in/crru/index.html>)

Food Systems for Nutrition

Duration: 2019- 2020, Grant amount: Non-financial Implementation Agreement,

FAO and NIRD-PR

From Self Help Group (SHG) leaders to Elected Women Representatives (EWRs): A study of Gender Responsive Governance in PRIs,

Duration: October 2018 to June 2019, Grant amount: > 10,00,000 INR

Grant-in-Aid Ministry of Rural Development

Thematic Expert/Team Member

Member, 6th **Common Review Mission** of the Ministry of Rural Development, State of Jammu and Kashmir, February 2022, Gov. of India.

Member, Core Committee for conducting **'Training Need Assessment (TNA) of the Functionaries of Rural Development'**, February-March 2021, National Institute for Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Ministry of Rural Development, Gov. of India.

Member, Commission for conducting **'Training Need Analysis (TNA) of the Faculty Members of State Institute of Rural Development'**, June-August 2020, Ministry of Rural Development, Gov. of India.

National Resource Person, Team to document the interventions targeting Nutrition by State Rural Livelihood Missions for '**Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihoods Mission**', Gaya and Nawada District, Bihar, March 2018, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Gov. of India.

Fellowships, Awards and Grants

Research Seed Grant 2015-16, Brown International Advanced Research Institute, Watson Institute, Brown University for "Workshop on 'Social Protection in Global South: Differences and Commonalities'", June 2016, CIECS, Cordoba, Argentina

Visiting Fellowship 2015, Watson Institute, Brown University for "Brown International Advanced Research Institute (BIARI 2015)", June 2015, Providence, The USA

Summer Residential Visiting Research, 2012, 2013 & 2014, India Observatory, Asia Research Centre, The London School of Economics and Political Science for the DFID project "A changing country and a changing village: Growth and development in India and in Palanpur over six decades", June 2012; June 2013 & June 2014. London, The United Kingdom

The Ruddar Datt Memorial Award 2013 for Best Paper at 55th Conference of the Indian Society of Labour Economics, 16-18th December 2013, JNU, New Delhi

Post-Graduate Merit Scholarship for University Rank Holders 2008, University Grants Commission in Post-graduation (Awarded on the 20th August 2008).

Gold Medal for First Rank in Graduation (BA Honors) 2008, University of North Bengal, (Awarded on the 11th March 2008).

Miscellaneous Honours

Expert of the Month of the Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific (CIRDAP) Expert Database, March 2023, CIRDAP, Bangladesh.

Member, **6th Common Review Mission** of the Ministry of Rural Development, State of Jammu and Kashmir, February 2022, Gov. of India.

Member, Core Committee for conducting '**Training Need Assessment (TNA) of the Functionaries of Rural Development**', February-March 2021, National Institute for Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Ministry of Rural Development, Gov. of India.

Member, Commission for conducting '**Training Need Analysis (TNA) of the Faculty Members of State Institute of Rural Development**', June-August 2020, Ministry of Rural Development, Gov. of India.

Post Graduate Teaching/Capacity Building Experience

Capacity Building Programs Designed and Conducted

'Strategies for Improving Nutrition among Women and Children', National Training of Trainers (ToT) for the officers of Gov. of India, National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Hyderabad, India.

'Gender Mainstreaming in Nutrition Sensitive Agriculture', National Training of Trainers (ToT) for the officers of Gov. of India, National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Hyderabad, India.

'Nutrition Goals in Village Level Planning and Monitoring', National Training of Trainers (ToT) for the officers of Gov. of India, National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Hyderabad, India.

'Gender Responsive Governance', Regional Training of Trainers (ToT) for the officers of Gov. of Telangana, Telangana State Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Hyderabad, India.

'Child Rights through Local Governance', Regional Training of Trainers (ToT) for the officers of Gov. of Telangana, Telangana State Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Hyderabad, India.

'Empowerment of Women for Rural Development', International Training for the officers from Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Partner Countries, National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Hyderabad, India.

