


## CURRICULUM VITAE: SONIA PANT

Name: Date of Birth:	<b>SONIA PANT</b> March 1, 1976	
Present post: Service: Present grade:	On study leave, upto August, 2021 Indian Economic Service (Batch: 2001) Senior Administrative Grade (since Sep 05, 2020)	
Central Staffing Scheme experience: Details:	Yes Deputy Secretary, Department of Commerce (July 2010-Oct 2013)	
Educational Qualification:	MA (Hon.) Economics, Delhi School of Economics, 1998 UGC NET, 1998 Diploma in Trade Policy, WTO Geneva, 2008	
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### Tenure-wise job profile

Post	<b>Study Leave</b>
Tenure	<b>Aug 2019 onwards upto Aug 2021</b>
Category	Cadre
Grade	Senior Administrative Grade
Job profile	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Pursuing Ph.D. in Economics from Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT). Completed course work and synopsis. Working on thesis.</li> </ul>

Post	<b>Director, Services Desk, Trade Policy Division, Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry</b>
Tenure	<b>July 2017 – Aug 2019 (2 years 1 month)</b>
Category	Cadre

Grade	Non-Functional Selection Grade
Job profile	<p>WTO Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Services issues at the WTO. Handled various General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS) committees. LDC issues. Notification obligations.</li> <li>▪ Preparing and tabling negotiating proposals</li> <li>▪ Defending India in various WTO meetings</li> </ul> <p>E-commerce</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ E-commerce issues at the WTO. Examining various proposals under the Joint Ministerial Statement Initiative on e-commerce.</li> <li>▪ Preparing and tabling negotiating proposals under Work Programme on e-commerce</li> <li>▪ Defending India in various WTO meetings</li> <li>▪ Draft e-commerce policy. Widespread stakeholder consultations organised for obtaining inputs. Preparing draft on various aspects.</li> </ul> <p>Bilateral Negotiations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ As track lead worked to achieve commercially meaningful market access in services in RCEP, India – EFTA, India-EU, India-UK FTA and trade negotiations.</li> <li>▪ Prepared India's negative list services offers in consultation with various stakeholders.</li> <li>▪ Coordination with all stakeholders (Government Ministries and Departments, Industry, Regulatory Bodies, Professional Associations etc.) to prepare India's position in the services negotiations. Cabinet notes, briefs and ministerial references related to interpretation of GATS etc.</li> </ul>

Post	<b>Director, Investment Desk, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance</b>
Tenure	<b>Dec 2016 – Jul 2017 (7 months)</b>
Category	Cadre
Grade	Non-Functional Selection Grade
Job profile	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Investment negotiations in FTAs and BITAs.</li> <li>▪ FATF Desk</li> </ul>

Post	<b>First Secretary (Services), Permanent Mission of India to WTO, Geneva, Switzerland</b>
Tenure	<b>Oct 2013 - Oct 2016 (3 years)</b>
Category	Foreign deputation (non-CSS)
Grade	Non-Functional Selection Grade (Jan 2014-Oct 2016)

	Junior Administrative Grade (Oct 2013-Dec 2013)
Job profile	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Represented India's position in various WTO Agreements: Services (GATS), Trade Remedies (Anti-Dumping Agreement, Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures), Fishery Subsidy Negotiations, E-commerce Negotiations under the Work Programme in the WTO, and Trade Related Investment Measures (TRIMS).</li> </ul>

Post	<b>Deputy Secretary, Department of Commerce</b>
Tenure	<b>Sep 2010- Oct 2013 (3 years 1 months)</b>
Category	Central Staffing Scheme
Grade	Junior Administrative Grade
Job profile	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Handled the Services Desk in the Trade Policy Division. Looked after services issues at the WTO. Tabled text on Domestic Regulations negotiations in the WTO. Also worked on India's Mode 4 submission at the WTO.</li> <li>▪ Bilateral FTA negotiations. As track lead worked to achieve commercially meaningful market access in services in the following negotiations: India-Japan CEPA, India-ASEAN Services Agreement, SAARC Agreement on Trade in Services (SATIS), India-EU and India-EFTA Agreement.</li> <li>▪ Coordination with all stakeholders (Government Ministries and Departments, Industry, Regulatory Bodies, Professional Associations etc.) to prepare India's position in the services negotiations.</li> </ul>

Post	<b>Deputy Director, Trade Policy Division, Department of Commerce</b>
Tenure	<b>June 2006- July 2010 (4years 1 month)</b>
Category	Cadre
Grade	Senior Time Scale
Job profile	Services issues in the WTO and bilateral FTA negotiations. Worked on India's Revised Offer in Services tabled at the WTO. Worked on India's submission at the WTO on Domestic Regulations. Worked in the services track of the following negotiations: India – Singapore CECA, India – Korea CEPA, India-EU and India-EFTA Agreement. Coordination with all stakeholders to prepare India's position in the services negotiations.

Post	<b>Assistant Director, Trade Policy Division, Department of Commerce</b>
Tenure	<b>Dec 2004- June 2006 (1 years 6 months)</b>
Category	Cadre

Grade	Junior Time Scale
Job profile	Services issues in the WTO and bilateral FTA negotiations. Worked on India's Initial Offer in Services tabled at the WTO. Worked in the services track of the following negotiations: India – Singapore CECA, India – Korea CEPA, India-EU and India-EFTA Agreement. Coordination with all stakeholders to prepare India's position in the services negotiations.

Post	<b>Assistant Director, Economic Division, Department of Commerce</b>
Tenure	<b>June 2004- Dec 2004 (6 months)</b>
Category	Cadre
Grade	Junior Time Scale
Job profile	Preparation of monthly press note, foreign trade. Annual monitoring and review of export performance. Commodity specific reports on exports.

Post	<b>Assistant Director, Transport Research Wing, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways</b>
Tenure	<b>Sept 2003- June 2004 (9 months)</b>
Category	Cadre
Grade	Junior Time Scale
Job profile	Collection, compilation and dissemination of statistics on road and water transport.

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