

Motheram Abhinav SaiKrishna

PUBLIC POLICY, DIGITAL ECONOMY & GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS ADVISOR

New Delhi, India

+91-9821455015 | paramitite@gmail.com | maskegger | amotheram

Professional Summary

Public policy and digital economy advisor with 10 years of experience across India's leading policy, research, and development institutions, including NITI Aayog and the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister. Advise senior leadership on digital economy, macroeconomics, trade, regulatory strategy, technology adoption, MSME competitiveness, and India's economic transformation. Experienced in translating complex policy, data, and regulatory developments into actionable insights for government, institutional, international, and ecosystem stakeholders.

Selected Policy & Advisory Areas

Digital economy & technology policy · Future of work & skills · MSME technology adoption · Data governance & development policy · Labour markets & inclusive growth · Platform economy & economic opportunity · Regulatory & political economy analysis · Emerging technology & AI policy

Employment

Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM) - NITI Aayog

CONSULTANT, STRATEGIC POLICY ADVISORY

New Delhi, India

May 2025 – Sep 2026

- Served in the Office of the Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog, supporting senior leadership on macroeconomic strategy, digital economy, trade policy, global economic developments, and emerging policy priorities.
- Prepared policy briefs, decision notes, and analytical inputs for the Vice Chairman's engagements with senior government, institutional, and international stakeholders.
- Developed an internal policy strategy on AI adoption to improve MSME productivity and competitiveness, identifying policy enablers for technology diffusion across India's enterprise ecosystem.
- Contributed to policy analysis for the CEPR-Bruegel Paris Report on global imbalances, supporting engagement on international economic coordination and trade realignment.
- Received a formal Letter of Appreciation from Shri Suman Bery, Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog, recognizing contributions to policy research and strategic advisory support, 2026.

LEAD at Krea University

STRATEGIC POLICY CONSULTANT

New Delhi, India

Nov. 2023 – Feb. 2025

- Led policy and advisory initiatives on digital economy transformation, MSME competitiveness, platform-enabled livelihoods, female labor force participation, and technology adoption across underserved sectors.
- Managed partnerships and advisory workstreams across donor-funded programs, NGOs, and ecosystem stakeholders, including USAID-supported initiatives, SARDI, The/Nudge Institute, and Samunnati.
- Developed synthesis reports and strategic policy analysis on digital trade, MSME technology adoption, platform-enabled economic opportunity and regional economic integration for institutional stakeholders and development partners.
- Delivered guest lectures and academic engagements at Krea University on digital economy, public policy, and data-driven development strategy.

National Data Innovation Center - National Council of Applied Economic Research

RESEARCH ANALYST

New Delhi, India

Oct. 2018 – Aug. 2023

- Managed analytical workflows for nationally representative panel studies, translating complex socioeconomic data into evidence-based policy insights for institutional stakeholders.
- Worked closely with research partners at the University of Michigan's Survey Research Center and Statistics Netherlands/CBS on panel study design, reproducible research systems, and statistical analysis.
- Contributed to COVID-era poverty monitoring and economic resilience reports in collaboration with CPAN at ODI, UK, translating panel data into policy-relevant insights.
- Produced policy briefs and analytical outputs on socioeconomic trends, digital behavior, and pandemic resilience.

Oxus Investments

MACROECONOMIST

New Delhi, India

Aug 2016 – Oct 2018

- Produced political economy, macroeconomic, and regulatory analysis on India's monetary policy, financial markets, currency movements, and geopolitical landscape for international investor and institutional clients.
- Contributed to strategic policy and market briefings for clients of The Observatory Group, assessing developments affecting India's economic and investment environment.
- Worked closely with Dr. Surjit Bhalla on market-facing analysis and thought leadership related to India's political economy and reform trajectory.

Centre for Effective Governance of Indian States (CEGIS)

SENIOR CONSULTANT

New Delhi, India

- Senior consultant with the Jobs, Productivity, Employment and Growth (JPEGE) team.

World Bank - Office of the Chief Economist

SHORT TERM CONSULTANT (STC)

New Delhi, India

June 2023

- Conducted policy analysis on digital transformation and India-ASEAN economic integration for the Office of the Chief Economist, World Bank.

OEDIN - International Monetary Fund

PROJECTS OFFICER

New Delhi, India

June 2022 - Oct 2022

- Analyzed regional trade and growth trends across Asian economies to support comparative policy and economic strategy assessments.

Education

Birla Institute of Technology and Sciences (BITS Pilani)

M.Sc.(INTEGRATED HONS.) ECONOMICS

Goa, India

2015

Fellowships

Mercatus Center, George Mason University

DON LAVOIE FELLOW

2022-2023

- Research on key ideas in the Austrian, Virginia, and Bloomington schools of political economy.

Andhra Pradesh Knowledge Mission

SUMMER FELLOW

Hyderabad, India

May 2016 - July 2016

- Developed policy frameworks for public universities and led a British Council partnership on digital skilling initiatives.

Books & Book Chapters

- Surjit S. Bhalla, Abhinav Motheram. 2024. *How We Vote: The Factors That Influence Voters*. Published by: Juggernaut Publications India. Available at: [Link](#)
- Santanu Pramanik and Abhinav Motheram. 2022. India's COVID-19 Vaccination Drive: Its Relevance in Managing the Pandemic. Chapter in: *Contextualizing the COVID Pandemic in India*. Published by: Springer Nature. Available at: [Link](#)

Selected Publications & Knowledge Products

- Abhinav Motheram. 2026. "Fair pricing could help sustain UPI network." *The Indian Express*, 26 August 2026. Available at: [Link](#)
- Abhinav Motheram, Sharon Buteau. 2026. "From pipes to points: What drives digital payments adoption in India." *Ideas for India*, 3 August 2026. Available at: [Link](#)
- Suman Bery, Bhaskar J Kashap, Abhinav Motheram. 2026. "India: Finding Opportunities in Global Rebalancing." *Business Standard*, 30 April 2026. Available at: [Link](#)
- Abhinav Motheram, Sharon Buteau. 2026. "Supply side drivers of digital payment adoption in India." *Discover Sustainability* 7, 560. Springer, 10 April 2026. DOI: [10.1007/s43621-026-02901-x](#)
- Tirathanmoy Das, Surjit S. Bhalla, Karan Bhasin, Abhinav Motheram. 2024. "Definition, Measurement, and Policy: Poverty Alleviation in India 1983-84 to 2021-22". Study commissioned by the NITI Aayog in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Management Bangalore.
- Surjit S. Bhalla, Abhinav Motheram. 2020. "Why polls today are more about psychology and political economy than statistics." *The Economic Times*. Available at: [Link](#)
- Surjit S. Bhalla, Tirathanmoy Das, Abhinav Motheram, 2018. "All you wanted to know about Jobs in India but were afraid to ask." Study for the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council (PM-EAC), Government of India.

Media Coverage

- *BBC News*, 16 August 2026. Soutik Biswas. "India built the world's biggest digital payments miracle. Now comes the bill." Features the Motheram-Buteau research and quotes Abhinav Motheram. Available at: [Link](#)

Technical Tools

- R, Python, SQL, Stata, Tableau, Power BI, Metabase, QGIS, ArcGIS