

## **DR MANMOHAN SINGH**

Hon'ble Prime Minister, Government of India

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An economist, Dr Manmohan Singh holds a DPhil degree from Nuffield College, University of Oxford, UK and an Economic Tripos (first class honours) degree from the University of Cambridge, UK. He also holds a first class Masters degree in Economics from Panjab University. He served as the Finance Minister of India between 1991 and 1996 and as the Leader of Opposition in the parliament from 1996 to 2004. Prior to this, Dr Manmohan Singh was the Governor of the Reserve Bank of India from 1982–85. In addition to various positions of eminence, Dr Singh also served as the Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission (1985–87). He was elected Member of Rajya Sabha for the first time in 1991 and re-elected in 1995 for a term of six years followed by yet another six-year term in 2001. He took over as Prime Minister of the Republic of India in 2004.

Dr Manmohan Singh has been the leader of several high-level committees and delegations including the Indo-Soviet Monitoring Group in 1982 and the Aid-India Consortium Meetings (1977–79). He was awarded the Padma Vibhushan, one of India's highest civilian awards, in 1987 and received the Justice K S Hegde Foundation Award and the Lokmanya Tilak Award in 1997. He is also the recipient of the H H Kanchi Sri Paramacharya Award for Excellence (1999).