

# Dr. Bhaskar Bhattacharyya

PhD in Economics | Health Economics | Development Economics

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## PROFILE

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

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

### Research Assistant

*February 2025 – August 2025*

*St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata*

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

## EDUCATION

### PhD in Economics

*2021 – 2026*

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

*Thesis: Essays on Issues of Health and Healthcare*

Supervisors: Dr. Soumyadip Chattopadhyay & Prof. Biswajit Mandal

**Status: Degree Awarded**

### MPhil in Economics

*2019 – 2021*

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

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

Supervisor: Prof. Sarbajit Sengupta

### MA in Economics

*2017 – 2019*

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

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

Supervisor: Prof. Sarbajit Sengupta

### BA (Hons) in Economics

*2014 – 2017*

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

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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- IHEPA (Institute of Economic Growth)
- 57th & 58th Annual Conferences of The Indian Econometric Society (TIES) – University of Hyderabad & Tripura University
- EBES Conference, Berlin (with Global Labor Organization – GLO)
- St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata
- St. Xavier's University, Kolkata
- Calcutta University
- Jadavpur University
- Presidency University
- IIFT Kolkata
- Visva-Bharati University
- Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira, Belur, Kolkata

## **TECHNICAL & RESEARCH SKILLS**

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Statistical Software: STATA, EViews, SPSS

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

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

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

## **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

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

## **AWARDS & CERTIFICATIONS**

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

## **REFERENCES**

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Available upon request.