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Honorary Professor
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Shankar ACHARYA is one of India's leading policy economists. As Chief Economic Adviser to the Government of India (1993-2001) he was deeply involved in the economic reforms of the 1990s. He also served on the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), 1997-2000, and, more recently, as a member of the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council (2001-2003) and Member, Twelfth Finance Commission (2004). Earlier, 1971-82, he worked in the World Bank, where he led the World Development Report team for 1979 and was Research Adviser to the World Bank, 1979-82. He was Economic Adviser, Ministry of Finance, 1985-90. He has authored six books and numerous scholarly articles in academic journals. His three most recent books are Essays on Macroeconomic Policy and Growth in India (2006, Oxford University Press, Delhi), Can India Grow without Bharat? (2007, Academic Foundation, Delhi) and India and Global Crisis (2009, Academic Foundation, Delhi). Forthcoming is a volume edited with Rakesh Mohan, India's Economy: the Challenges Ahead (2009, Oxford University Press, Delhi).

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Chairperson
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Isher Judge AHLUWALIA is Chairperson, Board of Governors, the Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER), where she served as Director and Chief Executive from 1997 to 2001. She is also on the Board of the NCAER. Dr. Ahluwalia was awarded Padma Bhushan by the President of India in the year 2009 for her services in the field of education and literature. Dr. Ahluwalia is Chairperson of the High Powered Expert Committee on Urban Infrastructure, appointed by the Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India in May 2008. She is also Member, National Manufacturing Competitiveness Council, Government of India. Dr. Ahluwalia was Vice Chairperson of the Punjab State Planning Board from 2005 to 2007. "The Punjab Industrial Review" prepared by a team led by her was the basis for the New Industrial Policy of Punjab in 2009.

Dr. Ahluwalia is Vice Chairperson, Global Development Network, New Delhi and Member, Board of Trustees of the International Water Management Institute, Sri Lanka. She was Chairperson, Board of Trustees of the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Washington, D.C. from 2003 to 2006. Dr. Ahluwalia was a Member of the Eminent Persons Group (EPG) of the Asian Development Bank, which submitted its report, "Towards a New Asian Development Bank in a New Asia" in May 2008. She was a member of the Commission on Macro-Economics and Health which submitted its report to the Director General, WHO in 2002. Dr. Ahluwalia is currently Member, Advisory Group on Institutional and Human Resources Management, the Asian Development Bank. She is also Member, External Review and Advisory Board to the Asian Development Bank on their flagship study "Institutions for Regionalism" to strengthen institutional capabilities of institutions for Asian economic cooperation and integration.

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Dr. Ahluwalia is a prominent economic administrator who has written and spoken extensively on national and international economic issues. His published work includes papers in professional journals and contributions to books. He obtained his B.A. (Hons) degree from St. Stephen's college, New Delhi. He was a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University where he studied for his M.A. and M. Phil. degrees. His premier publications include: Redistribution with Growth: An Approach to Policy, jointly with H. Chenery, C. Bell, J. Duloy, and R. Jolly, Oxford University Press, 1975; and Reforming the Global Financial Architecture, Economic Paper No. 41. Commonwealth Secretariat, London, 2000.

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Abhijit BANERJEE is currently the Ford Foundation International Professor of Economics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. In 2003, he founded the Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab, along with Esther Duflo and Sendhil Mullainathan and remains one of the directors of the lab. He is a past president of the Bureau for the Research in the Economic Analysis of Development, a research associate of the NBER, a CEPR research fellow, International Research Fellow of the Kiel Institute, a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the Econometric Society and has been a Guggenheim Fellow and an Alfred P. Sloan Fellow.

He was educated at the University of Calcutta, Jawaharlal Nehru University and Harvard University, where he received his Ph.D in 1988. His areas of research are development economics and economic theory. He has authored two books as well as a large number of articles and is the editor of a third book. He finished his first documentary film, "The name of the disease" in 2006.

