



Simrit Kaur

Brief Professional Profile and Curriculum Vitae

Brief Professional Profile

Dr. Simrit Kaur is a Professor of Public Policy at the Faculty of Management Studies (FMS), University of Delhi, India, where she has been teaching ‘The Economic Theory of a Firm’, ‘Macro Economics’ and ‘Public Policy Reforms’ for over two decades. She also guides research scholars at the Faculty in areas of Development Economics, Environmental Economics, Disinvestment and Mergers & Acquisitions.




Nominated by the Indian Council of Cultural Relations, Dr. Kaur has been a ‘Visiting Professor’ at the University of Social Sciences and Humanities, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam and a ‘Visiting Scholar’ at Kingston University, London. She has also participated in the International Teachers Program held at the Kellogg School of Business, Chicago. Dr. Kaur has undertaken several research projects and acted as an advisor to institutes and organizations such as the Ministry of Finance, Government of India; the Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises, Government of India; the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER), the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations.

In addition to her academic and advisory accomplishments, Dr. Kaur has been extremely active in executing administrative assignments that she has been entrusted with. Having been ‘Professor-in-Charge’ of FMS South Campus and ‘Head of Economics Department’ at a premier Delhi University college, Prof. Kaur has the experience and skills required for professional success and growth of an institute.

Her areas of interest include agricultural policy, poverty and food security, economic freedom, privatization, productivity, and competition. In addition, she has published and/or presented several papers at national and international conferences. Dr. Kaur’s book ‘Privatization and Public Regulation: The Indian Experience’, published by Macmillan received the Best Book Award. Two of her papers titled ‘MOUs- Corporate Governance with Information Asymmetries’ and ‘NREGA and TPDS in Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh: Complements or Substitutes?’ have also received the Best Research Paper Award by the Association of Indian Management School and the Indian Institute of Science respectively.

Simrit Kaur: Curriculum Vitae

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Education			
Subject	Institution	Year	Details
PhD	Faculty of Management Studies, University of Delhi	1998	Privatization or Public Regulation: A Managerial Perspective
MA (Economics)	Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi	1986	Econometrics, Public Finance, International Trade I Division
BA (Economics)	Lady Shri ram College University of Delhi	1984	Economics Honours I Division
Career Profile			
Organisation / Institution	Designation	Duration	Role
Faculty of Management Studies, University of Delhi	Professor (August 10, 2006)	10 Years	Teaching and Research
Faculty of Management Studies, University of Delhi	Reader (August 10, 1998 to August 9, 2006)	8 Years	Teaching and Research
Faculty of Management Studies, University of Delhi	Lecturer (Nov. 23, 1989 to August 9, 1998)	8 Years	Teaching and Research
Sri Guru Gobind Singh College of Commerce, University of Delhi	Lecturer (July 23, 1986 to Nov. 22, 1989)	3 Years	Teaching and Research
Research Interests / Specialization			
Research Interests: Agriculture and Food Security; Economic Freedom; Role of State, Privatization and Disinvestment; Productivity and Competition			
Area of Specialization: Economics			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Economic Theory of a Firm 2. Macro Economics and 3. Public Policy Reforms 			

Teaching Experience (Subjects/Courses Taught)

1. Managerial Economics
2. Economic Environment of Business
3. Public Enterprise Management
4. Government and Business

Awards and Honours

Awards

- ❖ Received the award for '**Best Professor in Public Policy**' by the Business School Affairs, 2014.
- ❖ Received the '**IDRC-PAC Best Research Paper Award**' for paper titled '*National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme and Targeted Public Distribution Scheme in Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh: Complements or Substitutes?*' (2012), authored jointly with Raghendra Jha, Raghav Gaiha, and Manoj Pandey. Awarded at the International Conference on 'Public Policy and Governance', held at the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore.
- ❖ Received the '**ISTD-IOC Best Book Award-2002-03**', by the Indian Society for Training and Development, for my book '*Privatization and Public Regulation: The Indian Experience*', published by Macmillan India, 2003.
- ❖ Received the '**Best Research Paper Award-2000**', by the Association of Indian Management Schools for my paper '*MOUs- Corporate Governance with Information Asymmetries*'.

Honours

- ❖ **Member, Adhoc Task Force** (ATF), Memorandum of Understanding, MOU, Department of Heavy Industry, **Government of India**: Nominated by the Ministry of Heavy Industry, Government of India as an ATF member for all the State Owned Oil, Gas and Petroleum companies. In this context, active negotiations with respect to target setting with the Ministry's Secretary and CEOs of the respective companies (BPCL, HPCL, ONGC, IOC etc.) is being undertaken. Had also performed a similar role with respect to Transport and Tourism Syndicate of SOEs in 2014-15 and for Loss Making Public Sector Enterprises in 2013-14.
- ❖ Nominated by **Indian Council of Cultural Relations** (ICCR) for the *Tagore Chair*, University School of Social Sciences, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, 2012.
- ❖ Nominated by Dean, International Relations, **University of Delhi** to attend and present a paper on *Food Security* at Universitas 21, held at Edinburgh, Scotland in November 2009.
- ❖ Commissioned by the **Ministry of Finance, Government of India**, to work on *Productivity Growth of Indian Manufacturing Industries: a Disaggregated Analysis* during the post reform period. Excerpts from the study were **published in the Economic Survey**, 2005-06, Government of India.
- ❖ Nominated by the **Indian Council of Social Science Research**, Ministry of Human Resource Development to participate and present a paper on *Privatization and Corporate Governance of State Owned Enterprises: the Indian Experience* at the Tenth Anniversary Conference of Australia South Asia Research Centre (ASARC), held at the Australian

National University, during April 2004.

