

Sayamsiddha

EDUCATION

- Fall 2025 **PhD Sociology**, The New School for Social Research, New York
- 2019-2021 **MA Development and Labor Studies**, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi
- Seminar Paper: 'Remote Work in the Post Pandemic World: Conditions of IT Sector Workers Based in Guwahati' under Prof. Dr. Praveen Jha
- 2016-2019 **BA Social Sciences**, Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Guwahati
- Thesis: 'Decent Work for Domestic Workers: Role of Policies and the Way Forward' under Dr Shivani Chauhan Barooah

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Apr 2023 – Present **Policy Analyst**, Centre for Budget and Governance Accountability
- Specialized in research on the Care Economy, Health, and Education sectors, emphasizing on Public Finance issues and policy analysis
 - Designed research methodologies, questionnaires for surveys and interview schedules for FGD's, semi structured interviews and key informant interviews
 - Analyzed qualitative and quantitative data from the field
 - Reviewed literature and conducted budget data analysis for various reports including the [Analysis of Union Budget report](#), an annual publication by CBGA, for three consecutive sessions
 - Contributed to various aspects of project management and team coordination including writing proposals for grants and developing tools for dissemination
- Jan 2022 – Mar 2023 **Research Associate**, Centre for Budget and Governance Accountability
- Worked on the team developing the [Open Budget India](#) portal, which aims to make government budgets easily accessible to the public
 - Collated Data for 12 schemes/programs to the lowest level of governance using open data from the Union, State, and Local governments
 - Prepared factsheets for schemes using the dataset for the National Family Health Survey (NFHS) on [Integrated Child Development Services](#)

PUBLICATIONS

- Articles
- [Health in the Interim Budget of 2024-25: Are we in Track to Achieve Healthcare for all?](#) (2024, April 5). Ideas for India.
- [Interim Budget 2024: What the Budget Means for Workers in the Unorganised Sector.](#) (2024, March 6). The Core.
- [Unemployment and the Scope of an Urban Job Guarantee Programme.](#) (2021, October 29). Social and Political Research Foundation.
- Book Chapter
- "Gendered Spaces and Experiences at sites of Protest: A Study of the Indian Farmers' Movement"**. (2023, January). Nepal Institute for International Cooperation and Engagement. ISBN 13: 9788185462219.

CONFERENCE AND PANEL DISCUSSION

- 2024 **‘Anganwadi Workers and their Perceptions of Labor and Identity in the Care Economy: An Empirical Inquiry’**. Panel discussion on ‘Caring About Care: Exploring Intersectionality, Finances and Challenges presented at the 64th Annual Conference of the Indian Society of Labor Economics (ISLE), Hyderabad, India.
- ‘Political Economy and Gender Analysis of App-based Labor in India’**. Paper presented at the 64th Annual Conference of the Indian Society of Labor Economics (ISLE), Hyderabad, India.
- 2023 **‘Platformization of Patriarchy: Women in the Platform Economy in India’**. Paper presented at the International Marxist Feminist Conference, Warsaw, Poland.
- 2022 **‘Work in the Indian IT sector following the COVID-19 Pandemic’**. Paper presented at the CRIMT 2022 International Conference, University of Montreal, Canada
- 2020 **‘Imagining the Post Covid Informal Economy in India: A case for Demand Based Urban Job Guarantee Programme’**. Paper presented at the 8th Annual NERI Labor Market Conference Webinar, University College Dublin, Ireland.
- ‘Decent Work for Domestic Workers: Role of policy and the Way Forward’**. Seminar presentation at National Commission for Women and Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India.

RESEARCH INTERNSHIP AND VOLUNTEER WORK

- Aug-Oct 2021 **Enumerator**
Centre for Equity Studies, New Delhi
- Conducted surveys with workers across states on their livelihood conditions and well-being during the Covid-19 lockdown which helped in preparing the report titled [“Labouring Lives: Hunger, Precarity and Despair Amid Lockdown”](#)
- 2019 **Research Intern**
Habitat for Humanity and Dr. Rajdeep Singha, TISS Guwahati
- Collected baseline data from public school students and teachers in Guwahati to plan evidence-based interventions to improve health and sanitation conditions in schools.
- June-July 2018 **Educator (Volunteer)**
Under the Supervision of Prof. Jean Drèze and Prof. Reetika Khera
In collaboration with the Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Caste Development Department, Government of Chhattisgarh
- Assisted at a residential school for female students from the Pahari Korwa community, a Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG)
 - Engaged in daily educational and co-curricular activities to enhance learning experiences for students
 - Conducted participant observation to assess the effectiveness of targeted schemes and policies
 - Contributed to a comprehensive report on service delivery conditions and educational outcomes
 - Gained firsthand experience in rural education challenges and policy implementation

Oct-Nov 2017

Research Intern

Foundation for Social Transformation

- Conducted data collection among 100 adolescent girls in urban slums of Guwahati, focusing on socio-economic and health conditions
- Contributed to the design of KOUSAL (Knowledge on Utilizing Skills and Leadership), a life skills program for adolescent girls
- Gained experience in youth-focused community research and program design

SKILLS

Languages

English (IELTS 8 Band), **Bengali** (Native), **Assamese** (Native), **Hindi** (Bilingual)

Research

Qualitative interviews and FGDs, Survey design and administration, NVivo, SPSS, STATA, Microsoft Excel, Datawrapper

ADDITIONAL COURSES

Apr-May 2024

Course on **Digital Capitalism** conducted by the Transnational Institute (TNI)

September 2021

IZA/FCDO Online Short Course on **Research Skills for South Asia** organized by Institute of Labor Economics, Berlin