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### **Research Interest:**

*\*Health Geography*

*\*Informal Healthcare System*

Google Scholars: <https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=GCoqPicAAAAJ&hl=en>

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## **EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS**

**Dec 2024-Present:** Consultant (Post-Doctoral Fellow), Council for Social Development (CSD),  
New

Delhi.

**2018-2023:** Ph.D. “Rural Unqualified Health Providers in Primary Healthcare: A  
Case Study in Uttar Dinajpur District, West Bengal, India.”

Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India

**2016-2018:** M. Phil

Jawaharlal Nehru University, Centre for the Study of Regional  
Development, India

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## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

### **Post-Doctoral Fellow (Consultant)**

Council for Social Development, New Delhi, India

December 2024-Present

**Consultant**

January 2024-September 2024

Council for Social Development, New Delhi, India

**Research Associate**

May 2023 –October 2023

Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India

**Research Associate**

October 2022- November 2022

Council for Social Development, New Delhi, India

**Research Assistant**

September 2018- February 2019

Under Dr. B K Choudhary, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India

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**Previous Work Experience in Institution:**

1. Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India,
2. Council for Social Development, New Delhi, India

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**Publications:****Research Articles Published:**

1. **Debsarma D**, Ghosh SM, Choudhary BK. Mapping global voices for empowering informal healthcare providers to build a sustainable community-based primary healthcare model in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs). Int J Health Policy Manag. 2025; 14:8859. doi:10.34172/ijhpm.8859.
2. **Debsarma, D.**, Choudhary, B.K. (2024). Exploring the Socio-Ecological factors of healthcare-seeking behaviour among patients/people from Rural Unqualified Health Providers in the rural settings in West Bengal, India, SSM - Health Systems, (2024) doi: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssmhs.2024.100046>.
3. **Debsarma, D. (2022)**. Exploring the strategies for upgrading the rural unqualified health practitioners in West Bengal, India: A knowledge, attitude, and practices

assessment-based approach. *Health Policy OPEN*, Volume 3, 100083, ISSN 2590-2296. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.hpopen.2022.100083>.

4. Saha, J., Hussain, D., **Debsarma, D.** (2024). Exploring the association between floods and childhood diarrhea in India. Cambridge University Press, *Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness*. 18, e142, 1–13 <https://doi.org/10.1017/dmp.2024.123>.
5. **Debsarma, D.**, Karmakar, R., & Saha, J. (2022). Trends and determinants in the utilization of maternal healthcare services in West Bengal, India: Findings from the 3rd and 4th round National Family and Health Survey. *Midwifery*, 112, 103387. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.midw.2022.103387>.
6. **Debsarma, D.**, Saha, J., & Ghosh, S. (2022). Factors associated with delay in treatment-seeking behaviour for fever cases among caregivers of under-five children in India: Evidence from the National Family Health Survey-4, 2015-16. *PloS one*, 17(6), e0269844. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0269844>.
7. **Debsarma, D.**, Saha, J., Choudhary, B.K. (2022). Prevalence, pattern, and correlates of multimorbidity among adult and old aged women in India. *Clinical Epidemiology and Global Health* 17(2022)101143.
8. **Debsarma, D.**, Singha, D., Choudhary, B.K. (2024). Social Cohesion Among Various Caste Groups in India. *Journal of Social Inclusion Studies* 10(1) 120–133, 2024.DOI: 10.1177/23944811241254757.

#### **Book Chapters Published:**

1. Saha, J., **Debsarma, D.** (2023). India's Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY), a conditional cash transfer program analysis using Kingdon's Multiple streams framework. [Swasthya Bharat and India's National Health Policy" Edited by Rumki Basu, and Sanghamitra Acharya Sheel; Atlantic Publishers and Distribution. ISBN 9788126940400; Page No.- 87-104.
2. Saha, J., **Debsarma, D.** (2022). The impact of COVID-19 pandemic on the boat clinic health care service delivery in flood-prone riverine islands of Assam, India: Insights from health care providers. 'COVID-19 & Socioeconomic Challenges in India Through the lens of Migration, Health & Gender', (Edited by Sandhya R. Mahapatro, Bookwell, Delhi, pp 127-142, ISBN 978-81-958340-0-6).

3. Karmakar, R., **Debsarma, D.** (2022). Barriers to Utilization of Maternal Health Care Services in Rural Uttar Dinajpur, West Bengal: A Qualitative Ground Level Assessment. In Editor Roychowdhury. S., Islam, N., Chakraborty, D. (Ed.). Health Disparities in India: Conceptual and Empirical Explorations (pp-15-33). Allied Publishers Private Limited. ISBN:978-93-90951-40-6.

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### **Computer and Software Skills:**

- (i) STATA, ((ii) PowerPoint

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### **Work Experiences on Large-Scale Data Sets:**

1. National Family and Health Survey (NFHS),
2. Indian Human Development Survey (IHDS),
3. Study on global AGEing and adult health (WHO-SAGE),
4. National Sample Survey (NSS)
5. Longitudinal Ageing Study in India (LASI).
6. Census.
7. Google Trend Data

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### **Awards, Scholarships, and Membership**

1. *Awards*— UGC-NET —2014:
2. Awards— UGC-NET –JRF (Junior Research Fellowship)-2015:
3. Fellowship – *UGC* Junior Research Fellowship (2016-2018)
4. UGC Senior Research Fellowship (2018-2021)

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### **Attend Conferences and Workshops:**

1. 16<sup>th</sup>, Annual Conference of the Indian Association For Social Sciences and Health (IASSH), on Advance Methods in Large-scale Data Analysis. Organized by Centre for the Study of Regional Development, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

2. International Webinar on 'Covid-19 Pandemic from the Eyes of Geography-2020, Gauhati University, India. Title: "The impact of COVID-19 pandemic on the boat clinic health care service delivery in the Lakhimpur District, Assam."
3. Graduate Research Meet, IIT Guwahati-2021. Title: "Professional Characteristics of Unqualified Health Providers (UHPs) in Rural Health System: A Study in Uttar Dinajpur District, West Bengal, India."
4. International Conference, Institute for Human Development. "Urbanizing Indigenous Communities: Challenges to Health, and Quality of Life."
5. National Conference 'Intergroup Inequality in Indian Society: Magnitude, Nature, Sources, Policies, and the Movement', Organised by: Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bengaluru, Indian Institute of Dalit Studies (IIDS), Delhi and Association of Academic for Social Justice (AASJ), Delhi. Date: 23 rd and 25 th August, 2023. Title of the Paper: Association between exposure to mass media with knowledge, attitude and practices regarding HIV/AIDS among couples of reproductive age group in India