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## **Research Interest:**

Public Policy and Program Evaluation; Rural Development, Entrepreneurship; Gender

**Teaching Interest:** Public Policy and Program Evaluation; Public Finance; Econometrics; Entrepreneurship

## **Employment:**

**2016 onwards:**

Economist

National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, New Delhi, India

**2014-2016:**

Senior Research Fellow (ICSSR Sponsored): SRIC, Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur, India

**2010-2013:**

Junior Research Fellow (ICSSR/SANDEE sponsored): SRIC, Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur, India

## **Education:**

**2011-2016: Ph. D.** (Economics)

Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur, West Bengal, India, 721 302

Title of Thesis

***Determinants of Occupational Choice, Technology Adoption, and Gender Income Gap in Handloom Micro-entrepreneurship in Assam***

Supervisor: Prof. Kishor Goswami

Professor of Economics, Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur

**2008-2010: M.A.** (Economics)

Gauhati University, Guwahati, Assam, India, 781014

## **Research Experience:**

### ***Sponsored Projects at NIPFP***

**2020-21**

Impact of Conditional Cash Transfer on Improved Health Interventions among the Pregnant Women Labourers: Evidence from Mukhya Mantri Shramik Seva (Prasuti Sahayata) Yojana (MMSSPSY), Madhya Pradesh – Sponsored by the Directorate of Health Services, Government of Madhya Pradesh. INR 43 Lakh

**2018-19:**

Assessing Employment Generation under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana- (Urban) (Draft Report Submitted) – Sponsored by The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi. (Project Leader: N. R. Bhanumurthy). INR 33 Lakh

- 2018-19:** Assessing the Impact of Various Subsidies Extended by the Coffee Board on Farmers and Exporters – Sponsored by Coffee Board, Government of India. (Project Leader: N. R. Bhanumurthy), INR 11.80 Lakh
- 2017-19:** Evaluation of Governance Parameters of Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana - Gramin (PMAY-G) – Sponsored by the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India (Project Leader: N. R. Bhanumurthy). INR 38 Lakh
- 2018:** TARINA (Technical Assistance and Research for Indian Nutrition and Agriculture), a consortium launched by The Tata-Cornell Institute for Agriculture and Nutrition (TCI), Ithaca, New York, for a project centered on “Agricultural Pathways to Improving Nutrition Outcomes using a Food Systems Approach” (Partial Involvement). (Project Leader: Prabhu Pingali)
- 2016:** Comprehensive Study of Assam State Finances to Recommend 10 years Perspective Planning and Concomitant Changes in the Public Finance Management – Sponsored by Government of Assam (Project leader: Rathin Roy)
- Pipeline:** Assessing the Implementation of Direct Benefit Transfer under Rural Development Programmes – Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India. (With N. R. Bhanumurthy & Dinesh K. Nayak)

#### ***Technical Report Submitted***

- 2020:** Assessing the Implementation and Outcomes under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban. Client: Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India.
- 2019:** [Evaluation of Governance Parameters of Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana- Gramin \(PMAY-G\). Client: Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India.](#)
- 2019:** Assessing the impact of Various Subsidies Extended by the Coffee Board for Farmers and Exporters. Client: Coffee Board, Government of India, 2019
- 2019:** Assessing the Implementation and Outcomes under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban. Client: Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India.
- 2019:** [Assessing Employment Generation under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban. Client: Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India.](#)
- 2018:** [Impact of Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana –Gramin \(PMAY-G\) on Income and Employment. Client: Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India.](#)
- 2018:** Impact of Reforms in Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana - Gramin (A Secondary Data Analysis). Client: Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India.

#### **Publications:**

##### **Book:**

- 2020 (In Press):** *Impact of Subsidies on Coffee Sector*. Bengaluru: Coffee Board, Government of India (ISBN 978-81-88035-22-9). (With N. R. Bhanumurthy).
- 2020 (Final Draft):** *Rural Housing Scheme in India: Leading a Structural Transformation*. Sage India (with N.R. Bhanumurthy)