'Gender Budgeting for Rural Development', E-learning open-source course, Ministry of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Gov. of India. (<https://gramswaraj.nirdpr.in/course/index.php?categoryid=21>)

'RDM6L2: Food & Nutrition, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene', Post Graduate Degree in Rural Development, National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Hyderabad, India.

Post-Graduate Courses Taught

'Corporate Social Responsibility' Post Graduate Degree in Rural Development and Management, National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Hyderabad, India.

'Nutrition Sensitive Food Systems' (designed by FAO UN), Post Graduate Degree in Rural Development and Management, National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Hyderabad, India.

'Research Methodology', Post Graduate Degree in Rural Development and Management, National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Hyderabad, India.

Webinar/Workshop Conducted

'Corporate Social Responsibility Lecture Series', Lectures 1- 12, April 2023 onwards, NIRD-PR Delhi Branch, India.

'Evidence Based Action and Policy Roundtable Series', Webinars 1- 13, September 2021- April 2023, NIRD-PR Delhi Branch, India.

'Re-imagining the Rural Labour Market from a Gender Lens in the Post-COVID Period', Webinar, 16th June 2020, NIRD-PR, Hyderabad, India.

'Women Empowerment for Local Governance', National Workshop on 8th-9th November 2019, NIRD-PR, Hyderabad, India.

'Sharing Experience by the Change-maker Sarpanches across India', National Workshop on 8th and 9th March 2018, NIRD-PR, Hyderabad, India.

Postgraduate Thesis Supervised

Ms. Pommi Biswas, *'Gender and Livelihood Issues post COVID-19 for the project submission'*, PG in Sustainable Rural Development, Batch- 2023-24, NIRD-PR, Hyderabad, India.

Mr. Sushant Dabral, *Effect of Mid-Day Meal Scheme in a Village/Region for Improving School Attendance*, PG in Sustainable Rural Development, Batch- 2023-24, NIRD-PR, Hyderabad, India.

Mr. Shubhang Chaturvedi, *'Water Management through People's Participation in Uttar Pradesh'*, PG in Sustainable Rural Development, Batch- 2019-20, NIRD-PR, Hyderabad, India.

Mr. Ashu Kaushik, *'Study of Solar Panels and their Impact on Rural India'*, PG in Sustainable Rural Development, Batch- 2019-20, NIRDPR, Hyderabad, India.

Mr. Dikshant Agrawal, *'Study on the Public Distribution System (PDS) for Providing Food Security to BPL Families in a Village'*, PG in Sustainable Rural Development, Batch- 2018-19, NIRDPR, Hyderabad, India.

Trainings/Workshops attended

National Workshop on **"Direct Training Skills"** by Department of Personnel and Training, Gov. of India, Dr. MCR Human Resource Development Institute, Hyderabad, 17th to 21st July 2018.

Regional Workshop on **"Gender Budgeting for Women Empowerment"**, Government of Telangana, Dr. MCR Human Resource Development Institute, Hyderabad, 6th to 8th February 2018.

National Workshop on **"Design of Training Skills"** by Department of Personnel and Training, Gov. of India, ISTM, Delhi, 23rd to 27th September 2019.

Publicationsⁱ

Journal Articles

Bhattacharya Ruchira (2024): Subsidised food-grains transfer for household food security: Comparison of changing consumption from the Public Distribution System against other staple-sources in rural India. *Journal of Rural Development*. 42(3): 234-251. (<https://doi.org/10.25175/jrd/2023/v42/i3/173265>)

Bhattacharya Ruchira* and Ravi Joseph K. (2024): A Qualitative Evaluation of the Micro-level Barriers to Better Delivery and Utilisation of Nutrition Services in Rural India. *Asia-Pacific Journal of Rural Development*. 0(0): Online First. (<https://doi.org/10.1177/10185291241235446>)

Bhattacharya Ruchira* and Ravi Joseph (2022): Spatial Equity in Access to Food Grains: Regional Analysis of Consumption from the PDS. *Journal of Rural Development*. 41(1): 64-86. (<https://doi.org/10.25175/jrd/2022/v41/i1/172463>)

