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Current Position

- Assistant Professor, Sardar Patel Institute of Economic and Social Research, Ahmedabad.

Education

- PhD 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

- Economic of Education
- Economics of Poverty and Inequality
- Labour Market, Employment and Development

Publications

Article in Journal (s)

1. **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>
2. **Shukla, V., Mishra, U.S.** (2023) Growth of Multilingualism in India. *Journal of Educational Planning and Administration*, 37(1), 61-74.
3. **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>
4. **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>
5. **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>

6. **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>
7. **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>
8. 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>
9. **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>
10. **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>
11. 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>
12. Mishra, U.S., & **Shukla, V.** (2015). On Counting Multidimensional Wellbeing: An Indian Illustration. *The Empirical Economic Letters*, 14 (10), 957-655.
13. **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_Indias_Poverty_Inclusive.pdf
14. **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.
[https://www.researchgate.net/publication/268509363_AGE_COMPOSITION_A
ND_LITERACY_PROGRESS_IN_INDIA_AN_INTER-STATE_ANALYSIS](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/268509363_AGE_COMPOSITION_AND_LITERACY_PROGRESS_IN_INDIA_AN_INTER-STATE_ANALYSIS)
15. **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>

News Article (s)

1. Computer literacy in India needs a reboot. *The Hindu* July 5, 2024 [Computer literacy in India needs a reboot - The Hindu](#)

2. Unveiling India's Literacy Journey When Census Data Isn't Available. *Mainstream Weekly*, Vol. 62 (14), April 6, 2024 [Unveiling India's Literacy Journey When Census Data Isn't Available | \(...\) - Mainstream Weekly](#)
3. 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](#)
4. India's literacy programs have fallen short. September 8, 2022. [India's literacy programs have fallen short - 360 \(360info.org\)](#)
5. Digital disparity threatens achievements of financial inclusion under PM Jan-Dhan scheme, December 21, 2021. <https://www.firstpost.com/india/digital-disparity-threatens-achievements-of-financial-inclusion-under-pm-jan-dhan-scheme-10226351.html>
6. Multilingualism: the key to preserving linguistic diversity in India, October 30, 2021 <https://myvoice.opindia.com/2021/10/multilingualism-the-key-to-preserving-linguistic-diversity-in-india>

Paper Presentation in Seminar/Conference (s)

- Presented a paper titled “*Exploring the Complexity of Income Distribution Among Agricultural Households in India*” in National Seminar on ‘Development Paradigm in India: A Study of Poverty, Inequality and Discrimination’ March 22-23, 2024, at y Department of Economics, Banaras Hindu University.
- Presented a paper titled “*Achieving the \$5 Trillion Economic Goal for India: The Role of Education*” in National Seminar on ‘India’s Ambition to Attain US\$ 5 Trillion Economy Target: Sectoral Challenges & the Possibilities’ March 15-16, 2024, at the Institute of Development Studies, Jaipur.
- Presented a paper titled “*Livelihood Diversification in Rural Gujarat: Analyzing the rural household reliance on farm income*” in National Seminar on ‘Natural Farming: Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities, Achieving Food Security, and Promoting Inclusive Growth for Sustainable Agriculture,’ organized by the Gujarat Institute of Development Research, Ahmedabad on 24 -25 February, 2024
- Presented a paper titled “*Examining Income Sources and Inequality within Agriculture Households in Gujarat*” in National Seminar on ‘The Growth Story of Gujarat: The Role of Public Policy Intervention’ on January 29-30, 2024 at Sardar Patel Institute of Economic and Social Research, Ahmedabad.
- Presented a paper titled “*Dependence of Rural Indian Household on Farming for Livelihood*” in International Seminar on ‘Alternative Paradigm for Sustainable Rural Transformation’ on January 11-13, 2024 at Department of Rural Economics, Gujarat Vidyapith, Ahmedabad.
- Presented a paper titled “*Economic Transformation in Rural India: A household Income Perspective*” in 63rd Labour Economics Conference held on March 1-3, 2023 at Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar.
- Presented a paper titled “*Reading Progress in Attainment of Higher Education in India: Features and Characteristics*” in XXVII IIPS National Seminar held on February 23-25, 2023 at Institute of Social and Economic Change, Bengaluru

