

DSE Young Scholar Seminar 2025

Organised by

Centre for Development Economics, Delhi School of Economics

28 February 2025 – 1 March 2025

Day 1: 28 February 2025 (Friday)

🕒 09:00 AM – 09:30 AM

Registration and Tea ☕

🕒 09:30 AM – 10:00 AM

Welcome by the Organising Committee

Chair: Ram Singh

Members: Manish Kumar, Sandip Datta, Swati Saini, Rohit Parasar, and Varun Kumar Das

Venue: Room No. 206

🕒 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM — Parallel Sessions

Session: Information, Governance, and Liability

Venue: Room 208

Chair & Discussant: Anirban Kar (DSE, University of Delhi)

- *Cheap talk with multiple senders and receivers: Information transmission in ethnic conflicts*

Presenter: Satyam Kumar Rai (Ashoka University)

- *Does E-Government Reduce Corruption in Sub-Saharan Africa? A Theoretical and Empirical Analysis*

Presenter: Samson Benson Simwanza (DSE, University of Delhi)

Session: State and Regulations

Venue: Room 104

Chair & Discussant: Dharmveer (DSE, University of Delhi)

- *Exploring the Factors Influencing Military Expenditure: A Cross Country Analysis*

Presenter: R. Ahalya (University of Delhi)

- *An Assessment of the Political Rise of the Backward Castes in Contemporary Bihar*

Presenter: Niraj Kumar (CESP - Jawaharlal Nehru University)

🕒 11:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Tea Break ☕ (DSE Lawn)

🕒 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM — Parallel Sessions

Session: Macroeconomic Dynamics and Structural Change

Venue: Room 208

Chair & Discussant: Swati Saini (DSE, University of Delhi)

- *Conclusive Analysis of Stagflation in India: Validation of Phillips Curve as Economic Theory over Empirical Evidence (1991-2023)*
Presenter: Tripti (Aryabhata College, University of Delhi)
- *Land Allocation, Distribution and Structural Change in a Developing Economy: A Kaldorian Approach*
Presenter: Isha Gupta (University of Delhi & CESP, Jawaharlal Nehru University)

Session: Economic Regulation and Enterprise Performance

Venue: Room 104

Chair & Discussant: Devesh Birwal (DSE, University of Delhi)

- *Caught in the Web? How Regulatory Reforms Shape Firm Performance in India*
Presenter: Prabin Chauhan Chhetri (Sikkim University)
- *Examining Job and Social Security Dynamics in India: An Enterprise-Level Perspective (2004-2024)*
Presenter: Priyanshi Chaudhary (OP Jindal Global University)

🕒 1:30 PM – 2:45 PM

Lunch Break 🍴 (DSE Lawn)

🕒 2:45 PM – 4:15 PM — Parallel Sessions **Session: Identities and Democracy**

Venue: Room 104

Chair & Discussant: Satyendra Gupta (DSE, University of Delhi)

- *Intersecting Identities: Caste, Women's Empowerment, and Household Food Security in East India*
Presenter: Shakuntala Ghadai (Jawaharlal Nehru University)
- *Does reservation in panchayat elections impact health outcomes? Evidence from India*
Presenter: Ramandeep (DSE, University of Delhi)

Session: Household Decision-Making, Vulnerability, and Human Capital

Venue: Room 116

Chair & Discussant: Sugata Bag (DSE, University of Delhi)

- *Heterogeneity and Persistence in Rates of Returns to Education in Nepal: Evidence from Living Standard Surveys*
Presenter: Bidhan Aryal (South Asian University)
- *Intra-household Disparity Sensitive Fuzzy Multi-Dimensional Vulnerability Index: A Study of Construction and Decomposition through AI*
Presenter: Santosh Nandi (Vidyasagar University)

🕒 4:15 PM – 4:30 PM

Tea Break ☕ (DSE Lawn)

🕒 4:30 PM – 5:45 PM — **Session: Labour, Digitalization, and Employment Dynamics**

Venue: Room 208

Chair & Discussant: Debdulal Saha (IISER Mohali)