### Book Chapter:

- 2019:** State finances of Arunachal Pradesh in the post reform period. In Nayak et al. (eds) “*Hill Economics and Sustainable Development in India: Emerging Realities* (pp. 224-245). New Delhi: Om Publications. ISBN: 9789388937252. (With A. K. Das).
- 2018:** Why women handloom micro entrepreneurs earn less than their male counterpart? A Blinder-Oaxaca decomposition approach. In De, U., & Ghosh, B. N. (Eds.), *Deprivation, Development and Empowerment of Women in India: North-East Perspectives* (pp. 1–38), New Delhi: Bookwell Publication. ISBN: 9789386578280
- 2014:** An insight to the structure of the Indian retail sector. In Gautam, H. C. & Mahapatra, S. K. (Eds.), *Foreign Direct Investment in Retail Sector* (pp. 18-37). Department of Commerce, Gauhati University (ISBN 9788192949109). (With A. B. Bortamuly)

### Journal:

#### *Social Science Citation Indexed (Thomson Reuters):*

- 2020:** Gender Income Gap in Rural Informal Micro-Enterprises: An Unconditional Quantile Decomposition Approach in the Handloom Industry. *Eurasian Business Review*, 10(3) 441–473 (Springer). Available at <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40821-019-00139-4> (IF:2.222).
- 2019:** Entrepreneurial motivations of socio-cultural relevance: an exploratory analysis in the handloom industry in Assam. *Asian Journal of Women’s Studies*, 25(3), 317-351 (Taylor & Francis). Available at <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/12259276.2019.1637391> (IF: 0.291). (With K. Goswami & K. Handique)
- 2016:** Adoption of modern weaving machinery in the handloom micro-enterprises in Assam: A Double Hurdle approach. *Technological Forecasting and Social Change*, 102, 344–356 (Elsevier). Available at <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.techfore.2015.08.009> (IF: 5.846). (With M. P. Bezbaruah & K. Goswami)
- 2016:** Do home-based micro-entrepreneurial earnings empower rural women? Evidence from the handloom sector in Assam. *Asian Journal of Women’s Studies*, 22(3), 289–317 (Taylor and Francis). Available at <http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/12259276.2016.1205376> (IF: 0.291). (With K. Goswami)

#### *Scopus Indexed:*

- 2018:** Development of women micro-entrepreneurship in the handloom industry: An empirical analysis among tribal communities in Assam. *International Journal of Rural Management*, 14(1), 22-38 (Sage). Available at <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/0973005218754437> (With K. Goswami)
- 2017:** Determinants of financial risk attitude among the handloom micro-entrepreneurs in north east India. *Asia Pacific Management Review*, 22(4), 168–175 (Elsevier). doi.org/10.1016/j.apmr.2017.07.013 Available at <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1029313216304201> (With K. Goswami & K. Handique)
- 2015:** Do different determinants affect differently across gender and location in handloom entrepreneurship development? *Journal of Small Business & Entrepreneurship*, 27(5), 427–449 (Taylor and Francis). Available at

<http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/08276331.2015.1088298> (With A. B. Bortamuly, K. Goswami, & K. Handique)

**2013:** Determinants of occupational choice of workers in handloom industry in Assam. *International Journal of Social Economics*, 40(12), 1041–1057 (Emerald). Available at <http://www.emeraldinsight.com/doi/abs/10.1108/IJSE-03-2012-0042> (With A. B. Bortamuly, & K. Goswami)

#### UGC Care List

**2020:** Employment generation in urban India through PMAY(U). *Urban India*, 39(2), 46-63. (With D. K. Nayak)

#### Under Review

Gender issue in rural non-farm micro-entrepreneurship in informal sector: Evidence from the handloom industry in Assam. *IIMB Management Review* (Elsevier: Revised Version Submitted).

What determines heterogeneity in handloom micro-entrepreneurial performance across gender in North East India? *Journal of Rural Studies* (Elsevier: Under Review). (With K. Goswami & K. Handique)

#### Working Paper

**2017:** Public procurement in India: Assessment of institutional mechanism, challenges, and reforms. Working Paper No. 204. National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, New Delhi. Available at [http://www.nipfp.org.in/media/medialibrary/2017/07/WP\\_2017\\_204.pdf](http://www.nipfp.org.in/media/medialibrary/2017/07/WP_2017_204.pdf) (With P. R. Jena)

**2017:** Decomposition of gender income gap in rural informal micro-enterprises: An Unconditional Quantile approach in the handloom industry. NIPFP Working Paper No. 216. National Institute of Public Finance and Policy. Available at [http://www.nipfp.org.in/media/medialibrary/2017/12/WP\\_2017\\_216.pdf](http://www.nipfp.org.in/media/medialibrary/2017/12/WP_2017_216.pdf)

