

Brief Biography of Dr. Achiransu Acharyya

Dr. Achiransu Acharyya is an Associate Professor (since 2018) in the Department of Economics and Politics at Visva-Bharati (A Central University and an Institution of National Importance), founded by Nobel Laureate Rabindranath Tagore and situated in Santiniketan, West Bengal, where he has been teaching for the last 22 years. Previously, he taught at the Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Ahmedabad, and St. Xavier's University, Kolkata. He has been a Project Research Personnel at the Department of Economics, Jadavpur University, Kolkata and a Project Scientist at the Institute of Wetland Management and Ecological Design, Kolkata. He has been a Teaching Fellow at the Department of Economics, University of Oregon, USA and a Visiting Scholar at the University of Nijmegen, The Netherlands. Dr Acharyya's research mainly involves Environmental Economics and Agricultural Economics. For the past several years, he has been working on areas including property rights and land ownership, the economics of groundwater resources, the use of energy in agriculture, Climate Smart Agriculture, and Sustainable Development. He has conducted several international and national research projects sponsored by the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank, the United Nations Organization, and Central and State Governments. He has several publications in international and national journals and has also published several books. His most recently published books are "Ground Water Contamination in India: Adverse Effects on Habitats" (Springer, 2025) and "Environmental Economics in Developing Countries: Issues and Challenges" (Routledge, Taylor & Francis, London, 2024). He has received various awards for his research, including the James D. Wolfensohn Award, sponsored by the World Bank, USA and the Dr N.A. Mujumdar Prize from the Indian Journal of Agricultural Economics. He has guided several PhD scholars. He has worked as a Consultant Economist for the Asian Development Bank. He has served as Chief Editor of the journal "Indian Groundwater" published by the Centre for Groundwater Studies. He is a Life member of the International Society for Ecological Economics (ISEE) and the European Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (EARE).



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