Bhattacharya Ruchira* and Maitra Sudeshna (2021): Linking women's Access to Collectives to dietary diversity in two Agrarian Settings: Analysis of Agricultural Dual Households in India. *KILA Journal of Local Governance*, 7(1 &2): 21-32,2021, KILA, India. 2319-390X

Bhattacharya, Ruchira (2020) Social identity as a driver of adult chronic energy deficiency: analysis of rural Indian households. *Journal of Public Health Policy*, 41(4): 436-452. (13th August). (<https://doi.org/10.1057/s41271-020-00244-z>); 2023. Springer: *Reducing Poverty and its Consequences* (<https://link.springer.com/collections/hijechebgf>)

Mahapatra Bidhubhusan*, Bhattacharya Ruchira, Atmavilas Yamini and Saggurti Niranjana (2018): Measuring Vulnerability Among Female Sex Workers in India Using a Multidimensional Framework. *PlosOne*. 13(9): e0204055. (<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0204055>).

Mathur Sanyukta*, Okal J., Musheke M., Pilgrim N., Patel S.K., Bhattacharya Ruchira, et al. (2018): High Rates of Sexual Violence by Both Intimate and Non-Intimate Partners Experienced by Adolescent Girls and Young Women in Kenya and Zambia: Findings Around violence and other Negative Health Outcomes. *PLoSOne*. 13(9): e0203929. (<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0203929>).

Najmuddin Omaid*, Deng Xiangzheng and Bhattacharya Ruchira (2018): The Dynamics of Land Use/Cover and the Statistical Assessment of Cropland Change Drivers in the Kabul River Basin, Afghanistan. *Sustainability*. 10(2): 423. (<https://doi.org/10.3390/su10020423>).

Bhattacharya Ruchira (2015): Estimating Poverty Including Social Expenditure: Adequacy and Implications of New Official Methods in the context of Urban India. *Agrarian South: Journal of Political Economy*. 4(3):394-432. (<https://doi.org/10.1177/2277976016633345>).

Bhattacharya Ruchira (2012): Comparative Analysis of the Extent of Free Education and Average Private Expenditure on Education in India. *Procedia- Social and Behavioural Sciences*. 37(2012): 277-295. (<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.sbspro.2012.03.294>)

Bhattacharya Ruchira (2014): Effect of Non-Market Sources of Consumption on Nutritional Intake of Rural Labours in India. *The Indian Journal of Labour Economics*. 57(3): 203-212. (<https://bit.ly/3wFFtZe>)

Book Chapters

Bhattacharya Ruchira (2021): Gender Advocacy in Food and Nutrition Security. In: B Bonny et al. (Eds.) *Engendering Agricultural Development: Dimensions and Strategies*. CRC Press (Taylor & Francis Group), Park Square, Milton Park, Abingdon, Oxon, & Boca Raton, FL, USA & NIPA, New Delhi. Pp. 29-48. (ISBN ebook : 978-100-335-000-2; Hardcopy : 978-103-239-500-5)(DOI : <https://doi.org/10.1201/9781003350002-4>).

Sinha Dipa* and Bhattacharya Ruchira (2018): Women: Possibilities and Constraints. Pp. 349-378. In: Himanshu, Lanjouw, Peter and Stern, Nicholas. *How Lives Change: Palanpur, India, and Development Economics*. Oxford University Press. United Kingdom. [ISBN 9780198806509] (DOI: 10.1093/oso/9780198806509.003.0011)

Sinha Dipa* and Bhattacharya Ruchira (2018): Human Development: Education. Health, Public Services. Pp. 379-403. In: Himanshu, Lanjouw, Peter and Stern, Nicholas. *How Lives Change: Palanpur, India, and Development Economics*. Oxford University Press. United Kingdom. [ISBN 9780198806509] (DOI:10.1093/oso/9780198806509.003.0010)

Bhattacharya Ruchira (2018): El Public Distribution System in India: Un Programa Alimentario en especies Basado en la transferencia de Granos. Pp. 19-48. In: De Sena Angelica (Ed.) *La intervención social en el inicio del siglo XXI: transferencias condicionadas en el orden global*. 2018. Estudios Sociológicos Editora. Argentina. [ISBN 9789873713262] (<http://estudiossociologicos.org/portal/la-intervencion-social-en-el-inicio-del-siglo-xxi-transferencias-condicionadas-en-el-orden-global/>)