#### Conference Proceedings

**2017:** Entrepreneurial Settings for the Development of Handloom Micro-entrepreneurs in North East India. Twelfth Biennial Conference on Entrepreneurship of EDII, Ahmedabad (India), February 22-24, 2017. Available at <http://library.ediindia.ac.in:8181/xmlui/handle/123456789/5950> (With K. Goswami & K. Handique)

**2016:** Determinants of financial risk attitude among the handloom micro-entrepreneurs in north east India. Proceedings of Fifth International Conference on Entrepreneurship and Business Management (pp. 396-400), Tainan, Taiwan. Available at [http://icebm.untar.ac.id/images/proceeding/2016/Proceeding\\_ICEBM\\_2016.pdf](http://icebm.untar.ac.id/images/proceeding/2016/Proceeding_ICEBM_2016.pdf) (With K. Goswami & K. Handique)

**2014:** Rural non-farm micro-entrepreneurship or not: gender issue in decision making. 6<sup>th</sup> Bolivian Conference on Development Economics (BCDE2014), Cochabamba, August 28-29. Available at <http://www.inesad.edu.bo/bcde2014/papers/BCDE2014-59.pdf> (With K. Goswami)

## Other Publications

**2019:** Changing Landscape of Rural Economy. *Kurukshetra*, 67(10), 23-28. (Ministry of Rural Development, Govt. of India). (With Bhanmurthy N. R.)

## Media

**2020:** [Social sector allocation inadequate: FM focus on addressing widening inequality.](#) The Telegraph, 02/01/2020, p.10

**2019:** [Don't compromise on patient's safety.](#) Economic Times Healthworld. 07/12/2019

**2019:** [India-US trade deal: Is Donald Trump asking for too much?](#) Financial Express, 02/10/2019, p.9.

**2019:** [Budget boost for rural economy.](#) The New Indian Express, 06/07/2019, p.10.

## Conference/Seminar Presentations:

### *International*

**2019:** Transforming the Lives of Poor towards Sustainable Development: India's Efforts through Affordable (Adequate) Housing Scheme "PMAY-G". IZA/DFID Short Course on Program Evaluation, Kathmandu, December 7-8.

**2017:** Decomposition of gender income gap in rural informal micro-enterprises: An unconditional quantile approach in the handloom industry. IARIW-ICIER Conference on "Experiences and Challenges in Measuring Income, Inequality, and Poverty in South Asia," New Delhi, India, November 23-25.

**2017:** Determinants of micro-entrepreneurship as an occupational choice in the handloom industry in Assam. 62<sup>nd</sup> ICSB World Conference, Buenos Aries, Argentina June 28- July 01, (Accepted/Not Presented).

**2017:** Does the Influence of Risk Attitude on Entrepreneurial Performance Varies across Location among the Handloom Micro-Entrepreneurs in North East India?' CCSBE Conference, Québec City, Canada, May 11-13.

**2017:** Does different determinants influence handloom micro entrepreneurial performance differently across gender in North-East India? ASBBS 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Las Vegas, USA, March 23-26.

**2015:** Entrepreneurial motivation of rural women in developing economies: An exploratory analysis in the handloom industry. SEA conference, New Orleans (USA) November 21-23.

**2014:** Women empowerment in developing economies through participation in home-based activities: A study in the handloom industry. 3<sup>rd</sup> International Seminar on "Population & Development", Sherubtse College, Bhutan, October 9-10.

### *National*

**2015:** What influences adoption and expansion of new technology in rural micro-entrepreneurship? Evidences from handloom industry in Assam. Seminar under DRS-SAP of UGC, Gauhati University, Guwahati, India, March 27-28.

**2014:** Gender income gap among informal micro-entrepreneurship in developing economies: A decomposition analysis in the handloom industry. 51st Annual Conference of the Indian Econometric Society (TIES), Punjabi University, Punjab, India, December 12-14.