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Director-General (CEO)
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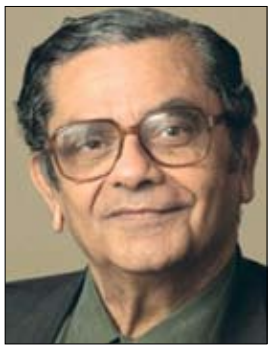
Prior to this, Mr. Bery was with the World Bank in Washington D.C. Areas of focus included the macro-economy, financial markets, and public debt management and focus on Latin America. From 1992-1994 on leave from the World Bank, Mr. Bery worked as Special Consultant to the Reserve Bank of India, Bombay, where he advised the Governor on financial sector policy, institutional reform, and market development and regulation. In addition to serving on numerous government committees, Mr. Bery has served as an independent (non-Executive Director) on the board of State Bank of India, India's largest commercial bank. Recently, Mr. Bery has been appointed as member of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister.



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Columbia University

Jagdish BHAGWATI is University Professor at Columbia University and Senior Fellow in International Economics at the Council on Foreign Relations. He has been Economic Policy Adviser to Arthur Dunkel, Director General of GATT (1991-93), Special Adviser to the UN on Globalization, and External Adviser to the WTO. He has served on the Expert Group appointed by the Director General of the WTO on the Future of the WTO and the Advisory Committee to Secretary General Kofi Annan on the NEPAD process in Africa, and was also a member of the Eminent Persons Group under the chairmanship of President Fernando Henrique Cardoso on the future of UNCTAD. Five volumes of his scientific writings and two of his public policy essays have been published by MIT press. The recipient of six festschrifts in his honor, he has also received several prizes and honorary degrees, including awards from the governments of India (Padma Vibhushan) and Japan (Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star). Professor Bhagwati's latest book 'In Defense of Globalization' was published by Oxford University Press in 2004 to worldwide acclaim.

He attended Cambridge University where he graduated in 1956 with a first in Economics Tripos. He then studied at MIT and Oxford, returning to India in 1961 as Professor of Economics at the Indian Statistical Institute, and then as Professor of International Trade at the Delhi School of Economics.

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President and CEO
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Madhav CHAVAN is a Ph,D. in Chemistry from the Ohio State University. He returned to India to take up teaching and research after a post doctorate at the University of Houston. In 1989, he began adult literacy work in the slums of Mumbai. He built Pratham as a founding member since 1995 and is now President and CEO of Pratham Education Foundation, the central body of Pratham. Madhav was a member of the now dissolved National Advisory Council appointed by the Prime Minister and chaired by Smt. Sonia Gandhi to help the implementation and monitoring of the National Common Minimum Program of the UPA Government (2004-2008).

Tarun Das
President
Aspen Institute

Tarun DAS is the president of Aspen Institute, India. Mr. Das has spent his entire working career in industry associations, starting in November 1963 with the redecessor body of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and was the Chief Executive since April 1967 till May 2004 and Chief Mentor from 2004-2009. He is a Life Time Trustee of The Aspen Institute, USA; Member, Board of Governors, East West Centre, USA; Member, International Council, The Asia Society, USA; Member, Board of Trustees, Public Interest Foundation, India. Co-Chair of the Indo–US Strategic Dialogue and of Indo-US-Japan Strategic Dialogue. Mr. Das is the Managing Trustee of Indian Business Trust for HIV/AIDS. He is also President of Aspen Institute India. He is also Chairman, India Strategy Group (ISG), non-executive Chairman, Haldia Petrochemicals Ltd., and a member of the Board of GIVE India Foundation.

He is an Honours Graduate in Economics and Commerce from Calcutta University, India and Manchester University, UK. He has been awarded an Honorary Degree of Doctorate in Science by The University of Warwick, UK and has been conferred an Honorary CBE by Her Majesty the Queen for his contribution to Indo-British relations. He has also been conferred the 2004 Singapore National Award (Public Service Medal) by the Singapore Government for his contribution to strengthening economic ties between India and Singapore. He has been awarded the Padma Bhushan in 2006, one of the highest Civilian Government Awards, for his contribution in the field of Trade and Industry, by the President of India.