Sinha Dipa*, Tiwari Dinesh, Bhattacharya Ruchira and Kattumuri Ruth (2016): Public Services, Social Relations, Politics and Gender – Tales from a North Indian Village. Pp.401-436 In: Himanshu, Jha, Praveen and Rodgers, Gerry. (Eds.) *The Changing Village in India: Insights from Longitudinal Research*. Oxford University Press. New Delhi. [ISBN 0199461864] (DOI:10.1093/acprof:oso/9780199461868.003.0015)

Bhattacharya Ruchira (2010): Dimensions of Poverty and Its Regional Variation. Pp. 94-119. In: Rout Himanshu Sekhar and Murthy S. Bhyrava (Eds.) *Human Development in India Challenges and Policies*. New Century Publications. New Delhi. [ISBN 9788177082395]

Research Reports/Books/Modules

Bhattacharya Ruchira (2023): 'Effectiveness of SERP Telangana's Health/Nutrition Intervention in Improving Women's Nutrition/Sanitation Practices ', Research Report Series No. 145, National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Hyderabad-India. [ISBN: 978-93-91412-28-9]

N V Madhuri, Devsharma Bijita* and Bhattacharya Ruchira (2021): Child Friendly Local Governance: Documenting Good Practices from India. UNICEF-Child Rights Resource Unit (CRRU). National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj. Hyderabad. [ISBN 978-81-951169-0-4] (Link: <https://bit.ly/3B6QMcd>)

N V Madhuri, Devsharma Bijita* and Bhattacharya Ruchira (2020): The Child Rights Training Manual. UNICEF-Child Rights Resource Unit (CRRU). National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj. Hyderabad. [ISBN 978-81-944719-7-4] (Link: <http://nirdpr.org.in/crru/docs/trainings/Final%20CRTM.pdf>)

Bhattacharya Ruchira*, Madhuri N. V., Maitra Sudeshna and Mohammad Sajid (2021): 'Gender Differences in Nutrition in relation to Women's Access to Food Production in Rural India', Research Report Series No. 127, National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Hyderabad-India. [ISBN: 978-81-952482-9-2] (Link: lnkd.in/eDZCAdc)

Other publications

Bhattacharya Ruchira (2022): Steering the Corporate Social Responsibility towards Rural Development: Revisiting the History and Scope of Private Sector in Public Works. *Pragati Newsletter*. National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj. June 2022(e-newsletter <http://pragati.nirdpr.in/june-2022/>).

Bhattacharya Ruchira (2020): Perils of Social Distancing. Opinion (online). *Indian Express*. 20th May 2020. [<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/perils-of-social-distancing-coronavirus-lockdown-6419768/>]

Bhattacharya Ruchira (2020): Mahila-Sabha: A Silver Lining for Gender-Biased Society. *Pragati Newsletter*. National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj. March 2020(298): 3-6.

N V Madhuri and Bhattacharya Ruchira* (2018): International Women's Day: Remembering the Challenges to Gender Equality, the Achievements and the Pathways Ahead. *Pragati Newsletter*. National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj. March 2018(274): 3

Papers/Posters in Conferences/Seminars/Workshops

Papers Presented by Self

Bhattacharya Ruchira (2024): Empirical Studies of Nutrition Security in India. Paper presented at the '*CIRDAP Webinar Series on Integrated Rural Development 2024*', 4th April 2024, CIRDAP, Dhaka Bangladesh.

Bhattacharya Ruchira (2023): Changing Food Security Conditions in Rural India: Composition, Sources and Intersections with Livelihood, Paper Presented at the '*First India-Taiwan Bilateral Workshop*', ICSSR, 11th-12th December 2023, India International Centre, New Delhi, India.

