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Education

Ph.D., Economics

Thesis Title: Valuation of Health under State-Dependence: A Study of Cancer., [Jawaharlal Nehru University](#) 2017–23

M.Phil., Economics

Dissertation Title: Socioeconomic Inequality in Self-Reported Morbidity and Health Care Utilization in India., [Jawaharlal Nehru University](#) 2015–17

M.A., Economics, University of Hyderabad 2010–12

B.A., Economics, (Sub: Maths and Stats), Aligarh Muslim University 2007–10

Area of Specialisation

Health Economics, Applied Econometrics, Microeconomics, and Development Economics

Awards and Honors

NDIC, [National Council of Applied Economic Research](#) 2019
Senior Research Fellowship, [University Grant Commission](#), 2017
Junior Research Fellowship, [University Grant Commission](#), 2014
Departmental Merit Scholarship (B.A) [Aligarh Muslim University](#), 2007

Publication

Journal Publications:

- Akhtar, A., Roy Chowdhury, I. (2023), “*The Socioeconomic Inequity in Healthcare Utilization among Individuals with Cardiovascular Diseases in India*”, Health Economics, 32(5), 1000-1018. DOI:<https://doi.org/10.1002/hec.4651>
- Akhtar, A., Ahmad, N., Roy Chowdhury, I. (2020), “*Socio-economic Inequality in Catastrophic Health Expenditure among Households in India: Decomposition Analysis*”, Indian Economic Review, 55(2), 339-369. DOI:[10.1007/s41775-020-00093-3](https://doi.org/10.1007/s41775-020-00093-3)
- Akhtar, M. A., Ahmad, N., Chowdhury, I. R. (2020), “*Measuring Socioeconomic Inequality in Self-Reported Morbidity in India: Decomposition Analysis*”, Review of Development and Change, 25(1), 89-111. <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/pdf/10.1177/0972266120916317>.

Book Chapter:

- Rajeev, M., Akhtar, A. (2015), “*Intra-and Interstate Inequality in the Northeast Region with Special Reference to Assam*” In Regional Development and Public Policy Challenges in India (pp. 195-236). New Delhi: Springer India. https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-81-322-2346-7_6

Media Publication:

- Akhtar, A., Roy Chowdhury, I. (2023), “*Valuation of Health under State-Dependence: A Study of Cancer*”, Student Grantee Report Number 06, October, 2021, Report submitted to NCAER National Data Innovation Centre, New Delhi: National Council of Applied Economic Research. <https://www.ncaer.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/6-1.pdf>
- Akhtar, A., Roy Chowdhury, I. (2023), “*Socio-economic Inequality in Catastrophic Health Expenditure among Households in India: A Decomposition Analysis*”, India Human Development Survey Forum, monthly update of socio-economic developments in India by the IHDS research community, March 2021. <https://mailchi.mp/900cd1549df0/ihds-forum-march-2021?e=33ecf52563>

Papers Submitted to Journals:

- Fakhruzamman A., Akhtar M. A., and Hussain M. A., “*Money and Muscle in India’s Democracy: The Rise of Criminal Politicians and Its Impact on Governance*” <http://ssrn.com/abstract=4373521>
- M. A. Akhtar, Roy Chowdhury, I., Gogoi, P, and Reddy S., “*Socioeconomic-related Disparities in Child Immunization: Unpacking Horizontal and Vertical Dimensions for Policy Insights*” https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=4521378
- M. A. Akhtar, Bhawna, and Roy Chowdhury, I., “*Economic Burden of Cancer on Indian Households: A Comprehensive Analysis of Treatment Seeking, Costs, Coping Strategies, and Financial Hardship*” https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=4758996

Working Papers:

- R. Kharyal, A. Gupta, K. Aggarwal, and M. A. Akhtar, “*The Effect of Substance Use on Educational Outcomes amongst Adolescents: Evidence from Indian Districts*”
- M. A. Akhtar and Roy Chowdhury, I., “*Prior Awareness, Quality of Life and Patient’s Willingness to Pay for Complete Remission of Cancer*”
- M. A. Akhtar and Roy Chowdhury, I., “*Choices in Cancer Care: Investigating Preferences and Valuations between Prevention and Treatment Options*”
- M. A. Akhtar and Roy Chowdhury, I., “*Estimating Health-Wealth Utility Function under State-dependence of Cancer Patients*”

Research and Industry Experience

Associate Fellow: India Development Foundation	2023–23
Subject Matter Expert: Chegg India Private Limited	2013-15
Research Assistant: Institute of Social and Economic Change	2012–13

Teaching Experience

Jamia Millia Islamia: Visiting Faculty	2021-22; 2018-19
Jawaharlal Nehru University: Teaching Assistant	2019-22

Referee Service

The Indian Journal of Labour Economics, Indian Journal of Human Development

Conference Presentation

7th of March, 2024: Presenter, *Preference between Prevention and Treatment of Cancer*. Global Conclave on Sustainable Development Goals: Progress, Challenges and Way Forward, Economics Department, [Jamia Millia Islamia](#), New Delhi, India.

28th of December, 2023: Presenter, *Income-related Inequity in Child Immunisation in India: Accounting for Horizontal and Vertical Inequity*. Fourth International Conference on Issues in Economic Theory and Policy, Economics Department, [Presidency University](#), Kolkata, India.

5th of November, 2020: Presenter, *Socioeconomic-related Inequity in Healthcare Utilisation among Cardio-Vascular Diseases Patient in India*. RCEF 2020: 2nd Rajagiri Conference on Economics and Finance, Rajagiri Business School and Rajagiri College of Social Sciences with association of the [Indian Econometric Society \(TIES\)](#), Kerala, India.

8th of October 2020: Presenter, *A Valuation of Health Under-State Dependence: A study of Cancer*. 13th Doctoral Thesis Conference, [Indian Business School \(IBS\)](#), Hyderabad, India.

10th December, 2018: Presenter, *Socioeconomic Inequality in Healthcare Utilization among Cardiovascular Patient in India*. Health Wellbeing and Regional Development: Emerging Issues, at Indian Association for Social Science and Health (IASSH) conference, [Jawaharlal Nehru University](#), New Delhi, India.

14th December, 2017: Presenter, *Socioeconomic Related Inequality in Self-Reported Morbidity*. Second International Conference at the Issues in Economic Theory and Policy, Economics Department, [Presidency University](#), Kolkata, India.

Skills

Programming: STATA, R, Python, Mathematica, CS Pro, LaTeX and ArcGIS

Data Base: NSS, NFHS and IHDS and Macroeconomic Database on Federal Research Bank at St. Louis.

Languages: English (Fluent), Hindi (native), Urdu (native)

Other Professional Activities

2021–Present: Managing Editor, Indian Growth and Development Review (Emerald Publication)

2024–Present: Assistant Editor, Indian Journal of Human Development (Sage Publication)

2013: Passed Actuarial Common Entrance Test, conducted by Institute of Actuaries of India, (Roll No-IAIEE-DEC13-3758)

References

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