- ❖ **Certified as a trainer on ‘Capacity Building on Competition Law and Policy’**, by the Competition Commission of India, under the US AID Technical Assistance Programme.
- ❖ Commissioned by the Rajeev Gandhi Foundation at the behest of the Friedrich Naumann Institute, Germany, to estimate the **Economic Freedom Indices** (EFI-2007), for states in India.

Publications: Books / Monographs

- Privatization and Public Regulation: The Indian Experience (2003), Macmillan India
- Competition Policies in the Passenger Road Transportation Sector (2007), co-authored with R. Venkatesan, published by Competition Commission of India, Government of India
- Economic Freedom for States of India (2008), co-authored with P.D. Kaushik, Academic Foundation, New Delhi
- Micro Economics (2012), co-authored with William McEac-hern, South Western, Cengage Learning
- Intellectual Property Rights in Developing Countries (2013), co-edited with Domon, Koji; Tran Dinh Lam Vietnam National University, Ho Chi Minh Publishing House (Published as Conference Proceedings)
- Business Economics (2015), co-authored with William McEac-hern and A. Indira, for IMT Ghaziabad, Cengage Learning

Articles in In Indexed/ Peer Reviewed Journals/Chapters in Books

- ❖ **‘Examining the Fuel-Finance Nexus in a Macroeconomic Framework: Econometric Evidence from India’** (2017), jointly with Aparna Sajeew in South Asian Journal of Socio-Political Studies (SAJOSPS), ISSN 0972-4613, Volume 17, Number 2 (January-June 2017), pp: 87-97.
- ❖ **‘Demonetization: Master Googly or No Ball’** (2017), Opinion Article (Op-ed) in Financial Express, January 14, 2017, Jointly with Sakshi Malik, Available Online at:
 - <http://www.financialexpress.com/opinion/demonetisation-why-narendra-modis-note-ban-move-was-necessary/507513/>
 - <http://epaper.financialexpress.com/1070701/Indian-Express/January-14,-2017#page/9/1>
- ❖ **‘Climate Change, Agricultural Production and Food Security: Econometric Evidence for India’** (2017), jointly with Harpreet Kaur in ‘Journal of Business Thought’, Volume 7, April 2016 - March 2017, ISSN 2231-1734, Refereed SGGSCC, University of Delhi Journal, pp: 44-67.
- ❖ **‘Climate Change, Food Security and Water Management in South Asia: Implications for Regional Cooperation’** (2016), jointly with Harpreet Kaur, in ‘Emerging Economy Studies’, Sage, India. Volume 2, Issue 1, ISSN: 2394-9015, eISSN: 2454-2148; Refereed 2016; Sage India, pp: 1-18.

- ❖ **‘The Odds of Odd Even’**, (2016), Opinion Article (Op-ed) in Financial Express, April 14, 2016. jointly with Megha Jain, Available online at:
<http://www.financialexpress.com/fe-columnist/at-odds-with-odd-even-scheme-in-delhi-and-possible-lessons/236345/>
- ❖ **‘Determinants of Food Security in Sub-Saharan Africa, South Asia and Latin America: Implications for Policy’** (2016), jointly with Harpreet Kaur in ‘Governance and Development: Views from G20 Countries’, edited by Rajat Kathuria and Neetika Kaushal Nagpal, Springer Verlag, ISBN: 978-81-322-2696-3, 81-102
- ❖ **‘Combating Food Insecurity: Implications for Policy’**, (2016), jointly with Harpreet Kaur in ‘Governance and Development: Views from G20 Countries’, edited by Rajat Kathuria and Neetika Kaushal Nagpal, Springer Verlag, ISBN: 978-81-322-2696-3, 103-118.
- ❖ **‘Cereal and Fuel Price Interactions: Econometric Evidence from India’** (2015) with Aparna Sajeev and Harpreet Kaur, Journal of Business Thought, 6, 14-37. ISSN: 2231-1734.
- ❖ **‘Digital India and India’s Digital Score’** (2015), jointly with Naveen Navlani, 10th of July Financial Express under Popular Writing Series, Available Online at:
<http://www.financialexpress.com/article/fe-columnist/digital-india-and-indias-digital-score/98301/>
- ❖ **‘Gear Up: Make in India’**, (2015), jointly with Aparna Sajeev in ‘Times of India’ 1st of June under Popular Writing Series. Available Online at:
<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/home/education/news/Gear-up/articleshow/47494922.cms>
- ❖ **‘Information, Efficiency and Sustainability in Indian Agricultural Markets: E-Choupal, ITC's Private Initiative’**, (2014) jointly with Samir Kumar Jha and Rajesh Mandal, Available at SSRN <http://ssrn.com/abstract=2526061> and <http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.2526061>
- ❖ **‘Relationship between Select Commodity Prices Macroeconomic Variables in India: A VAR Analysis’**, (2014), jointly with Manoj Kumar Sharma in Business Perspectives, ISSN 0972-7612, July to December.
- ❖ **‘Freakonomics of Grain Reserves and Price Spikes’**, (2014), op-ed in Financial Express, 30th July, Popular Writing Series, Available online at:
<http://www.financialexpress.com/news/freakonomics-of-grain-reserves-and-price-spikes/1274992>
- ❖ **‘Food Entitlements, Food Subsidies and Right to Food: A South Asian Perspective’**, (2013) in ‘Handbook on Food: Demand, Supply, Sustainability and Security’, edited by Jha Raghendra and Raghav Gaiha, Edward Elgar, United Kingdom.
- ❖ **‘Economic Impact of Trade Openness and Exchange Rate Regimes: Evidence from Developing Asia’**, (2013), jointly with Aditya Vikram, The International Journal of