Nitin Desai
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Nitin DESAI, a graduate of London School of Economics, taught economics at two UK Universities, worked briefly in the private sector, had a long stint as a government official in India and then joined the UN in 1990. In India he was in the Planning Commission (1973-88) and later in the Ministry of Finance as the Chief Economic Adviser (1988-90). In the UN, where he was Under Secretary General for Economic and Social Affairs, his major work was the organization of a series of global summits, notably the Rio Earth Summit (1992), the Copenhagen Social Development Summit (1995), the Monterrey Finance and Development Summit (2002) and the Johannesburg Sustainable Development Summit (2002). After his retirement he has been involved in a variety of public policy activities nationally and internationally. He is a member of the National Security Advisory Board and the Prime Minister's Council on Climate Change. He is a Distinguished Fellow of TERI and is an Honorary Fellow of the LSE. He writes a monthly column in the Business Standard.

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Martin Feldstein is a graduate of Harvard College and Oxford University, has received honorary doctorates from several universities and is an Honorary Fellow of Nuffield College, Oxford. In 1977, he received the John Bates Clark Medal of the American Economic Association, a prize awarded every two years to the economist under the age of 40 who is judged to have made the greatest contribution to economic science. He is the author of more than 300 research articles in economics. Dr. Feldstein is a director of Eli Lilly, a member of the board of the Smith-Richardson Foundation, and an economic adviser to several businesses and government organizations in the United States and abroad. He is a regular contributor to the Wall Street Journal.

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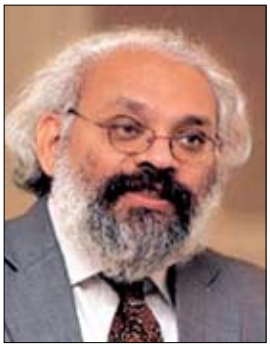
He received his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago in 1992 and has been at Harvard since then. He studies the economics of cities, and has written scores of urban issues, including the growth of cities, segregation, crime, and housing markets. He has been particularly interested in the role that geographic proximity can play in creating knowledge and innovation.



Subir V. Gokarn
Deputy Governor
Reserve Bank of India

Subir Vithal GOKARN is the fourth Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India. He also represent the Reserve Bank at the G-20 Deputies' forum. Prior to joining the Reserve Bank, Dr. Gokarn was Chief Economist of Standard & Poor's Asia-Pacific, based in New Delhi. He assumed this position in August 2007 after having been Executive Director and Chief Economist of CRISIL, in which Standard & Poor's acquired a majority stake in 2005. During his five-year tenure at CRISIL, besides his role as Chief Economist, he also headed CRISIL's research group and was member of the board of CRISIL and a number of its subsidiary companies. Prior to joining CRISIL in 2002, he was Chief Economist and Industrial Finance Corporation of India (IFCI) Chair in Industrial Development at the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER), New Delhi (2000-2002) and Associate Professor at the Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research (IGIDR), Mumbai (1991-2000).

Dr. Gokarn graduated from St. Xavier's College, Mumbai, with a B.A. (Hons.) in Economics (1979) and from the Delhi School of Economics with an M.A. in Economics (1981). After a two-year stint with the Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices, he went on to pursue a Ph.D. in Economics at Case Western Reserve University, USA, which he received in 1989. Industrial Economics, Monetary Economics, Corporate Finance have been Dr. Gokarn's strengths. His academic research has straddled a number of areas, including industry, infrastructure and comparative studies of the East Asian economies, besides macroeconomics. He has authored a number of published works and project reports, and has contributed a fortnightly column on current economic issues to the Business Standard for 13 years. He was also a member of the Board of India Today Economists during 2002-09.

Anwarul HODA is Member, Board of Governors ICRIER and Professor at ICRIER. Till recently he was Member, Planning Commission, Government of India. Mr. Hoda joined the Indian Administrative Service in 1962 and during his distinguished career as a civil servant worked on several assignments relating to international trade and economic relations. During the period 1974-81 and again 1985-93 he was with the Ministry of Commerce and the last post held by him was Special Secretary in the Ministry. He was the Chief Policy Coordinator in the Government of India during the Uruguay Round (1986-93). In 1993 he was appointed as Deputy Director General ICITO/ GATT and in 1995 he assumed charge as Deputy Director General, World Trade Organization. In 1999 he was appointed Special Advisor to the Director General of WTO for the Ministerial Conference at Seattle.

