


CURRICULUM VITAE: SONIA PANT

Name: Date of Birth:	SONIA PANT March 1, 1976	
Present post: Service: Present grade:	Adviser, NITI Aayog 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 Ph.D. Economics from the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT), New Delhi, 2025	
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Tenure-wise job profile

Post	Adviser and Programme Director, NITI Aayog
Tenure	Sept 2024 onwards till date
Category	Cadre
Grade	Senior Administrative Grade
Job profile	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Handling the Education, Skill Development, Labour & Employment, Services, and Economic Intelligence Unit (EIU) divisions in NITI Aayog. In addition to undertaking Ministry/Department-specific scheme-related techno-economic appraisals for draft Bills, Cabinet Notes, EFC/SFC/PIB/DIB proposals, the role also encompasses providing high-quality technical and strategic inputs for policy analysis,

	<p>engaging with key stakeholders, and facilitating inter-ministerial coordination.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Undertaking in-house research in new and evolving areas to better inform policy-making. ▪ Regularly tracking and analysing global and Indian macroeconomic trends.
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Post	Deputy Director General, Development Monitoring and Evaluation Office (DMEO), NITI Aayog
Tenure	Apr 2022 onwards upto Sept 2024
Category	Cadre
Grade	Senior Administrative Grade
Job profile	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Evaluation of the Central Sector and Centrally Sponsored Schemes of various Ministries/Departments. ▪ Conduct monitoring and evaluation training and capacity building workshops for state government and central government officials. ▪ Develop evaluation frameworks for different types of evaluations based on international best practices and Indian experience for evidence-based policy making.

Post	Additional Development Commissioner, DC MSME, M/o MSME
Tenure	Aug 2021 onwards upto Apr 2022
Category	Cadre
Grade	Senior Administrative Grade
Job profile	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Scheme implementation related work for flagship schemes related to Cluster Development Programme, Tool Rooms and Technology Centre Development, Administration of Tool Rooms and Technology Centres, North East Cluster Development, etc.

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

Post	Director, Services Desk, Trade Policy Division, Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry
Tenure	July 2017 – Aug 2019 (2 years 1 month)
Category	Cadre
Grade	Non-Functional Selection Grade
Job profile	WTO Issues

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Services issues at the WTO. Handled various General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS) committees. LDC issues. Notification obligations. Preparing and tabling negotiating proposals Defending India in various WTO meetings <p>E-commerce</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> E-commerce issues at the WTO. Examining various proposals under the Joint Ministerial Statement Initiative on e-commerce. Preparing and tabling negotiating proposals under Work Programme on e-commerce Defending India in various WTO meetings Draft e-commerce policy. Widespread stakeholder consultations organised for obtaining inputs. Preparing draft on various aspects. <p>Bilateral Negotiations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As track lead worked to achieve commercially meaningful market access in services in RCEP, India – EFTA, India-EU, India-UK FTA and trade negotiations. Prepared India's negative list services offers in consultation with various stakeholders. 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.
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Post	Director, Investment Desk, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance
Tenure	Jan 2017 – Jul 2017 (7 months)
Category	Cadre
Grade	Non-Functional Selection Grade
Job profile	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investment negotiations in FTAs and BITAs. FATF Desk

Post	First Secretary (Services), Permanent Mission of India to WTO, Geneva, Switzerland
Tenure	Oct 2013 - Oct 2016 (3 years)
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"> 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).
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Post	Deputy Secretary, Department of Commerce
Tenure	Sep 2010- Oct 2013 (3 years 1 months)
Category	Central Staffing Scheme
Grade	Junior Administrative Grade
Job profile	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 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. ▪ 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. ▪ Coordination with all stakeholders (Government Ministries and Departments, Industry, Regulatory Bodies, Professional Associations etc.) to prepare India's position in the services negotiations.

Post	Deputy Director, Trade Policy Division, Department of Commerce
Tenure	June 2006- July 2010 (4years 1 month)
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	Assistant Director, Trade Policy Division, Department of Commerce
Tenure	Dec 2004- June 2006 (1 years 5 months)
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.
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Post	Assistant Director, Economic Division, Department of Commerce
Tenure	June 2004- Dec 2004 (6 months)
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	Assistant Director, Transport Research Wing, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
Tenure	Sept 2003- June 2004 (9 months)
Category	Cadre
Grade	Junior Time Scale
Job profile	Collection, compilation and dissemination of statistics on road and water transport.
