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To,

**Prof. Arup Mitra**  
**Dean, Faculty of Economics, South Asian University**  
**New Delhi, India**

**Sub: Recommendation for Mr. Gaurav Goyal**

Dear Prof. Mitra,

I am writing to wholeheartedly recommend Mr. Gaurav Goyal, an outstanding Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer, for admission to the Ph.D. program in Economics at your esteemed institution. As the Dean and later as Vice Chancellor of RAJUVAS, I had the privilege of observing his growth as a dedicated public servant and scholar ever since he joined as a civil servant in Rajasthan. I also had the opportunity to interact frequently during his tenure in this state.

As Secretary to the Chief Minister, Mr. Goyal was instrumental in formulating policies that bridged the gap between agricultural practices and animal husbandry, promoting economic development in rural areas. His initiatives led to improved livestock management and increased income for farmers, reflecting his ability to apply economic theories to real-world challenges. Later, as Secretary to the Governor, his administrative acumen was evident in the successful execution of various state functions and administration of state-funded universities in Rajasthan.

Mr. Gaurav possesses a unique blend of academic excellence, administrative experience, and passion for economic research. Throughout the tenure, he has consistently demonstrated:

- Exceptional analytical and problem-solving skills
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills
- Strong leadership and teamwork abilities
- A passion for learning and commitment to academic excellence

Further, I feel that Mr. Gaurav's research interests align with the strengths of South Asian University's Economics department to produce high-quality research that will benefit academia, policymakers, and society at large. I highly recommend him for admission to your esteemed program.

Please feel free to contact me if you require any additional information.

Sincerely yours,

(A. K. Gahlot)

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Place: Bikaner

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