Business and Emerging Markets, (Forthcoming: In Press), United States. Available online at: <http://www.inderscience.com/info/ingeneral/forthcoming.php?jcode=ijbem>

- ❖ **‘National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme and Targeted Public Distribution Scheme in Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh: Complements or Substitutes?’**, (2013), jointly with Raghbendra Jha, Raghav Gaiha, and Manoj Pandey in Journal of Asian and African Studies (JASS), Sage Publication. Available online at: <http://jas.sagepub.com/content/early/2013/05/01/0021909613479312.full.pdf+html>
- ❖ **‘India’s Twin Deficits: Is Curbing Gold Imports an Effective Measure?’**, (2013), jointly with Simrinder Bahri in Financial Express, as popular writing series. Available online at: <http://www.financialexpress.com/news/is-curbing-gold-imports-an-effective-measure-/1144766>
- ❖ **‘Intellectual Property Rights and Software Piracy in India’** (2012), published as Conference Proceedings, Vietnam, Vietnam National University, Ho Chi Minh Publishing House.
- ❖ **‘Boosting Indo-Pakistan Trade and Improving Business Climate for Regional Peace’**, (2012), jointly with Raghbendra Jha, op-ed in Economic Times, September 6. Accessible online at: http://articles.economictimes.indiatimes.com/2012-09-06/news/33649915_1_private-sector-peace-indo-pak
- ❖ **‘Inter-State Variations in Economic Growth: How Much Governance Matters?’** (2012) in Poverty and Public Policy, Special Issue: Volume 4, Issue 3, pages 131–152, September 2012, Wiley Periodicals, USA, and Oxford. Available Online at: <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/pop4.9/pdf>
- ❖ **‘Sectoral Linkages of Energy in Indian Economy: An Empirical Evidence’** (2012), in Research Journal of Economics and Business Studies (RJEBS), Volume: 01, Number: 05, March-2012 pp: 35-45, March 2012.
- ❖ **‘Prospects of Non-Farm Employment and Welfare in Rural Areas’**, (2011), co-authored with Vani Kulkarni, Raghav Gaiha and Manoj Pandey, Routledge Handbook of South Asian Economies, edited by R. Jha (2011), Available online at: <http://ideas.repec.org/p/pas/asarcc/2010-05.html>
- ❖ **‘Inter-State Variations in Economic Growth: Does Size and Composition of State Spending Matter’** (2011), in Indian Economic Journal, Volume 59 (1), April-June.
- ❖ **‘Agriculture: Pathways to Prosperity in Asia and the Pacific’**, (2011), published by United Nation’s International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD). Also available online at <http://www.ifad.org/pub/apr/pathways.pdf>
- ❖ **‘Inter-State variations in Economic Growth: Does Size and Composition of State Spending on Education Matter’**, (2010), Indian Journal of Public Administration, Volume LVI, No.3, July-September 2010, pp:377-394.
- ❖ **‘Post-Election India: the New Tiger Beyond the Global Downturn’**, (2009), Aspenia Online Journal, Italy, June 2009, available online at:

http://www.aspeninstitute.it/aspen/?q=ar/Simrit_030609

- ❖ **‘India’s Growth in the Second Millennium: Assessment and Challenges’**, (2009), published (in Italian) in the Encyclopaedia Treccani Terzo Millennio, Italy, 2009.
- ❖ **‘Economic Freedom, Larger Freedoms and Public Policy’**, (2009), The Forum of Public Policy, Journal of the Oxford Round Table, 2009. Accessible online at: <http://forumonpublicpolicy.com/archivespring08/kaur.pdf>
- ❖ **‘Agricultural Policies in India’**, (2008), in Agricultural Policies in Emerging Economies: Monitoring and Evaluation, pp: 95-112, Organization of Economic Co-operation and Development, Paris, 2008.
- ❖ **‘Poverty Measurement Blues: Some Reflections’**, (2008), Decline of the Developmental State, Alternate Economic Survey, Daanish Books, pp: 245-261.
- ❖ **‘Economic Freedom, Inequality and Poverty: Re-examining the Role of Government’**, in Indian Economic Journal, Volume 55, Number 2, July-September 2007.
- ❖ **‘Economic Freedom and Economic Growth: An Analysis of BRIC Countries’**, (2007), Journal of Business Horizon, Volume 1, July-December.
- ❖ **‘Crises of Retail Trade’**, (2007), in Pampering Corporates–Pauperizing Masses, Alternate Economic Survey, India, Daanish Books, 2007, also available at: http://www.daanishbooks.com/product_downloads/z/aes2006_07_16_simritkaur_54716.pdf
- ❖ **‘Inequality, Growth and Economic Freedom: Re-examining the role of Government’**, (2006) RGICS Working Paper Series, No. 54, 2006, September 2006.
- ❖ **‘Liberalization, Competition and Productivity’**, (2006), Alternative Economic Survey, Disempowering Masses, India 2005-06, Daanish Books 2006, Also available at: http://www.daanishbooks.com/product_downloads/a/aes2005_06_09_simrit_26890.pdf
- ❖ **‘Determinants and Impact of Travel and Tourism: A Cross Country Analysis’**, (2005), The Indian Economic Journal, Volume 53, Number 2, July-September.
- ❖ **‘Privatization and Public Enterprise Reform: a Suggestive Action Plan’**, (2005), in Economic Growth, Economic Performance and Welfare in South Asia, ed. Raghendra Jha, Palgrave Macmillan, 2005, Also available at: <http://ideas.repec.org/p/pas/asarcc/2004-08.html>
- ❖ **‘Privatization, Wages and Employment’** (2005), in Alternative Economic Survey: Disequalizing Growth, Daanish Books, July 2005, also available at: http://www.daanishbooks.com/product_downloads/b/aes2004_05_simrit_kaur53906.pdf
- ❖ **‘Role of Independent Regulation in Economic Reforms’** (2004), in Alternative Economic Survey: Magnifying Mal Development, Zed Publishers, London, 2004.