Anwarul Hoda
Professor
ICRIER

Deepender Singh HOODA is a member of the 14th Lok Sabha of India. He represents the Rohtak constituency of Haryana and is a member of the Indian National Congress (INC) political party. Right from his boyhood days he is an Active participant in various Congress events, functions and all the election campaigns in Rohtak Lok Sabha and Kiloi Vidhan Sabha constituencies during the last 15 years on behalf of Congress Party. He worked as propagandist, leader and organizer for his party. He is greatly interested in rural based infrastructure, water, agriculture, education and energy projects and is an avid reader on subjects of History, Economics and Politics. He has led initiative on 'Asia Business Conference' at Harvard University. He is an MHA from Indiana University, USA. From June 2003 to July 2005 he worked as Senior Manager, Sabre Holdings, Dallas (USA). Prior to that, he also worked for Reliance Industries Ltd. (India) and for Infosys Technologies Ltd. (India).

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Rajat Kathuria
Professor
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Rajat KATHURIA is a Professor at ICRIER and IMI (on leave). He has over 20 years teaching experience and over 10 years experience in policy and regulation. He was economic advisor with the telecom regulatory authority for 8 years. In addition, he has worked as a Consultant for international organisations such as World Bank, UNCTAD, ILO and LirneAsia. His areas of research interest are competition, economic regulation and the manner in which political and economic institutions affect sectoral performance, and industrial organisation. Besides teaching core economics courses to management students, he has lectured on the subject of regulation extensively in India and abroad. He has also taught a summer course in Manchester Business School. His research has been presented at various conferences in South Korea, Indonesia, UK, USA and Poland. The results of the econometric impact of mobile phones in India were presented to members of the European Parliament in Brussels.

Prof. Kathuria has published extensively in international and national journals on failure of markets and the attendant need for regulation. He has hands on experience with telecom regulation in India in an environment changing rapidly towards competition. Political economy played a crucial role in India in the march toward competition in the telecom sector. This aspect formed the basis of a number of research projects and research articles. His research on telecommunications formed the basis of the sector negotiations for the Indo EU Trade and Investment Area. Most recently, Professor Kathuria has estimated the elasticity of mobile penetration with respect to State Domestic Product across different Indian States. The research points towards substantial impacts and highlights the need to increase penetration in laggard states by inter alia improving the quality of regulation and also physical infrastructure. A study just completed by him highlights the need for an effective competition policy in the high end computing segment which is subject to pervasive network effects in the presence of proprietary operating systems.

Uday Kotak
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Kotak Mahindra Bank

Uday KOTAK is the Executive Vice Chairman and Managing Director, Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited. He set up Kotak Capital Management Finance Ltd. (which later became Kotak Mahindra Finance Ltd). Uday has to his credit many international achievements. He was awarded the CNBC TV18 'Innovator of the Year award' in 2006. He was awarded the Ernst & Young 'Entrepreneur of the Year Award' in 2003. He was featured as one of the "Global leaders for tomorrow" at the World Economic Forum's annual meet at Davos in 1996. He was also featured among the top financial leaders for the 21st Century by Euromoney magazine. He was recently awarded the CNBC Asia's Business Leader of the Year 2008 award.

Academically, he has the distinction of two major 'Firsts'. He first topped Bombay University in his B.Com examinations and then went on to top the Jamnalal Bajaj Institute of Management Studies, Bombay, when he completed his post graduation in Business Administration, in 1982. Uday is on the Board of ICRIER, Mahindra United World College of India and the Indian School of Business (ISB). He also chairs the Corporate Governance Committee at Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).

Krishan Kumar
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Government of Punjab

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Rajiv Kumar
Director & CE
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He has a D.Phil. in Economics from Oxford University and Ph.D from Lucknow University and has several books and publications to his credit. He is also an active columnist.

