

# HEMANTH BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY

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## EDUCATION

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**Harvard University**, Cambridge, MA (Gap year 2020-21) Expected: 2023  
*A.B., Applied Mathematics and Economics, Secondary in Government*  
Relevant coursework: PhD Behavioral Economics, Advanced Micro and Macroeconomics (ECON 1011A, B),  
MBA Entrepreneurship, Probability, Multivariable Calculus, Linear Algebra, Data Science

**Padma Seshadri Bala Bhavan Senior Secondary**, Chennai, IND 2018  
GPA: 95.4% ACT: 35/36 SAT Math Level 2: 800/800

## EXPERIENCE

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**The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation** December 2020-October 2021  
*Consultant* Delhi, India

- Worked with the *India Deputy Director & Country Lead for Public Policy and Finance*, Dr Santhosh Mathew, on building state capacity to enhance public administration in India and elsewhere
- Researched, & designed a digital public health services delivery platform to orchestrate clinical excellence, resource optimization, & political salience; presented to states, central govt, & key civil society stakeholders
- Constructed & evangelized capacity interventions for key state failures, e.g., smart govt payments, just-in-time PFMS, procurement, improving verticals like family planning & early-childhood development, etc.

**Ministry of Finance, Government of India** September 2020-March 2021  
*Research Assistant to the Chief Economic Advisor* Delhi, India

- [Writing team](#) of the flagship annual planning document of the Finance Ministry presented in the Union Budget, the [Economic Survey of India 2020-21](#); co-authored sections on administration & reforms including a difference-in-differences study on a constructed novel dataset, global comparative analysis, & litt review
- Assisted the CEA including in COVID vaccine- and economic support-related data analysis and research

**Reserve Bank of India** September-November 2020  
*Trainee and Collaborating Author* Mumbai, India

- Trainee at the research and analysis wing of the RBI (DEPR); met and interviewed all 18 Directors
- Co-authored research and policy documents (e.g., the [annual banking report](#)) with senior Bank economists

**Good Business Lab** May-August 2020  
*Research Assistant for Professor Heather Schofield* Philadelphia, PA

- [Tracked](#) the impact of COVID-19 and waves of lockdowns on Indian migrants and daily wage workers
- Assisted RCTs related to [migrant worker loneliness, networks, and productivity](#) and [regularizing labor supply](#)

**Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL)** May-August 2019  
*Research and Data Intern* Chennai, India

- Principal consultant in building, developing, and evaluating the [state women's helpline](#); analyzed call data

**Indian Schools Debating Society** May 2018-June 2020  
*National Debate Coach* Delhi, India

- Managed the first-ever Indian team to win the World Championships; coached Indian youth squads since 2018; co-convenor of the [Chennai Mini 2019](#), the first international schools debate tournament held in India

## ACTIVITIES AND LEADERSHIP

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**Director of Publicity (Founding), Harvard Undergraduate Inclusion in Economics** 2019-2020

- Conducted and publicized economics events; built mentorship program for underrepresented students

**Chairperson of Events, Harvard College Debating Union** 2019-2020

- Hosted public debates with politicians, prisoners, academics at North America's most successful debate team

**Indian National Debating Team** 2015-2018

- Only Indian to represent India 4 times at the World Schools Debating Championships; first Indian team to reach the finals; among the top 20 speakers in the world

## SKILLS & INTERESTS

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<b>Programming/Data Languages</b>	R (50,000+ lines), Python (3,000+ lines), Stata, SQL, HTML, CSS, $\text{\LaTeX}$ , Git
<b>Interests</b>	English, Tamil, Hindi Politics, anti-caste ideology, Tamil literature & cinema, old cities, tea shops