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Current Position

- Assistant Professor, Sardar Patel Institute of Economic and Social Research, Ahmedabad (Jan 2017–present)

Education

- Ph.D. in Economics, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi (Center for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram).
- M.Phil. in Applied Economics, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi (Center for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram).
- M.A. in Economics, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi.

Research Interest

- Economics of Education
- Poverty & Inequality
- Labour Markets, Employment & Development

Publications

1. Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

1.1 ABDC/Scopus-Indexed.

1. **Shukla, V.** (2025). Consumption Growth and Inequalities in Rural and Urban India. *South Asia Economic Journal*, 26(1), 115-131. <https://doi.org/10.1177/13915614251355337> [ABDC (2022) C; Scopus Q4]
2. **Shukla, V.** (2025). Decomposing Income Inequality Among Agricultural Households in India: An Inter-State Analysis. *Journal of Social and Economic Development* <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40847-025-00457-6> [ABDC (2022) C; Scopus Q2]
3. **Shukla, V., & Mishra, U. S.** (2025). The Influence of Household Amenities on LPG Adoption in Rural India. *Economic Bulletin*, 45(2), 823-835. [EB-25-V45-I2-P72.pdf](https://www.econsonline.com/EB-25-V45-I2-P72.pdf) ([accessecon.com](https://www.econsonline.com)) [ABDC (2022) C ; Scopus Q4]
4. **Shukla, V.** (2025). Analysing income distribution among agricultural households in India. *Indian Journal of Agricultural Economics*, 80(1), 215-225. [404 \(isaeindia.com\)](https://www.isaeindia.com) [Scopus Q4]
5. **Shukla, V.** (2025). A Short Note on Agricultural Household's Farm Income: Evidence from the National Sample Survey 77th Round. *The Indian Economic Journal*, 73(4), 804-807 <https://doi.org/10.1177/00194662241278072> [ABDC (2022) B; Scopus]
6. **Shukla, V., & Mishra, U. S.** (2024). Reading Progress in Attainment of Higher Education Goals in India: Features and Characteristics. *Social Change*, 54(1), 68-85. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00490857231221206> [Scopus Q3]

7. **Shukla, V** (2021) Group Disparities in Educational Outcomes: An Age Cohort Perspective. *Indian Journal of Human Development*, 15(2), 334-352. <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/09737030211042054> [Scopus Q2]
8. **Shukla, V.**, Mishra, U.S. (2020) Expansion in Education and Its Impact on Income Inequality: Cross-sectional Evidence from India. *Indian Journal of Labour Economics* 63(2), 331–362. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s41027-020-00221-w> : [ABDC (2022) C ; Scopus Q3]
9. **Shukla, V.** & Mishra, U.S. (2019) Literacy Achievement in India: Across the States and Over the Age Cohort, *Economic and Political Weekly*, 54 (48), 43-53. <https://www.epw.in/journal/2019/48/special-articles/literacy-achievement-india.html> : [ABDC (2022) B; Scopus Q3]
10. **Shukla, V.** & Mishra, U.S. (2019). Educational Expansion and Schooling Inequality: Testing Educational Kuznets Curve for India. *Social Indicators Research*, 141(3), 1265-1283. <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007%2Fs11205-018-1863-x> : [ABDC (2022) A; Scopus Q1]
11. **Shukla, V.** & Mishra, U.S. (2017). Literacy achievement in India: A demographic evaluation, *PROSPECTS: Comparative Journal of Curriculum, Learning, and Assessment*, 47(3): 257-274. <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s11125-018-9429-x> : [Scopus Q1]
12. Mishra, U. S. & **Shukla, V.** (2016). Welfare Comparisons with Multidimensional Well-Being Indicators: An Indian Illustration. *Social Indicator Research*. 129(2), 505-525. <http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s11205-015-1117-0> [ABDC (2022) A; Scopus Q1]
13. Mishra, U.S., & **Shukla, V.** (2015). Provision of Basic Household Amenities in India: A Progress Report, *Social Change* 45 (3), 421–439. <http://sch.sagepub.com/content/45/3/421.full.pdf+html> [Scopus Q3]
14. Mishra, U.S., & **Shukla, V.** (2015). On Counting Multidimensional Wellbeing: An Indian Illustration. *The Empirical Economic Letters*, 14 (10), 957-655. [ABDC (2022) C]
15. **Shukla, V.** & Mishra, U.S. (2014). Is the Recent Reduction in India's Poverty Inclusive? *Economic and Political Weekly*, 49 (47), 70-75. [http://www.epw.in/system/files/pdf/2014_49/47/Is the Recent Reduction in India's Poverty Inclusive.pdf](http://www.epw.in/system/files/pdf/2014_49/47/Is%20the%20Recent%20Reduction%20in%20India's%20Poverty%20Inclusive.pdf) [ABDC (2022) B; Scopus Q3]
16. **Shukla, V.** & Mishra, U.S. (2014). Literacy progress in Uttar Pradesh: A district level analysis. *Indian Journal of Human Development*, 8 (1), 171-181. <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/0973703020140108> [ABDC (2022) B; Scopus Q3]

