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Prof. Arvind Panagariya is Vice-Chairman, NITI (National Institution for Transforming India) Aayog and has been a Professor of Indian Political Economy in the School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University. A doctorate degree holder in Economics from Princeton University, and a graduate from Rajasthan University, Prof. Panagariya has also served as the chief economist of the Asian Development Bank and as Professor of Economics at the University of Maryland at College Park, USA.

Prof. Panagariya is a world renowned academician who has authored more than fifteen books. His latest book, *India: The Emerging Giant*, published in March 2008 by the Oxford University Press, New York, has been described by CNN as the 'definitive book on the Indian economy' and it was considered a top pick of 2008. The Economist magazine has described his book *Why Growth Matters* (with Jagdish Bhagwati), as "a manifesto for policymakers and analysts." Prof. Panagariya is an editor of the India Policy Forum, a journal modelled on the Brookings Papers on Economic Activity and jointly published by the Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C. and the National Council on Applied Economic Research, New Delhi. His scientific papers have appeared in the top economics journals such as the American Economic Review, Quarterly Journal of Economics Review of Economic Studies, Journal of International Economics, and International Economic Review while his policy papers have appeared in the Foreign Affairs, Foreign Policy, World Economy, Journal of International Affairs and Finance and Development. Until recently, he wrote a monthly column in the Times of India and his guest columns have appeared in the Financial Times, Wall Street Journal, The Hindu, India Today and Outlook. He has appeared on numerous television shows such as "Transforming India with Arvind Panagariya" on Bloomberg TV India.

In March 2012, the Government of India honoured Dr. Panagariya with Padma Bhushan, the third highest civilian honour of the country. In his extensive and distinguished career, Prof. Panagariya has been associated with the World Bank, International Monetary Fund, World Trade Organization, and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in various capacities.