- ❖ **‘Disinvestment of Indian SOEs and its Impact on Employment’** (2004), MARGIN, NCAER, Volume 37, No. 1, Oct-Dec.
- ❖ **‘Roles of Centre and States in Disinvestment’**, (2003), MARGIN, NCAER Volume 36, No.1, Oct- Dec 2003.
- ❖ **‘Disinvestment-How Strategic?’** (2003), Published in Career Economy, February 2003
- ❖ **‘The Employment Implications of Divestiture: The Indian Experience’**, (2002) VISION: The Journal of Business Perspective, Volume 6 No. 1, January- June.
- ❖ **‘Reforming Indian Public Sector Enterprises-The Efficiency Dimensions’**, (2001), Journal of Management Research, Volume1, No. 3, May-August.
- ❖ **‘Financing Indian Infrastructure: A Greenfield Privatization Approach’**, (1999), in Contemporary Issues in Finance, ed. V.K. Bhalla, Anmol Publications Pvt. Ltd. New Delhi.
- ❖ **‘Disinvestment in India’**, (1998), The Journal of Institute of Public Enterprise, January-June, Volume 21, No. 1 and 2.
- ❖ **‘The Indian Experience with the Memorandum of Understanding’**, (1998), Abighyan, Vol. 3, No. 16 July-August.
- ❖ **‘Reforming State Owned Enterprises: The Indian Experience’**, (1998), Company Secretary, April 1998.
- ❖ **‘Privatization and Public Regulation’**, (1998), PARADIGM Vol. 1, No. 2, January 1998.
- ❖ **‘Full Convertibility’**, (1998), Indian Management Vol. 37 No. 2 February.

International Conference Presentations /professional visits(Last Seven Years)

- ❖ As a distinguished speaker spoke on **“Reducing Inequality in South Asia: Critical Issues and Policy Choices”** at the Ninth South Asia Economic Summit (SAES IX) in **Dhaka, Bangladesh** on 15-16 October 2016. The invitation was received from the Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD) Bangladesh. The overarching theme of SAES IX was “Reimagining South Asia in 2030”.
- ❖ Presented the paper titled, **“Addressing Financial Challenges of Public Private Partnerships in Infrastructure in Developing Asia”** at the World Finance Conference 2016, held at St. John’s University (Manhattan Campus), **New York, United States** from July 29-July 31, 2016.
- ❖ As a distinguished speaker spoke on **“Investment in Agriculture in South Asia and Scope for Regional Cooperation”** at the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), **Islamabad, Pakistan** in December 2015. SDPI had organized the 8th South Asia Economic Summit (SAES) & 18th Sustainable Development Conference (SDC)

from 7-10 December 2015.

- ❖ Attended and Presented a paper at an Expert Group Meeting titled ‘**Asian Partnerships in Financing SDGs**’ that took place on the 16th and 17th of May in **Dhaka, Bangladesh**.
- ❖ As part of my **consultancy assignment with IFAD**, a UN agency visited **Bhutan and Nepal** for a period from July 26th 2015 to 4th of August 2015, to undertake the ‘Rural Assessment’ for these economies.
- ❖ Paper titled, ‘**Information, Efficiency and Sustainability in Indian Agricultural Markets: the e-chaupal Way**’, presented in **Johannesburg, South Africa** during the conference held from 10th of September 2014 to 12th of September 2014.
- ❖ Invited by Lahore University to speak on ‘**Pakistan-India Trade Normalization in the Agricultural Sector**’ during the Conference held on August 20th and 21st, 2014 at **Lahore, Pakistan**.
- ❖ Invited to speak on ‘**Role of Food Security**’ in a seminar organized by the South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment (SAWTEE), together with Oxfam and Swedish Standards Institute (SIS), on “Regional cooperation on trade, climate change and food security in South Asia: Some reflections and way forward”, on the 13th and 14th of March 2014, at **Kathmandu, Nepal**.
- ❖ Paper titled ‘**Disinvestment: Out of the Deep Freeze**’ presented by co-author at the World Finance Conference, July 1-3, 2013 at **Lianassol, Cyprus**.
- ❖ Paper titled ‘**India’s Growth Story: Triumph of Liberalization**’, presented at the Centre for Vietnamese and Southeast Asian Studies, Vietnam National University, University of Social Sciences and Humanities, on the 12th of November, 2012, **Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam**.
- ❖ Paper titled ‘**Economic Reforms in India**’ presented at the Department of Economics, University of Economics and Law on the 19th of November, 2012, **Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam**.
- ❖ Paper titled ‘**Economic Growth, Poverty, Inequality and Economic Freedom: Re-examining the Role of Government**’ presented at the Department of Economics, University of Economics and Law on the 23rd of November, 2012 at **Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam**.
- ❖ Paper titled, ‘**Public Policy Reforms in India**’ presented at the Vietnam Institute of Trade and Industry Studies, on the 17th of December, 2012 at **Hanoi, Vietnam**.
- ❖ Paper titled, ‘**Inclusive Growth, Poverty and Economic Development in India**’, presented at the Hanoi College of Commerce and Tourism on the 18th of December, 2012 at **Hanoi, Vietnam**.
- ❖ Paper titled ‘**Reforming State Owned Enterprises in India and Vietnam: The Way Forward**’ presented at the International Conference Organized by Institute of Indian & Southwest Asian Studies on ‘India and Southwest Asia: Historical Links and Present Situation on the 18th of December, 2012 at **Hanoi, Vietnam**.
- ❖ Presented paper titled ‘**Economic Impact of Exchange Rate Regime and Trade Openness: An Asian Perspective**’ at the **World Finance Conference** held in Rio de

