Saurabh Chowdhury

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Professional Interests	Policy, Research, Primary Data, Forests and livelihoods, Natural resource governance; Common Property Resources (CPRs); Climate Change; Environmental Policy, Law and Governance; Social Impact Assessment; Energy access; Renewable Energy

Education

PhD Anthropology   **Sept 2023 – pursuing**
Department of Anthropology and Archaeology
University of Calgary, Alberta, Canada

M.A. Environment and Development   **July 2014 – May 2016**
School of Human Ecology, Ambedkar University Delhi
Grade: A minus; CGPA: 7.91

B.A. (Honours) Economics   **Jul 2011- Jun 2014**
Deshbandhu College, University of Delhi
Percentage: 61%

Academic Research

Change in forest resource dependence of a village in Central Indian dry land	**July 2015**
Social and Ecological dynamics of Fuelwood Extraction from a Reserved Forest: A case study from Sheopur District, Madhya Pradesh, India	**May 2016**
Spread and Prevention of Malaria in an Urban Village	**Mar 2016**
Coal, Energy Access and Climate Change in India	**Aug 2017**

Publications

Chowdhury, S. (2021). Harbouring brood lac: envisioning lac clusters. *Development in Practice*, 402-408.
https://doi.org/10.1080/09614524.2021.2006148

Conference Presentations

LDPI International Conference on Global Land Grabbing	**Mar 2024**
Entangled Natures – A Conference on Human Ecology	**Feb 2019**
2nd Annual India Public Policy Network (IPPN)	**Feb 2019**
6th Annual Conference of Network of Rural and Agrarian Studies (NRAS)	**Sept 2018**

Training Programs

Integrated Solid Waste Management Training, Centre for Science and Environment (CSE)	**Aug 2018**
Training on Social Impact Assessment, State SIA unit, Ambedkar University Delhi (AUD)	**May 2018**
Agroecology Training, Centre for Interdisciplinary Studies, Basudha, Odisha	**Mar 2019**

Work Experience	**Prayatna**	**Oct 2022 – July 2023**

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Program Manager

Prayatna is an NGO working in the domain of livelihoods, education and skills development. My job is to manage some of the ongoing projects in various Enterprise Resource Centres, develop new proposals and projects and work on project maintenance and evaluation.

Samrakshan Charitable Trust   **Oct 2021 – July 2022**

Senior Researcher

As part of the Thar Desert Cumulative Impact Assessment (CIA) project team, my job was to prepare the CIA document, planning field visits and undertaking stakeholder engagements.

Centre for Development Practice,   **Feb 2019 – Aug 2021**
Ambedkar University Delhi

Research Coordinator

My job was to manage multiple projects of the centre, coordinating with partners and donors, coordination with university administration, and assisting with project initiatives on the ground especially in Chhattisgarh.

Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI)   **Oct 2018 – Jan 2019**

Intern – Country Planning Framework (Sustainable Landscapes)

My job was to focus on opportunities for sustainable land use through policy interventions or business models to achieve the NDC targets of India.

Samrakshan Charitable Trust   **Jun 2017 – Jun 2018**

Project Manager

Managed a project called 'Livelihoods Intervention Program' which focused on skill development for the local Sahariya Adivasi community.

Environmental Management Committee,   **Jun 2016 – Oct 2016**
Ambedkar University Delhi

Research Assistant

Was working in a project called the 'Green Campuses Initiatives', part of the Environmental Management Committee, Ambedkar University Delhi.

Volunteer Work

Aadharshila Shiksha Samiti   **Nov 2016 – Mar 2017**

Community Volunteer

Leaders for Tomorrow   **Jun 2012 – Apr 2014**

Creative Head, IYM President

Skills and Software

- MS Office
- R, R Studio
- Adobe Photoshop
- Adobe Premier Pro