- *Low Labour Force Participation in India: The Role of Macroeconomic Shocks and Intra-Household Dynamics*
Presenter: Aakash Dev (NCAER)
- *What Makes the Char Dwellers Vulnerable to Climate Change? An Empirical Investigation on the Riverine Community of Assam, India*
Presenter: Mrinal Saikia (Gauhati University)
- *Ripple Effect of Educating Women: How Mothers and Mothers-in-Law Drive Birth Spacing for Next-Generation Indian Couples*
Presenter: Shruti Yadav (DSE, University of Delhi)

🕒 5:45 PM onwards

High Tea ☕ (DSE Lawn)

Day 2: 1 March 2025 (Saturday)

🕒 9:30 AM – 10:00 AM

Morning Tea ☕ (DSE Lawn)

🕒 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM — Parallel Sessions

Session: Finance, Inequality, and Household Decisions

Venue: Room 104

Chair & Discussant: Paramjit (DSE, DU)

- *Does Faith Drive Finance? Investigating Religious Influence on Financial Inclusion in India*
Presenter: Shagishna K (Cochin University of Science and Technology)
- *An Empirical Study of Rural Women's Autonomy Over Finances and Its Impact on Household Decision-Making*
Presenter: Rajani Singh (JNU)

Session: Climate, Governance, and Sustainability

Venue: Room 116

Chair & Discussant: Surender Kumar (DSE, University of Delhi)

- *Determining the Impacts of Climate Change on Mango Productivity in India*
Presenter: Sujayata Choudhry (DSE- University of Delhi)
- *Understanding Financial Inclusion and Governance Quality in Renewable Energy Investment*
Presenter: Deepak Kushawaha (Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research)
- *Digitalization and Employment: Lessons from the Developed and Developing Countries*
Presenter: Madhabendra Sinha (Visva-Bharati (A Central University))

🕒 11:30 AM – 11:45 AM

Tea Break ☕ (DSE Lawn)

🕒 11:45 AM – 1:15 PM — Parallel Sessions

Session: Risk and Policy Dynamics

Venue: Room 116

Chair & Discussant: Uday Bhanu Sinha (DSE, University of Delhi)

- *The Cyclical Behaviour of Capital Controls with Aggregate Economic Activities: A Spectral Analysis Approach*
Presenter: Mukesh Kumar (South Asian University, New Delhi)
- *Decomposition of Accident Loss Under the Negligence Rule.*
Presenter: Suranjana Roy (Jawaharlal Nehru University)

Session: Nutrition, and Economic Vulnerabilities

Venue: Room 104

Chair & Discussant: Gurpreet Singh (OP Jindal Global University)

- *Role of Dietary Diversity in Addressing Chronic Energy Deficiency in Tribal Women of Reproductive Age: A Case Study*
Presenter: Balram Kumar (Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research)
- *Distress Financing for Institutional Delivery in India: A Regional Analysis of Economic Inequality, Coping Mechanisms, and Contributing Factors*
Presenter: Puja Pal (University of Allahabad)
- *Deficit Reduction Vs. Social Sector Spending in India: Examining the Effects of Fiscal Consolidation Under the FRBM Act*
Presenter: Susmita Kalyani and Aneesh.K.A (Christ University)

🕒 1:15 PM – 2:30 PM

Lunch Break 🍴 (DSE Lawn)

🕒 2:30 PM – 4:00 PM — Parallel Sessions

Session: Gender, Health, and Family Dynamics

Venue: Room 104

Chair & Discussant: Sourav Sarkar (DSE, DU)

- *Homes of Harm: Spousal Violence and Child Malnutrition in India*
Presenter: Noyel Sebastian (JNU)
- *Shadows of Survival: Adolescent Mental Health in the Wake of Human-Wildlife Conflict*
Presenter: Raima Kayal (Pondicherry University)

Session: Agriculture, Gender and Nutrition

Venue: Room 116

Chair & Discussant: Avanindra Thakur (OP Jindal Global University)

- *Agricultural Diversification in India*
Presenter: Umesh Kumar Yadav (Jawaharlal Nehru University)
- *Gender and Control Over Agriculture Microcredit: Evidence from Self-Help Group in Gaya District of Bihar*
Presenter: Priyanka Kumari (Banaras Hindu University)