

Certificate of Appreciation

To whom it may concern,

We would like to recognize the outstanding contribution, effort, and dedication of Sparsh Kumar to our team as a volunteer research assistant for the CoronaNet Research Project. Sparsh was active with our project from 2021-01-18 to 2021-06-24 and, in that time, coded and updated policy information for India. Without the support of our dedicated RAs, such as Sparsh Kumar, we would not be able to sustain our pace of policy documentation which, to date, counts more than 100 thousand policies from virtually every country in the world.

The CoronaNet Research Project is working to gather comprehensive and global data on government responses to the COVID-19 crisis. This work includes gathering information about which governments are responding to the coronavirus, toward whom policies are targeted (e.g. other countries), the types of policies enacted (e.g. travel restrictions, banning exports of masks) and their timing and duration. For more information, see www.coronanet-project.org.

Sparsh has been a country expert for India. This role involves researching and creating a comprehensive overview of government policies enacted in India as well as collecting and entering new and updated policy information related to COVID-19. Becoming a country expert requires passing a series of trainings on how to code data in the CoronaNet database, which uses a custom Qualtrics survey instrument, keeping up with policy coding on a weekly basis, and attending weekly country- or regional coordination meetings as well as project-wide meetings.

In conclusion, we would like to reiterate our thanks to Sparsh Kumar for supporting these important and time-sensitive collection efforts and for being part of the CoronaNet community.



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