Rajiv B. Lall
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Sunil Mehta
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B. J. Panda
Member of Parliament
Lok Sabha

B. J. PANDA was elected to the Parliament of India (Lok Sabha) from Kendrapara Constituency, Orissa in May 2009. Earlier Shri Panda had been twice elected to the Parliament of India (Rajya Sabha) in 2000 and 2006 from the State of Orissa. He is a member of the Biju Janata Dal (BJD) party. He was associated with industry organizations like the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), FICCI and the International Chromium Development Association. In the past he has also been associated with the Govt. of Orissa's Industrial Advisory Committee and been a Director on the Industrial Promotion & Investment Corporation of Orissa (IPICOL). As a parliamentarian, he has been a member of many important committees like the Parliamentary Standing Committee of Coal, Steel & Mines as well as being the Convener of the Sub-committee on Coal. BJ Panda helped to form the Young Parliamentarians Forum (YPF) and was its Convener, he has also been associated with the India-USA Forum of Parliamentarians and was its Chairman until June 2008. He was awarded the prestigious "Bharat Asmita National Award" for best parliamentary practices by the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India, Sri K. G. Balakrishnan in 2008.

B. J. Panda represents the new breed of younger generation Indian politicians, many of whom have been educated abroad and have had alternate careers before choosing to serve the Nation and contribute to their State through politics. A graduate from Michigan, USA with a combined degree in Engineering and Management, B. J. Panda worked in the corporate sector before joining politics.

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Rohini PANDE is Mohammed Kamal Professor of Public Policy at the Harvard Kennedy School. Pande is a research associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) and serves on the board of the Bureau for Research and Economic Analysis of Development (BREAD) and the Committee on the Status of Women in the Economic Profession (CSWEP). Her research focuses on the economic analysis of the politics and consequences of different forms of redistribution, principally in developing countries. Prior to joining the Kennedy School, she was an Associate Professor of Economics at Yale University. She has taught at Yale University, MIT, and Columbia.

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Mr. Pawar is on the Board of Governors of India's premier institutions - IIT Delhi, Indian School of Business and Scindia School. An IIT Delhi graduate, Mr. Pawar has also been awarded the Honorary Doctoral Degree by Rajiv Gandhi Technical University. He is an avid reader, writer and a music buff.

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Professor
University of Chicago

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Dr. Rajan is an electrical engineering graduate from the Indian Institute of Technology in Delhi. He got his MBA from the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad, and Ph.D. from MIT. His research spans a variety of areas including financial institutions, corporate structure, and economic development co authored with fellow GSB faculty member Luigi Zingales. Saving Capitalism from the Capitalists (published in 2004) is his most widely read book. In 2003, Rajan was awarded the inaugural Fischer Black Prize by the American Finance Association for contributions to finance by an economist under 40. He has also worked as a consultant for the Indian Finance Ministry, World Bank, Federal Reserve Board, Swedish Parliamentary Commission, and various financial institutions. He was elected a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences in 2009.

Ramesh Ramanathan
Co-founder
JCCD

Ramesh RAMANATHAN is co-founder of Janaagraha Centre for Citizenship and Democracy, a non-profit organisation focused on improving urban governance in India. Ramesh has worked in the Indian microfinance sector for close to a decade, with a special focus on urban microfinance. He is Chairman of Janalakshmi, an urban microfinance institution in India. Ramesh works closely with government on urban issues in a pro-bono capacity. His current positions with government include being the National Technical Advisor, Government of India for the Jawarharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission, the largest urban initiative in the country's history; member of the High Powered Expert Committee on Urban Finances. Prior to these social initiatives, Ramesh worked with Citibank in New York and London. When he left to begin his social activities in India, he was MD and Head, European Corporate Derivatives, and a member of the Global Markets Leadership Team, collectively running a business with an annual revenue of over $1 billion.

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Jairam Ramesh
Minister of State
Ministry of Env. & Forest

Jairam RAMESH is Minister of State (Independent Charge) Environment & Forests from 29th May 2009. Earlier he was Minister of State for Commerce from January 2006 with additional charge as Minister of State for Power from April 2008 till 25th February 2009. He has been a Member of parliament since July 2004. Jairam was earlier Advisor to the Finance Minister during 1996-98, Advisor to the Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission during 1992-94 and Advisor to the Prime Minister in 1991. He has served in the Planning Commission, Ministry of Industry and other economic departments of the Central Government.