- Presented a paper titled “*Differential and Disparities in Attainment of Higher Education in India*” in Second Biennial Conference on Sustainable Development held on December 21-23, 2022 at Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Mumbai.
- Presented a paper titled “*Education, employment and its impact on income inequality*” in International Conference on “Economic Development: Role of Higher Education Institutions in Employment” held on December 10-11, 2019 at Institute of Public Enterprises, Shamirpet Campus, Hyderabad
- Presented a paper titled ‘*Expansion in Education, and Its Impact On Income Inequality: Cross-Section Evidence from India*’ in the International Conference on “Prosperity, Equality and Sustainability” organized by the Institute for Human Development, New Delhi and the World Bank during 1-3 June, 2016 at India International Centre, New Delhi.
- Presented a paper titled ‘*The Role of Education in Shaping Income Inequality in India*’ in the International Conference on “South Asian Economic Development: The way forward” organized by Faculty of Economics, South Asian University, New Delhi during April 9-10, 2015.
- Presented a paper titled ‘*The Role of Education in Shaping Income Inequality in India*’ in the National Conference on “Papers in Public Economics and Policy” held on March 12-13, 2015 at National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, New Delhi.
- Presented a paper titled ‘Differential Attainment in Literacy across Indian States: An Assessment’ in the Census Data Dissemination Workshop Jointly Organized by Directorate of Census Operations, Maharashtra & Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai on 29th December, 2014 at TISS, Mumbai.
- Presented a paper titled “*Provisions of Basic Household Amenities in India: A Progress Report*” in the “National Seminar on “Reviewing Public Provisioning in Basic Services and Infrastructure: Country Experience and Outcomes” Organized by OKDISCD, Guwahati on September 25-26, 2014.
- Presented a paper titled ‘Group Inequality Adjusted Literacy Deprivation in India: Measurement and Interpretation’ in the “National Seminar on “Inequality in Post Reform India: Measurement and Policy Issues” Organized by NCDS, Bhubaneswar during September 28-29, 2012.
- Presented a paper titled “*Factors Affecting Employment Choices in Rural Uttar Pradesh*” in the National Seminar on “Demographic Transition and Inclusive Development” Organized by International Institute for Population Science, Mumbai in Collaboration with Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata during March 15-17, 2012.
- Presented a paper titled “*Determinants of Rural Non-Agriculture Employment in Uttar Pradesh*” in the National Seminar on “Imperatives of Sustainable Farm Sector Development in The Backdrop of Globalization, Poverty and Employment” held on June 15-16, 2012 at Sardar Patel Institute of Economic and Social Research, Ahmadabad.
- Participated and presented a paper titled ‘Employment Diversification in Rural Uttar Pradesh: A Regional Analysis’ in the international conference ‘Winter School 2011’, held at Department of Economics, Delhi School of Economics, during December 10-13, 2011.

- Participated and presented a paper titled ‘Employment Diversification in Rural Uttar Pradesh’ in the 52nd Annual Conference of the Indian Society of Labour Economics held on 17-19 December 2010 at Karnataka University, Dharwad
- Presented a Paper titled “*Land Marginalization and Employment: A Case of Rural Households in Uttar Pradesh*” in National Seminar on “Land Use Planning for Agriculture Development and Establishment of Agro-Economic Zones: Strategies for India with special reference to Uttar Pradesh” Organized by Centre for Food and Agribusiness Management, IIM Lucknow during December 11-12, 2009.

Lectures in Workshop/Training Programme

- Delivered a lecture titled '*Achieving the US \$ Five Trillion Economic Goal for India: The Role of Education*' on April 1, 2024, during the Faculty Development Programme on 'New Emerging Trends & Integration of Technology in Economics.' The event was organized by Government Commerce College, Naroda, Ahmedabad, and Knowledge Consortium of Gujarat, Ahmedabad, held from April 1-6, 2024.
- Delivered two lectures on “*Research Methodology*” in PhD coursework during 1st April -30th April 2024, Department of Economics, M.K. Bhavnagar University, Bhavnagar
- Delivered two lectures for PhD scholars on "Databases on the Indian Economy," hosted online at the Department of Economics, Banaras Hindu University, on July 10th and 17th, 2023.
- Delivered two lectures on “*Research Methodology*” in PhD coursework during 28th March -19th April 2023, Department of Economics, M.K. Bhavnagar University, Bhavnagar
- Delivered two lectures on “*Research Methodology*” in PhD coursework during 28th March -20th April 2022, Department of Economics, M.K. Bhavnagar University, Bhavnagar
- Delivered two lectures on “*Research Methodology*” in PhD coursework during 1-29 August 2020, Department of Economics, M.K. Bhavnagar University, Bhavnagar
- Delivered a lecture on “*Education and Socio-economic Development: An Assessment of National Education Policy – 2020*” on August 17, 2020 in the Four-day Lecture Series on “Role of National Educational Policy – 2020 in Socio-economic Development in India” organized by Department of Economics J.M.S. College, Munger.
- Delivered a lecture on “*Economics of Education*” in Refresher Course in Economics (02-15 December 2019) for University and College Teachers at UGC- Human Resource Development Centre of Gujarat University.
- Delivered a lecture on “*Measurement of Poverty and Inequality*” in Capacity Building Programme for Social Science Faculty Members sponsored by Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi organized by SPIESR Ahmedabad during 18-27 February 2019.
- Delivered a lecture on “*Population and Poverty*” at Gujarat Vidyapith Randheja campus on July 12, 2018 as part of Population Week Celebration.

- Delivered two lecture on “*Issues in Education Research*” in Capacity Building Programme for Social Science Faculty Members sponsored by Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi organized by SPIESR Ahmedabad during 19-28 March 2018.
- Delivered a lecture on “*Measurement of Inequality: An Introduction*” in ICSSR sponsored 10-day research methodology workshop for research scholar in social sciences during 24 April-03 May 2017 at SPIESR, Ahmedabad.

Workshop 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.

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