Janeiro, Brazil from July 2-4, 2012.

- ❖ Presented paper titled ‘**Privatization and Economic Growth in BRIC Countries: Evidence from Panel Data**’ at the **World Finance Conference** held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil from July 2-4, 2012.
- ❖ Presented paper titled ‘**Role of Business in Mitigating Indo-Pak Conflict**’ in the **Global Business Ethics Symposium** at Bentley University, Waltham, USA from the 20th to 26th of May 2012.
- ❖ Presented a paper titled ‘**India’s Public Distribution System**’ at a three day Conference titled “**PEGNet Conference 2011: Poor Countries, Poor People, and the New Global Players**”, at the GIGA German Institute of Global and Area Studies, held at Hamburg, Germany from September 7 to 9, 2011.
- ❖ Presented two papers titled ‘**India’s Public Distribution System: Implications for Food Security**’ and ‘**Financial Crisis and Food Security: country paper on India**’ at the **International Economic Association’s XVI World Congress**, held at Beijing, China from July 4 to 8, 2011.
- ❖ Presented a paper on ‘**Price Stabilization Policies**’ at the OECD Global Forum on Agriculture, held in November 2010 in Paris. The workshop was on ‘**Policies for Agricultural Development, Poverty Reduction and food Security**’.
- ❖ Presented a paper on ‘**Financial Crisis and Food Security in India**’ at a two day workshop on 'Agriculture and Food Security in Asia and the Pacific in the context of Food and Financial Crisis' held at Bangkok, Thailand on the 22nd and 23rd of February, 2010.
- ❖ Invited to present views on ‘**Food Security Strategies for States of India: Implications for involving the Local Bodies**’, at the World’s Regions on Food Security, held at Dakar, Senegal on the 18th and 19th of January 2010.
- ❖ Presented a paper on ‘**State of Food Insecurity in India**’ at a two day workshop held at Bangkok, Thailand on the 12th and 13th of October, 2009.
- ❖ Invited to attend and present a paper on ‘**The Role of the Indian Government in Tackling Food Insecurity**’ at the “Scientific Expert Meeting to Prepare the Summit of the World’s Regions on Food Security” held at Paris, France on October 6, 2009.
- ❖ Presented paper on ‘**Social Safety Nets**’ at the Inaugural Conference of the Courant Research Centre ‘Poverty, Equity and Growth’ held at **University of Göttingen, Germany** from 1st of July until the 4th of July, 2009.
- ❖ Paper on ‘**Dynamics of Human Capabilities and Economic Freedom**’, presented at the New Directions in Welfare Conference held at St Catherine’s College, **Oxford University, Oxford** from Monday 29th of June 2009 to Wednesday 1st of July 2009.
- ❖ Invited to speak on ‘**Short-term Responses to Higher Food Prices**’ at the OECD Global Forum on Agriculture held on 29-30 June in **Paris, France**.
- ❖ Paper on ‘**Social Safety Nets, Economic Freedom and Public Policy**’ presented at the Annual International Conference on Development Economics and Policy held by the **University of Frankfurt, Germany** from 26th of June to the 27th of June 2009.
- ❖ Invited to the OECD Global Forum on Agriculture to discuss ‘**Agricultural Policies**

in India', held on 20-21 November 2008 at the OECD Headquarters in **Paris, France**.

- ❖ Presented a paper titled '**On Economic Freedom**' at the 15th World Congress of the International Economic Association held at **Istanbul, Turkey** from June 25 to June 29, 2008.
- ❖ Paper titled '**Relationship between Economic Freedom and Larger Freedoms: An analysis of BRIC Countries**' presented at The Chinese Economists Society CES 2008 Annual Conference: New Phase of China's Economic Development held in Tianjin at **Nankai University, China** from April 18-19, 2008.
- ❖ Have been invited to participate and present a paper titled '**Trade-off between Economic and Larger Freedoms: Re-examining the role of government**' at the **20th Anniversary of the Oxford Round Table**, (from March 23 to March 28, 2008) Lincoln College, University of Oxford, England.
- ❖ Presented a paper titled '**Enhancing Economic Freedom by Reducing the Size of Government: A question of its desirability**' at the 6th International Conference on Economic Growth and Differentials: How Can We Harmonize Growth and Equality, held at **Hosei University (Ichigaya Campus), Japan** on December 8-9, 2007.
- ❖ Participated in an eight day seminar organized by the Dialogue Programme Brussels and the International Academy for Leadership of the Friedrich-Naumann-Stiftung für die Freiheit, the German foundation for liberal policies, at **Berlin and Brussels** from October 6 to 13, 2007, with the title 'Economic Freedom: a Liberal Strategy for Development'
- ❖ Presented a paper titled '**Poverty, Malnutrition and Economic Freedom Re-examining the Role of Government**' at the National Conference on "Expanding Freedom: Towards Social and Economic Transformation in a Globalizing World" held on April 11-13, 2007, at the Institute of Economic Growth, **Delhi**.

