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Employment

March 2014 - Fellow, Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi
August 2010- February 2014 Senior Researcher, Accountability Initiative, Centre for
Policy Research, New Delhi

Education

Ph.D. (Economics), University of California, Santa Cruz (UCSC), July 2010
M.A. (Economics), University of Mumbai, Mumbai, June 2004
B.A. (Economics & Statistics), Ruia College, University of Mumbai, Mumbai, June 2002

Research

Publications

*Do Private Tuitions improve Learning Outcomes?: Evidence from India using ASER
Data* with Vibhu Tewary, Economic & Political Weekly, 2015, Vol L No 41, pp 72-80

*Do Gram Panchayats Get Their Money? PAISA Report (A Case Study of Gram
Panchayat Fund Flows in Birbhum District, West Bengal)*, Accountability Initiative
(Centre for Policy Research), September 2011. Accepted for publication in ‘*Volume on
Decentralization*’ to be published by SAGE Publications (forthcoming)

How is Janani Suraksha Yojana performing in Backward Districts of India?, with Avani Kapur, *Economic & Political Weekly*, 2013, Vol. 48, No. 42, pp 53-59

Structural Breaks in India's Growth: Revisiting the Debate with Longer Term Perspective, (with N. Hatekar), *Economic & Political Weekly*, 2005, Vol. 40, No. 14, pp 1432-1435. Also included in the volume '*Economic Reforms and Growth in India (Essays from Economic & Political Weekly)*', (ed. Pulapre Balakrishnan), Orient Blackswan Pvt. Ltd.

Poverty & Malnutrition in India (Marathi), (with N. Hatekar), *Samaj Prabodhan Patrika*, 2005, Year 43, Issue 72, pp 194- 203

Policy Reports

State of the Nation: RTE Section 12(1)(c), IIM-A, Central Square Foundation, Accountability Initiative, Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy, March 2015

PAISA District Studies (Rural), Accountability Initiative (Centre for Policy Research),

PAISA District Surveys: Mid Day Meal Scheme (2012), Accountability Initiative (Centre for Policy Research) and ASER, June 2013

PAISA 2012: Do Schools Get Their Money, Accountability Initiative (Centre for Policy Research) and ASER, March 2013

PAISA 2011: Do Schools Get Their Money, Accountability Initiative (Centre for Policy Research) and ASER, March 2012

PAISA District Studies (Rural), Accountability Initiative (Centre for Policy Research), ASER & National Institute of Public Finance & Policy (NIPFP), Delhi, December 2011

PAISA 2010: Do Schools Get Their Money, Accountability Initiative (Centre for Policy Research), ASER & National Institute of Public Finance & Policy (NIPFP), Delhi, March 2011

Chapters in Policy reports

Per Child Recurring Cost and Reimbursements: Issues and Way Forward in [State of the Nation: RTE Section 12\(1\)\(C\)](#), IIM-A, Central Square Foundation, Accountability Initiative (Centre for Policy Research), Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy, March 2015

Janani Suraksha Yojana, Institutional Deliveries and Maternal Mortality: What does evidence say? in [India Infrastructure Report 2013-14](#): Road to Universal Health Coverage, IDFC Foundation, India (published by Orient Blackswan Pvt. Ltd.), December 2014

Working papers

Education Reforms, Bureaucracy and the Puzzles of Implementation: A Case Study from Bihar with Yamini Aiyar and Vincy Davis, August 2015

Comprehensive Examination of the State of Implementation of RTE Section 12(1)(c): Findings from a Nation-wide Study with Ankur Sarin, Sunaina Kuhn, Bikkrama Singh, Praveen Khangta, Ekta Joshi, Arghya Sengupta, Rukmini Das and Faiza Rahman, June 2015 (submitted)

Rules vs Responsiveness: Towards building an Outcome-focused Approach to governing Elementary Education Finances in India with Yamini Aiyar, Avani Kapur, Anit Mukherjee and T.R. Raghunandan, May 2015

How much does India spend on Elementary Education? with Avani Kapur and Vibhu Tewary, October 2014 (under revision)

Can Conditional Cash Transfers impact Institutional Deliveries: Evidence from Janani Suraksha Yojana in India, November 2013

Refereeing

Social Science and Medicine (Elsevier)

Press/ External Blogs

[*Education reforms and frontline administrators: A case study from Bihar – II*](#), October 16, 2015, Ideas for India (co-authored with Yamini Aiyar and Vincy Davis)

[*Education reforms and frontline administrators: A case study from Bihar - I*](#), October 15, 2015, Ideas for India (co-authored with Yamini Aiyar and Vincy Davis)

[*A good way to implement RTE*](#), April 6, 2015, The Daily Pioneer

[*How much does India spend on Elementary Education?*](#), February 2, 2015, Ideas for India (co-authored with Avani Kapur)

[*Do Private Tutions improve Learning Outcomes?*](#), August 13, 2014, Ideas for India (co-authored with Vibhu Tewary)

A Crisis of Implementation, Indian Express, October 23, 2012 (co-authored with Yamini Aiyar)

On RTE, Do the Math, Indian Express, June 1, 2012

Press mention

Saving India's Women, Nirvikar Singh, Mint, April 4, 2010

Lessons on Cash Transfers, Yamini Aiyar & Avani Kapur, Mint, February 20, 2013

A Road to Development, Nirvikar Singh, Financial Express, November 15, 2013

[*Reforms needed in Education*](#), Yamini Aiyar, Mint, February 23, 2015

Presentations

2015 –Centre for Policy Research; Conference on Public Economics and Policy, National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, New Delhi

2014- 10th Annual Conference on Economic Growth & Development, Indian Statistical

Institute, Delhi; Annual Conference of Indian Association for Research in National Income and Wealth, Ahmedabad; Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Ahmedabad.

2013- Shiv Nadar University, Uttar Pradesh; International Conference on Contemporary Debates in Public Policy and Management, Indian Institute of Management, Kolkata.

2012- Seminar on 'Inclusive Education & Bridging the Widening Societal Disparities', Centre for Public Policy, IIM Bangalore

2011- 'Workshop on Local Governance and Decentralised Service Delivery in the 12th Plan', jointly organized by Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Government of India, World Bank and Institute of Social Sciences; 'Workshop cum Conference on Rural Decentralisation', jointly Organized by Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Kolkata, DFID (UK), and the Government of West Bengal

2010- 6th Annual Conference on Economic Growth & Development, Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi; North Eastern Universities Development Conference (NEUDC), MIT, Boston; Centre for Development Finance (CDF), IFMR, Chennai; IIM Indore; International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Washington DC; Pacific Conference for Development (PACDEV), University of Southern California, Los Angeles

Consultancies

PRADAN (India); Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (India office); Pratham Educational Foundation (India);

Teaching experience

Co-faculty, Module on *Financing Education* (as part of Economics of Education course), for students of Masters in Education, and Development, Azim Premji University, Bangalore; April-May 2013

Skills

Languages: English (Fluent), Hindi (Fluent), Marathi (Native)

Software: STATA, LaTeX