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EDUCATION

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA (Gap year 2020-21) Expected: May 2023
A.B., Applied Mathematics and Economics, Secondary in Government
Relevant coursework: PhD Behavioral Economics, PhD Political Economy, PhD Economic History, MBA Social Entrepreneurship, Advanced Micro & Macroeconomics (ECON 1011A, B), Data Science, Econometrics

Padma Seshadri Bala Bhavan Senior Secondary, Chennai, IND 2018
GPA: 95.4% ACT: 35/36 SAT Math Level 2: 800/800

EXPERIENCE

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation December 2020-April 2022
Consultant Delhi, India

- Collaborated with the *India Deputy Director & Country Lead for Public Policy and Finance*, Dr Santhosh Mathew, on building state capacity by design to enhance governance & service delivery in India & elsewhere
- Researched & designed a digital public health services delivery platform to orchestrate clinical excellence, resource optimization, & political salience; presented to govt & key civil society stakeholders; committed for pilot in Bihar by 2022 & partnerships with World Bank, PIRAMAL Foundation, et al.
- Constructed & evangelized interventions for key state failures, e.g., smart govt payments, just-in-time PFMS, procurement, improving verticals like family planning & early-childhood development

Chief Economic Adviser (CEA), Government of India August 2020-January 2021
Research Assistant Delhi, India

- Authored sections on public administration & reforms as part of the writing team of the flagship annual planning document of the Finance Ministry presented in the Union Budget, *the Economic Survey of India 2020-21*; research included difference-in-differences study on novel dataset evaluating various reforms, global comparative analysis, & literature review
- Assisted CEA with COVID vaccine- & stimulus-related data analysis & advisory

Reserve Bank of India August-October 2020
Trainee Analyst & Collaborating Author Mumbai, India

- Co-authored research (e.g., the [annual banking report](#)) with senior Bank economists on depositor behavior & anxiety during COVID, asset quality, public sector banks & divestment
- Engaged in one-on-one sessions with all 18 Directors & trained in methods in a special familiarization program

Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL) May-August 2019
Research & Data Intern Chennai, India

- Led operationalization, development, & evaluation of the state women's helpline; conducted pre-RCT analysis
- Consulted & trained state govt on administrative data, ICT, & [evidence-based policy making](#)

Indian Schools Debating Society May 2018-June 2020
National Debate Coach Delhi, India

- Managed the first-ever Indian team to win the world championships; coached Indian youth squads (2018-20)
- Co-Convenor of the Chennai Mini 2019, the first international schools debate tournament held in India

ACTIVITIES & LEADERSHIP

Director of Publicity (Founding), Harvard Undergrads for Inclusion in Economics 2019-2020

- Conducted & publicized economics events; built mentorship program for underrepresented students

Chairperson of Events, Harvard College Debating Union 2019-2020

- Hosted public debates with politicians, prisoners, academics for North America's most successful debate team

Indian National Debating Team 2015-2018

- First Indian world championships finalists; only Indian to represent India 4 times at the World Schools Debating Championships; among the top 20 speakers in the world

SKILLS & INTERESTS

Programming/Data R (50,000+ lines), Python (3,000+ lines), Stata, SQL, HTML, CSS, L^AT_EX, Git
Languages English, Tamil (native); Hindi (fluent)
Interests Politics, anti-caste ideology, Tamil literature, cinema, old cities, tea shops