1.2 Other Peer-Reviewed Journals

17. **Shukla, V.** (2025). Analyzing Group Disparities in Mean Years of Schooling Across Indian States: Evidence from the NSS 79th Round Survey. *Anvesak*.
18. **Shukla, V.**, & Kujur, K. K. (2025). Household energy transition in India: Is the recent expansion in LPG use inclusive? *Social Change and Development*, 22 (1), 40-50. [paper-4.pdf \(socialchangeanddevelopment.in\)](https://www.scribd.com/document/89111111/paper-4.pdf)
19. **Shukla, V.** (2024). How Universal Is Universal Basic Literacy? *Economic and Political Weekly*, 59(47), 4. [How Universal Is Universal Basic Literacy? | Economic and Political Weekly \(epw.in\)](https://www.epw.in/journal/2024/47/special-articles/how-universal-is-universal-basic-literacy.html)

20. **Shukla, V.,** Mishra, U.S. (2023) Growth of Multilingualism in India. *Journal of Educational Planning and Administration*, 37(1), 61-74. [JEPA January 2023 issue watermark.pdf \(niepa.ac.in\)](#)
21. **Shukla, V.** (2022). Examining India's Literacy Advancement in the Absence of Census Data. *The Journal of Social and Economic Studies*, 32(1&2), 89-102.
22. **Shukla, V.** (2016). Assessing The India's Progress towards an Open Defecation Free Nation. *Journal of Infrastructure Development*, 8 (1), 85-91. [http://joi.sagepub.com/content/8/1/85.full.pdf+html](#)
23. **Shukla, V.** (2016) India's development story: unfounded apprehensions review of the book "An Uncertain Glory: India and Its Contradictions" by Jean Drèze and Amartya Sen, *Indian Journal of Medical Ethics*, 1(1):58, [https://ijme.in/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/2103-5.pdf](#)
24. **Shukla, V. & Mishra, U.S.** (2014). Age Composition and Literacy Progress in India: An Inter-State Analysis. *Journal of Educational Planning and Administration*, 28 (3), 223-234. [JEPA JUL-2014-VOL28 3 Final.pdf \(niepa.ac.in\)](#)
25. **Shukla, V.** (2012). Determinants of Non-Farm Employment in Rural Uttar Pradesh. *Anvesak*, 42 (1&2), 207-233.
26. **Shukla, V.** (2025). Bridging the Rural–Urban Divide: Analysing India's Strides in Essential Amenities Through NFHS Data. *Indian Journal of Public Administration*, 0(0). [https://doi.org/10.1177/00195561251365304](#)