He studied public management at Carnegie Mellon University during 1975-77. He thereafter spent a year at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) studying technology policy, economics, engineering and management as part of the newly established inter-disciplinary technology policy programme. His undergraduate degree is in mechanical engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Mumbai in 1975.

C. Rangarajan
Chairman
Eco. Advisory Council, PMO

C. RANGARAJAN is Chairman, Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister, since January, 2005, except during 2008-09 when he was a Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha). He is a leading economist of India who has played a key role both as an academic and a policy maker. He has held several important positions which include Governor of Reserve Bank of India, Governor of Andhra Pradesh, Chairman of the Twelfth Finance Commission. He was actively involved in the design and implementation of the reform agenda. His contribution was particularly noted for making monetary policy a flexible instrument of economic policy to achieve growth with price stability, for moving the exchange rate regime to a largely market determined system, and for making the Indian rupee convertible on the current account. He also initiated far-reaching reforms in India's financial sector to make banks competitive and efficient. These included deregulation of interest rates, introduction of prudential norms and credible regulation, upgradation of standards of service and introduction of information technology in banking operations.

After obtaining his Economic Honours Degree from Madras, he obtained his Ph.D from the University of Pennsylvania. In the United States, he taught at the Wharton School of Finance & Commerce, University of Pennsylvania and the Graduate School of Business Administration, New York University. In India, he taught at Loyola College, Madras, University of Rajasthan, the Indian Statistical Institute, New Delhi, and for well over a decade and a half, at the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad. He was for a time Fellow at the International Food Policy Research Institute, Washington. In recognition of his distinguished service to the nation, Dr. Rangarajan was awarded 'Padma Vibhushan' in 2002, the second highest civilian award in India.

Shyam Saran
Special Envoy of
Prime Minister

Shyam SARAN is Special Envoy of Prime Minister on Nuclear Issues since October, 2006. He was also appointed as Special Envoy of the Prime Minister for Climate Change Issues in April 2008. Mr. Saran holds a Post Graduate degree in Economics. He belongs to the 1970 batch of the Indian Foreign Service. Mr. Saran served at the Headquarters of the Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi, as Under Secretary and Deputy Secretary from 1977 to 1979. During July-November 1979, Mr. Saran participated as Fellow, United Nations' Disarmament Programme in Geneva, Vienna and New York, and thereafter, till June 1983, he served as First Secretary in the Permanent Mission of India, Geneva, as Alternate Representative to the Conference on Disarmament. Mr. Saran served again at Headquarters, New Delhi, as Joint Secretary heading the Economic Division, the Multi-Economic Relations Division, and the East Asia Division of the Ministry of External Affairs.

He served as Joint Secretary in the Prime Minister's Office, New Delhi, till December 1992, looking after External Affairs, Defence and Atomic Energy. In 1992, Mr. Saran served as Foreign Secretary from August 2004 to September 2006.

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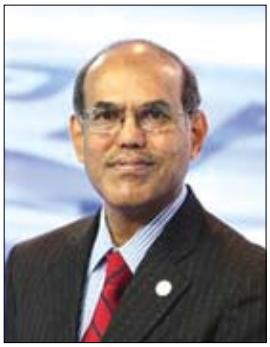
Stein's research has covered such topics as: behavioral finance and stock-market efficiency; corporate investment and financing decisions; risk management; capital allocation inside firms; financial intermediation; and monetary policy. He was a co–editor of the Journal of Economic Perspectives, and has been on the editorial boards of the American Economic Review, the Quarterly Journal of Economics, the Journal of Finance and the Journal of Financial Economics. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and a research associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research. In 2008, he was president of the American Finance Association. From February-July of 2009, he served in the Obama Administration, as a senior advisor to the Treasury Secretary and on the staff of the National Economic Council.



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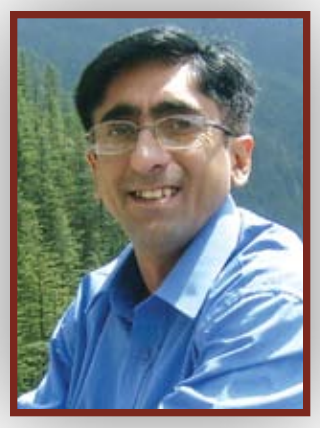

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