Bhattacharya Ruchira (2023): Whither India's SHG-Led Enterprises, Paper Presented at the *National Conference on 'Towards Industrial Transformation of India: Building an Inclusive, Sustainable, and Competitive Manufacturing Sector to Realize the 2047 Vision'*, Institute for Studies in Industrial Development and Indian Council of Social Science Research, 4-6th October 2023, Institute for Studies in Industrial Development, New Delhi India.

Bhattacharya Ruchira (2023): Identifying the Gender-Nutrition intersections in India: Quantitative and Qualitative Evidence, Paper Presented at the '*CIRDAP Webinar Series on Integrated Rural Development 2023*', 27th February 2023, CIRDAP, Dhaka Bangladesh. (Under Review at IJHD)

Bhattacharya Ruchira (2023): Empowering women to Lead and succeed: Challenges & Opportunities Ahead. Panel discussion at the *International Women's Day*, 3rd March 2023, Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, Chanakyapuri, Delhi, India.

Bhattacharya Ruchira (2022): Women in Nutrition Based Enterprises. Invited lecture at the *National Symposium on 'Doubling farmers income by revitalizing Agri Business Ecosystem'*, 02-03.03.2022, RKVY-RAFTAAR (Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana - Remunerative Approaches for Agriculture and Allied Sector Rejuvenation), Kerala Agricultural University, Thrissur, Kerala 680 656.

Bhattacharya Ruchira (2021): Sustainable Techniques for Rural Development. Invited lecture at the *Faculty Development Program - Sardar Vallabhbhai National Institute of Technology*, 17-21 May 2021, Sardar Vallabhbhai National Institute of Technology (SVNIT), Surat.

Bhattacharya Ruchira (2021): Research Design and Its Application. Invited lecture at the *Training Program on 'VIT Faculty Development Program series 1'*, 20th February 2021, Vellore Institute of Technology, Chennai, India.

Bhattacharya Ruchira (2021): Nutrition Gender and Panchayati Raj. Invited lecture at the Training Program on '*Enhancing the Capabilities of EWRs on Panchayat Governance*', 25th November 2020, Centre for Panchayati

Raj, Decentralised Planning and Social Service Delivery, National Institute of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj (NIRDPR), Hyderabad, India.

Bhattacharya Ruchira (2020): Dimensions of Women and Child Rights. Invited lecture at the Monthly Lecture Series for '*Mission Shakti Program, Government of India*', 17th November 2020, Isabella Thoburn College, Lucknow, UP, India.

Bhattacharya Ruchira (2020): Gender and Agriculture Linkages for Nutrition. Invited lecture at the '*World Bank sponsored ICAR-National Higher Education Project (NAHEP) -CAAST: Gender series-I: Gender empowerment – perspectives and challenges*', 13th October 2020, Kerala Agricultural University, Thrissur, Kerala India.

Bhattacharya Ruchira (2020): Food Security and Poverty in India. Invited lecture at the '*Weekly Seminar of Dept. of Geography*' 11th April 2020, Vidyasagar University, India.

Bhattacharya Ruchira (2020): Nutrition Sensitive Agriculture for Food & Nutritional Security In Rural India. Invited lecture at the Training Program on '*Achieving Food & Nutritional Security through Nutrition Sensitive Agriculture in the context of changing climate*', 8th February 2020, ICAR - Center for Advanced Faculty Training (CAFT), PJTS Agricultural University, Hyderabad, India.

Bhattacharya Ruchira (2019): 'Social Identity and Adult Chronic Energy Deficiency in Rural Indian Households. Invited lecture at the '*Weekly Seminar Series*', 4th September 2019, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Hyderabad, India.

Bhattacharya Ruchira (2019): Gender Mainstreaming in Food Security. Invited lecture at the Training Programme on '*Extension Strategies for Mainstreaming Women in Agriculture & Allied Sectors*', 25th June 2019, Punjab Agricultural Management & Extension Training Institute, Ludhiana, Punjab, India.

Bhattacharya Ruchira (2019): Adult Chronic Energy Deficiency in Rural Indian Households. Paper presented at the '*19th Annual Conference, Indian Association of Social Science Institutions*', 11-13th January 2019, National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Hyderabad, Telangana India.

