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EDUCATION

Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government Master in Public Administration (2 Year)

Cambridge, MA May 2020

Concentration: Macroeconomics, Economic Development, Institutions & State Capability, Digital Government, Behavioral economics, Using Big Data

Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics

Pune, India May 2010

Master in Economics

Concentration: Macroeconomics, Public Economics, International Trade

University of Delhi New Delhi, India
Bachelor's in Economics May 2007

EXPERIENCE

Serving civil servant in the Indian Economic Service, Government of India (Batch 2011). Assignments summarized below:

Investment Division, Ministry of Finance, Government of India. *Joint Director*

September 2022-Present

- Handling all administrative and technical matters related to National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF), India's quasi Sovereign Wealth Fund.
- Working closely with NIIF for finalization of the investment strategy for the new and upcoming funds in line with the guidance from Cabinet and India's national objectives
- Undertaking analysis of Investment data and bilateral investment opportunities and engaging proactively with institutional
 investors including Pension Funds and Sovereign Wealth Funds (SWFs) for facilitating domestic investment across sectors
 in India and into NIIFs current and upcoming Funds.
- Facilitation and the organization of Investor Roundtables for the Hon'ble FM to engage with and hear from the investor community
- Coordinating and managing the Single Point of Contact System (SPOC) in DEA including routine data monitoring, analyses
 and examination.

Financial Markets Division, Ministry of Finance, Government of India. Joint Director

Deputy Director

April 2021-August 2022 June 2020-March 2021

- Working on policy issues pertaining to Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA) and Foreign Exchange Management (Non-Debt Instrument) Rules, SEBI Foreign Portfolio Investment (FPI) Regulations, and the International Financial Services Centres Authority Act (IFSCAA).
- Policy analysis of issues related to capital markets and foreign portfolio investment in India
- Facilitating the operation and management of the India's first International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) in Gujarat
- Examination of proposals by companies for foreign investment and external commercial borrowings in consultation with RBI
- Approval for establishment of Liaison Office/Branch Office/Project Office in India by foreign entities
- Prepare policy notes and briefs on a regular basis related to external markets and foreign investment for the Finance Minister's Office (FMO)

Office of Chief Economic Adviser, Ministry of Finance, Government of India.

Deputy Director Assistant Director

April 2016-August 2018 December 2014-March 2016

- · Discharged responsibility as Officer on Special Duty and key media liaison advisor to the Chief Economic Advisor
- Undertook economic research and analysis in the Office of CEA and provided technical inputs for the key annual publications of the Ministry of Finance viz. the *Economic Survey* for the years 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18
- Contributed to the research and analysis for the Committee constituted by Government of India to review India's Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) Act.
- · Worked closely with the Economic Division, Ministry of Finance on all sectors of the economy on a daily basis
- Prepared policy notes and briefs on a regular basis concerning various sectors and issues of the Indian economy for the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) and the Finance Minister's Office (FMO)
- · Prepared short notice policy briefs and presentations on both domestic and global macro-fiscal issues
- · Undertook research and provided technical inputs for the Annual Budgets of the Government of India

- Engaged in inter-ministerial coordination for research on key policy issues related to Indian economy
- Organized a series of North Block Policy Charchas with stakeholders from civil society and multilateral institutions
- Core member of the team that worked on the design and content development of the first ever Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) on Indian Economy which is online now

Indian Economic Service (IES) Division, Ministry of Finance, Government of India Assistant Director

November 2012-December 2014

- Organized and coordinated Probationary and In-service Training of IES Officers with both domestic and international institutions such as Civil Service College, Singapore and Duke University, USA.
- Organized and coordinated two Mid-Career Training Programs for the IES Officers of six weeks each
- · Provided policy inputs for improving the Training module for IES officers
- Designed a new comprehensive training module for the Probationary IES officers
- · Initiated new long-term training programs for capacity building of IES officers

Other assignments:

Institute for Financial Management and Research (IFMR) Survey Manager for New Delhi

July 2007-June 2008

- Worked on a research project in New Delhi designed and supervised by Professor Senthil Mullainathan (Harvard University) and Professor Rema Hanna (Harvard Kennedy School)
- The study aimed at analyzing and documenting extent of corruption in public services like procuring a driving license and the role of agents, or informal intermediaries, in providing these service
- Job responsibilities included recruiting field surveyors and office staff, performing training exercises for the surveyors, supervising survey work, management and documentation of the data assimilated.

Fellowships:

- **D S Foundation Public Service Fellowship** by John F Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University for pursuing the Master's in Public Administration (2018-2020)
- **Joint Japan/World Bank Graduate Scholarship** (JJ/WBGS) for pursuing the Master's in Public Administration course at Harvard University (2018-2020)

Publications and Articles

- Subramanian Arvind, Patidar Kapil & Noqvi Syed Zubair, (2015, February 24), "A Watershed 14th Finance Commission", Business Standard
- Subramanian Arvind, Patidar Kapil & Noqvi Syed Zubair, (2015, February 25) "India's real fiscal policy for FY 2016", Business Standard
- Ghosh Rangeet, Patidar Kapil & Noqvi Syed Zubair, (2016, August 1) "Insiders, Outsiders and the IES", Business Standard
- Subramanian Arvind, Ghosh Rangeet, Felman Josh & Noqvi Syed Zubair, (2017, February 8), "<u>Twin balance-sheet problem</u>
 PARA is Paramount"
- Subramanian Arvind, Ghosh Rangeet, Patidar Kapil & Noqvi Syed Zubair, (2017, February 15), "<u>The Pathologies of Redistributive Resource Transfers</u>"

Skills MS Office, STATA, R (elementary)

Languages English, Hindi, Spanish (elementary)