Administrative Assignments

Professor-in-Charge: 2011-2014; and Head of Economics Department: 1986-1989

The period served as a 'Professor in Charge' (PIC) of FMS South Campus was challenging, given the constraints of manpower and staff. I had to rely on early learnings as 'Head of Department' of Economics of Shri Guru Gobind Singh College of Commerce, a premier college under University of Delhi where one had to perform specific duties and responsibilities, such as: hiring of faculty; preparing departmental strategic plans; academic planning, including preparation of time table; and student counselling.

While pursuing administrative assignments as a PIC, after a long spell in research and academics, one had to reinvent. It required effective use of soft skills in getting work from the staff, and making significant improvements in organizing events, such as conferences and guest lectures. Some of the aspects addressed were: effective management and judicious use of office fixtures and furniture; encouraging staff to write noting's on files and maintaining proper records for audit; improving the inter-campus communications; and developing a healthy and a non-

political environment between the FMS bodies of south and north campus. More specifically, the responsibilities and duties that were executed during the tenure as a ‘Professor-in-Charge’ related to:

- Planning the expansion and diversification of the institutional activities
- Preparation of financial plan for the institute and fixing priorities of various works
- Monitoring the physical targets and utilization of funds with respect to planned allocation
- Campus development and renovation works
- Liaising with commercial establishments, primarily the canteen, for timely availability of quality food and snacks
- Planning for safety, including for differently abled students, staff and executives
- Addressing to grievances, if any
- Ensuring adherence to the University rules pertaining to hiring of staff, or purchase of equipment
- Supervising maintenance of academic records as per University requirements
- Upkeep and up-gradation of library facilities
- Motivating young faculty to write research papers and undertake projects; and in general foster faculty satisfaction and productivity
- Maintaining a disciplined and ragging free environment
- Coordinating community development programmes
- Where required, seeking assistance from University authorities, such as: Director, South Campus and/or Dean FMS

Besides, being a member on several committees, and also convening a few, helped gather vast knowledge and experience in management and related fields. Undoubtedly, the varied learning experience has been a valuable asset with an insight that much can be achieved with people. All they need is respect and assistance, to synchronize their strengths and energies to make a functional and cohesive team – an orchestra that makes a symphony and not noise.

Projects (Major Grants / Collaborations/Consultancies)

1. **Competition Issues Pertaining to Surge Pricing by Cab Aggregators** (Final Stages of Acceptance of Research Proposal, May 2017): Nominated by the Competition Commission of India, Government of India to undertake the same.
2. **IFAD’s Performance Based Allocation System (2016)**: Sponsored by United Nation’s International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), the report provides an update of the Assessment of Rural Development for Bhutan and Nepal: countries for which assessment was carried out.
3. **Experience of Public Private Partnership (PPP) in the context of Post-2015 Agenda (2015)**, ongoing work under the project titled “Global Partnership for Development in Asia and its Implication for financing of the Post-2015 Agenda, sponsored by Centre for Policy Dialogue, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
4. **OECD’s project on India’s Fertilizer and Biofuel Policy (2012, 2013)**: Have been associated with OECD’s research project related to agricultural supply chain policies. In the context of this project, assisted the OECD build database on Indian fertilizer sector policies, as well as, its biofuel sector policies. Within that work, policies included not

only support provided to farmers linked to their fertilizer purchases, but also other policies with first incidence in the fertilizer industry (e.g., input subsidies for energy or raw materials, capital aids, trade measures and many others). Similarly, the work also critically analysed the policies affecting the production and use of biofuels in India.

5. **IFAD's Performance Based Allocation System (2011, 2012, and 2013):** Sponsored by United Nation's International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), the report provides an update of the Assessment of Rural Development for various countries for which assessment is carried out. As of August, 2011, the following countries are being analyzed by self for their rural performance:

- India
- Maldives
- Nepal
- Thailand, and
- Malaysia

The project involves a regular review of country accomplishments in establishing a conducive institutional and policy framework for sustainable rural poverty reduction. The objective is to generate three-year loan-commitment envelopes for all borrowers, on a consistent basis involving transparent criteria, that can provide the basis for discussions with countries on the elaboration of IFAD's lending programme within the framework of medium-term national development strategies.