2. Articles in Popular Media / Op-Eds

1. **Shukla, V. & Dash, S. K.** (2025, June 24). [How much do farmers depend on agriculture? - The Hindu Business Line](#)
2. **Shukla, V. & Dash, S. K.** (2025, May 22). [Multilingualism key to preserving linguistic diversity - The Hindu](#)
3. **Shukla, V.** (2025, April 19) [op-ed | Beyond subsidies: Availability of basic amenities impacts LPG adoption in households - Telegraph India](#)
4. **Shukla, V. & Dash, S. K.** (2025, March 24). [How PMJDY has changed banking in India - The Hindu BusinessLine](#)
5. **Shukla, V.** (2025, February 14) [Raising farm income: Need for a holistic approach - The Hindu BusinessLine](#)
6. **Shukla, V. & Dash, S. K.** (2024, December 30). [India's hunger paradox: Few miss meals, but food insecurity persists | Expert Views - Business Standard \(business-standard.com\)](#)
7. **Shukla, V. & Dash, S. K.** (2024, December 28). [op-ed | Education for the economy: Skilled workforce is the key to India 'Viksit Bharat' goal - Telegraph India](#)
8. **Shukla, V. & Dash, S. K.** (2024, December 23) [Educational Divide: Education Key to Bridging Economic Divide Among States, ET Education \(indiatimes.com\)](#)
9. **Shukla, V.** (2024, December 06) [Household consumption growth: Are the disparities narrowing among States? - The Hindu BusinessLine](#)
10. **Shukla, V.** (2024, October 26) [Household Consumption Expenditure Survey \(HCES\): Higher growth in non-food consumption among India's poorest households signals improving economic conditions, ET Government \(indiatimes.com\)](#)
11. **Shukla, V.** (2024, July 23) [MPCE: Signs of inclusive progress in consumption trends of rural & urban households, ET Government \(indiatimes.com\)](#)
12. **Shukla, V. & Dash, S. K.** (2024, July 5). [Computer literacy in India needs a reboot - The Hindu](#)

13. **Shukla, V** (2024, April 6,) Unveiling India's Literacy Journey When Census Data Isn't Available | - Mainstream Weekly
14. **Shukla, V** (2024, February 07) How Much do Agricultural Households Earn from Farming? The India Forum: A Journal-Magazine on Contemporary Issues. How Much do Agricultural Households Earn from Farming? | The India Forum
15. **Shukla, V** (2022, September 08) India's literacy programs have fallen short- 360 (360info.org)
16. **Shukla, V.** & Gosavi, N. (2021, December 23) <https://www.firstpost.com/india/digital-disparity-threatens-achievements-of-financial-inclusion-under-pm-jan-dhan-scheme-10226351.html>

Workshops and Training Programmes Organized

- Capacity Building Programme for Social Science Faculty Members sponsored by Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi at SPIESR Ahmedabad during 19-28 March 2018.
- Capacity Building Programme for Social Science Faculty Members sponsored by Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi at SPIESR Ahmedabad during 18-27 February 2019.
- 10-Day Research Methodology Workshop for research scholar in social sciences during 14th-23rd DEC 2020 sponsored by Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi at SPIESR, Ahmedabad.
- 10-Day Research Methodology Workshop for research scholar in social sciences during 2nd-11th March 2022 sponsored by Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi at SPIESR, Ahmedabad.
- Capacity Building Programme for Social Science Faculty Members sponsored by Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi at SPIESR Ahmedabad during 21st November -2nd December 2022.
- 10-Day Research Methodology Workshop for research scholar in social sciences during 4th-13th December 2023 sponsored by Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi at SPIESR, Ahmedabad.
- 10-Day Research Methodology Workshop for research scholar in social sciences during 15th-24th April 2025 sponsored by Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi at SPIESR, Ahmedabad.

Research Project Completed

- Impact Evaluation Study of TDF Wadi Projects: Kaprada – I sponsored by NABARD.
- Impact Evaluation Study of TDF Wadi Projects: Naswadi – I sponsored by NABARD.
- Economic Transformation in Rural India: A household Income Perspective sponsored by ICSSR, New Delhi.
- Short-term Empirical Research Project (Collaborative) entitled “Using LPG in Rural India: Behavioral, Economic, and Governance Factors” sponsored by ICSSR, New Delhi.