- 2013:** What influences modern technology adoption in the handloom micro-enterprises? A Tobit approach. Golden Jubilee Conference of the Indian Econometric Society (TIES), Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research (IGIDR), Mumbai, India, December 22-24.
- 2013:** Development of women micro-entrepreneurship in the handloom industry: an empirical analysis among tribal communities in Assam. National Seminar on “Rural Development in India: Issues, Progress, and Programme Effectiveness” Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar, India, April 26-27.

**Workshop/Faculty Development Programme:**

- IGC-ISI Summer School in Development Economics, Organized by IGC India at ISI Delhi, New Delhi, July 12-15, 2020
- IZA/DFID Short Course on Program Evaluation, Kathmandu, Nepal, Organized by IZA - Institute of Labor Economics, Bonn, Germany, December 5-8, 2019.
- Geospatial data and Research: The Delhi R School, Centre for the Study of Regional Development, JNU, April 9-12, 2019.
- Policy Analysis and Programme Evaluation Workshop (PA&PE), ISEC Bangalore, Organized by ILR School of Cornell University, USA & Grassroots Research and Advocacy Movement (GRAAM), July 3-18, 2018.
- Faculty Development Program on ‘Applied Econometrics’, Banasthali Vidyapith, Rajasthan, September 09 - 15, 2017.

**Invited Lecture**

- Lecture on “*Public Procurement in India: The Current Scenario*” in two-week training program on “Emerging Issues & Challenges in Public Finance and Policy” for the officer trainees of the Indian Civil Accounts Service (ICAS), NIPFP, New Delhi. December 11, 2019.
- Panelist of “*Who Weaves: The Gender Question in the Handloom Industry*”, organized by Institute of Social Studies Trust, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi. May 13, 2019.
- Lecture on “*Public Private Partnership: Risks in Risk Allocation*”, in a Training Programme for the Feeder Post Holders Promoted to Grade-IV of the Indian Economic Service, NIPFP, New Delhi. December 28, 2018.
- Lecture on “*PPP- Opportunities and Challenges*” in Two Weeks Training Programme for ICAS Probationers on “Emerging Issues and Challenges in Public Finance and Policy”, NIPFP, New Delhi, December 14, 2018.
- Certificate Programme on Public Finance Management for the Officers of Government of West Bengal, Jindal School of Government and Public Policy September 12, 2018.
- One Week Training Program on Public Financial Management for Officials of SILDA, Sri Lanka, INGAF, New Delhi. September 12, 2018.
- Lecture on “*Techniques in Program Evaluation: An Overview*” in Regular Training Program for ICAS Probationers, INGAF, New Delhi, August 09, 2018.
- Lectures on Qualitative and *Limited Dependent Variable Models*, in FDF in ‘Applied Econometrics’, Banasthali Vidyapith, Rajasthan, Sponsored by Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, September 10, 2017.

Lectures on *Project Finance* for the Course *Diploma in e-Governance*, Sikkim Manipal Institute of Technology (SMIT) & National Institute for Smart Government, sponsored by Department of Electronics & Information Technology (DeitY), Government of India, 28-30 September 2016.

**Analytical Software:**

Stata, SPSS, CSpro, R.

**Professional Responsibility:**

**Reviewer:** Journal of Quantitative Economics, Financial Innovation (Springer); Journal of Small Business Management (Wiley); Journal of Small Business & Entrepreneurship (Taylor & Francis); International Journal of Development Issues (Emerald); Journal of Developmental Entrepreneurship (World Scientific)

**Grant:** ICSSR travel grant to attend SEA, 2015 Meeting held in New Orleans, USA in November 21-23, 2015

**Teaching Experience:**

Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Kharagpur

2013-14 & 2014-15 Autumn: Teaching Assistant – Business Economics in MHRM Course

2013-14 Spring: Teaching Assistant – Development Economics in 5 Year Integrated MSc (Eco)

2012-13 Autumn: Teaching Assistant – Economics in B Tech Course

Nalbari College, Assam, India

2010: Guest Lecturer: Microeconomics & Development Economics in B. A. Course

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**References:**

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3. Prof. M.P. Bezbaruah, Department of Economics, Gauhati University, Assam – 781014; e-mail: [bezbaruah.mp@gmail.com](mailto:bezbaruah.mp@gmail.com) Tel. +91 9864055485

**Declaration**

I, hereby, declare that the information furnished above is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. If at any time I am found to have concealed any information or given any incorrect data, my appointment, if made, may be terminated without notice or compensation. Additional legal action may also be taken.

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