Bhattacharya Ruchira (2016): The Public Distribution System in India: An In-kind Social Transfer Program. Paper presented at the International Workshop on '*Social Protection in Global South: Differences and Commonalities*', 14th to 15th June 2016, Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios sobre Cultura y Sociedad, Cordoba, Argentina.

Bhattacharya Ruchira (2013): Non-Market Sources of Consumption on Nutritional Intake of Rural Labours in India. Paper presented at the 55th Annual Conference, '*Indian Society of Labour Economics*', 16-18th December 2013, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi India.

Bhattacharya Ruchira (2012): Comparative Analysis of the Extent of Free Education and Average Private Expenditure on Education in India. Paper presented at the '*48th Annual Conference, The Indian Econometric Society*', 1-3 March 2012, Pondicherry University, Pondicherry, India

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The International Conference on Emerging Economies- Prospects and Challenges, Symbiosis Institute of International Business, 12-13th January 2012, Pune, Maharashtra India.

Bhattacharya Ruchira (2011): Social Correlates of Rural Poverty: Regional Distribution and Effects at the National Seminar on '*Challenges and Prospects to Rural Economic Development*', *University Grants Commission and Visva Bharati University*, 11-13th March 2011, Bolpur, West Bengal India.

Papers Presented by Co-author

Mahapatra, Bidhubhusan, Niranjana Saggurti, Sangam Patel, Madhusudana Battala, Ruchira Bhattacharya, and Monika Walia: Community-led Structural Intervention to Address Multidimensional Vulnerabilities Among Female Sex Workers in India. (Poster Presentation). In *Abstracts of the HIV Research for Prevention 2018: From Research to Impact Conference*, HIVR4P, 21–25 October 2018, Madrid. *AIDS Res Hum Retroviruses* 2018;34(S1):1–408.

Bhattacharya Ruchira, Mahapatra Bidhubhusan, Saggurti Niranjana*, et al.: Are emergency contraceptive pills a fallback option within inconsistent condom-using female sex workers to prevent pregnancy? Evidence from a large-scale survey in India, *AIDS Impact 2017*, 13th to 15th November 2017, Cape Town, South Africa.

Sinha Dipa* and Bhattacharya Ruchira: Women in a Changing World: Restructuring Inequalities Counter-currents and Sites of Resistance, 15th National Conference, *Indian Association of Women Studies*, 22nd to 25th January 2017, Chennai.

Administration/Other duties

Posts Held

Head (Deputy Director) in charge, Delhi Branch, 1st April 2022 onwards, National Institute for Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Ministry of Rural Development, Gov. of India.

Head in charge, CSR, PPP, and Research Consultancy, 13th September 2021–31st March 2022, National Institute for Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Ministry of Rural Development, Gov. of India.

Chair ICC, Delhi Branch, National Institute for Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Ministry of Rural Development, Gov. of India.

Member, Haryana State Agriculture Council, Women's Indian Chamber of Commerce & Industry, India.

Joint Secretary, Academic Association 2021–25 at the National Institute for Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Hyderabad 500 030.

President, Women's Association 2021–22 at the National Institute for Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Hyderabad 500 030.

President, Cultural Committee 2019–2020 at the National Institute for Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Hyderabad 500 030.

State Link Officer to State Institute of Rural Development (SIRD) of West Bengal, India.

Other Activities/co-curricular

2021–present: Event and Knowledge Management at the SARAS FAIRS at NCR Delhi for the National Rural Livelihood Mission, MoRD

2020–21: Organization of Cultural Events for NIRD-PR

Review proposals of Grant Applications with miscellaneous non-government funders as required by the Ministry of External Affairs and Ministry of Home Affairs (JICA/Norwegian Directorate/Australian Directorate etc.)

Editorial/Reviewing Duties

Peer Reviewer for International Journal for Equity in Health, PLOS ONE, Journal of Public Health, Review of Development and Change, Indian Journal of Geography and Environment, European Journal of Social Sciences, Journal of Public Health Policy etc.

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