6. **IFAD's Project on "Agriculture: Pathways to Prosperity in Asia and The Pacific (2010):** Sponsored by United Nation's International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), the main objective of the project was to prepare a Rural Poverty Report for the Asia Pacific Region to create awareness about the main challenges faced by the rural poor, particularly smallholders and to identify approaches to tackling those challenges. The report critically analyzed important themes such as risk and vulnerability, agricultural markets, sustainable agriculture, and non-farm sector. The 'State of Rural Poverty', 'The Importance of Addressing Risk', 'Creating Opportunities in the Rural Non-Farm Economy' and 'The Way Forward' were the specific chapters prepared by self. The report was published in March 2011. Soft copy available at <http://www.ifad.org/pub/apr/pathways.pdf>
7. **FAO's Project on "Financial Crisis and Food Security in India (2009)":** Recently worked on the project titled 'Financial Crisis and Food Security in India'. The project on 'Food and Financial Crisis in Asia and the Pacific' was sponsored by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations. Prior to the final submission two workshops were held in Bangkok, Thailand. The first of these was held in October 2009, followed by the second in February 2010.
8. **FOGAR Project on "Issues Concerning Food Security (2009)":** This project was sponsored by the Forum of Global Associations of Regions (FOGAR) and funded by the European Commission. The report was presented at the "Summit of the World's Regions on Food Security" held at Dakar, Senegal on the 18th and 19th of January 2010. In preparation of this meeting, another meeting of experts was held in Paris, France on the 6th of October, 2009.
9. **OECD's Project on "Agricultural Policies in India, 2006-2008":** Was invited by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) to prepare a draft report on the 'Agricultural Policies in India,' for its publication *Agricultural Policies in Emerging Economies: Monitoring and Evaluation*. The same was presented at its Global Forum on Agriculture held in Paris. Was also invited by the OECD to prepare and present

a report on: **Short-term Responses to Higher Food Prices** in June 2009.

10. **RGF's Project on "Economic Freedom for States of India (2007, 2008)"**: Was commissioned by the Rajeev Gandhi Foundation for estimating the Economic Freedom Index (EFI) for different states of India. The construction of EFI is based on the Fraser Institute's Economic Freedom of the World methodology. The study also finds the relationship between EFI for the States and other economic parameters, such as growth rate of State Gross Domestic Product, health expenditure and poverty levels.
11. **OECD's project on "Product Market Regulation (2006)"**: Have also worked with the **Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, OECD**, in their pursuit of collecting data on *product market regulation* from the Indian government and 21 state governments.
12. **Ministry of Finance, Government of India's project on "Economic Reforms and Total Factor Productivity in Indian Manufacturing (2005)"**: Have also been involved in estimating and examining the productivity performance of Indian manufacturing industry during the post reform period. Using the growth accounting technique, the **Total Factor Productivity** (TFP) has been estimated for all the 23 major industry groups at the two digit level. The research also provides a synoptic view of the major studies on productivity carried out for the manufacturing sector of the Indian economy. To depict the distribution of productivity across industry groups, the Sunrise/Sunset productivity diagrams as proposed by Harberger (1998) have also been constructed. The research was commissioned by the **Ministry of Finance**, and prior to its submission a presentation was made at the Ministry, in the presence of the Chief Economic Advisor. Consequently, a section of the paper was included in the **Economic Survey 2005-06, of the Government of India**.
13. **NCAER's Project on "State Policies Affecting Competition (2005)"**: Was also involved in a research project funded by the **Competition Commission of India, Government of India** and undertaken by the **National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER)** on 'State Policies Affecting Competition: the Passenger Transportation Sector' (2005). The study analyzed the competition policies in the transport sector for seven states of India. Apart from recommending the introduction of Competitive Tendering in this sector, the study also estimated three specific indices: viz. Competition Index, Efficiency Index and Consumer Satisfaction Index for the 7 states under study. Our recommendation for introducing competitive tendering has been welcomed by both the Planning Commission and the State Transport Commissioners of select states, including Maharashtra. The report has been published by the Government of India Press.
14. **NCAER's Project on "Revamping of the MOU System (2004)"**: sponsored by the **Department of Public Enterprises, Ministry of Industry, Government of India**, conducted by the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER). This project examined whether the MOU system continued to be intrinsically worthwhile or whether it needed to be replaced by a different system.

Research Guidance of Doctoral Students

1. Ms. Paramjeet Kaur (Year of registration-2002)
Lecturer in Reader's Scale, Guru Gobind Singh College of Commerce
Title: Economic Reforms and Corporate Restructuring: An Empirical Analysis
(Status: **Degree Awarded**)
2. Ms. Divjot Singh (Year of Registration-2003)

Research Associate, National Council of Applied Economic Research
Title: Assessing Sensitivity of Corporates to Environmentally Sustainable Development
(Status: **Degree Awarded**)

3. Mr. Bharat Singh (Year of Registration-2004)
Associate Professor, University of Delhi
Title: Economic Liberalization and the Restructuring of Manpower in Indian Industries
(Status: Viva Awaited)
4. Mr. Khinya Ram (Year of Registration-2005)
Joint Director, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India
Title: Impact of Expenditure Pattern, Educational Level, and Governance on Economic Development: An Inter State Comparative Study
(Status: **Degree Awarded**)
5. Mr. S. K. Dam (Year of registration-2006)
Chief Manager, Corporate Planning, Indian Oil
Title: Economic Liberalization and its impact on India's Oil and Gas Sector
(Status: **Degree Awarded**)
6. Mr. Raghubir Dahiya (Year of Registration 2006)
Associate Professor, University of Delhi
Title: Foreign Direct Investment: Sectoral Analysis
(Status: **Degree Awarded**)
7. Ms. Nidhi Kaicker (year of Registration 2010)
Title: Financial Crisis, Market Failure and Public Policy
(Status: **Degree Awarded**)
8. Ms. Harpreet Kaur
(Completed Course Work and Pursuing Thesis Writing)
9. Ms. Aparna Sajeev
(Status: **Thesis Submitted**)
10. Ms. Sakshi (Thesis Writing)
11. Ms. Megha Jain (Thesis Writing)
12. Ms. Cheshta (Completed Course Work and Pursuing Thesis Writing)

Additionally Several students (both Full Time and Executives) are provided guidance on regular basis for preparing project reports, which constitutes a compulsory element of their course curriculum.

Other Details

Creative Positions held

- I. Member of the Review/Editorial Board/Assistance provided to following Journals:
 - Development Studies Research, United Kingdom
 - The Journal of Developing Areas, USA
- II. Have been giving policy advice to institutes and organizations such as the Ministry of Finance, Government of India; Department of Heavy Industry, Government of India; National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER), the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations.
- III. Advisory work for various research organizations/agencies-especially on economic freedom for the Rajiv Gandhi Institute and the Friedrich Naumann Stiftung Institute, Germany, has been influential in policy debates in India and elsewhere.

Statement of Teaching, Research and Administrative Experience/Interest

As a faculty member, have been imparting management knowledge since 1989 to post graduate students of the Faculty of Management Studies, University of Delhi. In this capacity, have been actively involved in course development and the preparation of focused research studies relating to my areas of interest such as 'The Economic Theory of a Firm', 'Macro Policy Reforms' and 'Public Enterprise Reforms'. Am also guiding PhD scholars focusing on several policy relevant research topics including Development Economics, Environmental Economics, Disinvestment and Mergers & Acquisitions.

My interest in analyzing the role of the government was cultivated in the early 90's when the global debate over Privatization was building up. The interest was firmed up by the findings under my doctoral thesis, which analyzed the effectiveness of government institutions in promoting economic efficiency. Apart from analyzing the disinvestment strategy adopted by India, a major part of the research was devoted to the debate on **Ownership, Competition and Efficiency**. The work builds up a strong case for a symbiotic relationship between the Public and the Private Sector in India and contends that it is the competition between industries - and not their ownership - which determines the efficiency of an enterprise. The thesis argues that the entry of the private enterprises in infrastructure development would increase competition and consequently enhance productivity. Subsequently, I pursued research in the area of economic freedom and its role in accelerating economic growth and presented the findings in a paper titled "**Inequality, Growth and Economic Freedom: Re-examining the Role of Government**", at the 14th World Economic Conference 2005. The audience interest generated by this paper has led to a further deepening of my interest in studying the linkage between economic freedom, on the one hand, and various forms of human well being including poverty and malnutrition on the other.

Consequently, areas covering poverty, nutrition and role of state have been a major focus of my research in the last few years. As a researcher, have also been involved in estimating and examining the productivity performance of Indian manufacturing industry during the post reform period. Using the growth accounting technique, the **Total Factor Productivity (TFP)** was estimated for all the 23 major industry groups at the two digit level. The research also provided a synoptic view of the major studies on productivity carried out for the manufacturing sector of the Indian economy. Aspects such as cross-country productivity comparisons, its movement over time and the productivity gap in Indian industries were researched. To depict the distribution of productivity across industry groups, the Sunrise/Sunset productivity diagrams as proposed by Harberger (1998) were also constructed. The research was commissioned by the **Ministry of Finance**, and prior to its submission, a presentation was made at the Ministry, in the presence of the Chief Economic Advisor. Consequently, a section of the paper was included in the **Economic Survey 2005-06, of the Government of India**.

Further, have been giving policy advice to institutes and organizations such as the Ministry of Finance, Government of India; Department of Heavy Industry, Government of India; National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER), the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations.

Over the past few years, have also been invited to participate and present papers at a number of national and international conferences. These conferences have provided a forum to promote mutual understanding amongst economists from different parts of the world. Most

of the conferences that I attended had a heavy focus on issues like ‘new institutional economics’- an area of not only my research interest but also one of the major areas on which I lecture and guide doctoral students at the institute. During the course of attending international conferences, have had the opportunity to listen to noble laureates and distinguished personalities. Apart from the academic learning’s, participation in conferences has helped in networking, discussing issues and in marketing my institution, my discipline and my theories/philosophies.

In addition to being involved in academic or advisory work, have also been involved in administrative assignments.

- As **Professor-in-Charge** at the Faculty of Management Studies, University of Delhi, South Campus (2011 to 2014), was responsible for the maintenance and supervision of the institution. Key administrative responsibilities included:
 - purchasing required equipment
 - supervising maintenance of official records
 - hiring research assistants for UGC sponsored project
 - preparing confidential reports of the employees; and public affairs, including relations with the media and the community
- Besides have been on several committees such as:
 - Member, Managing Committee, Geeetanjali Hostel for P.G. Women Studies, University of Delhi, South Campus
 - Convener, Swatch Bharat Abhiyaan Committee, FMS, South Campus
 - Member, Courses Committee FMS; Member and Convener, Admissions Board, FMS
 - Member Departmental Research Committee (DRC) and Board of Research Studies (BRS), FMS
 - Member Library Committee, FMS and,
 - Member, Governing Body, College of Vocational Studies, University of Delhi and Jesus and Mary College, University of Delhi.

Apart from this, have the experience of being a member on the ‘Expert Panel’ for selecting faculty at other Universities and Institutes. Also, during the initial years of professional life, have worked as the **Head of the Department of Economics** with Sri Guru Gobind Singh College of Commerce, University of Delhi. During this period was responsible for successfully launching the Economics Honours Course in the College, including hiring of permanent faculty. The said course, till date, is highly sought after amongst students.

Besides remaining committed to teaching profession in the future, I also remain committed to continue my sincere pursuit of knowledge in the above mentioned areas of research interest, and also to seek out other relevant areas.

I look forward to further discussions on the same.