

Selected Outside Activities

Government of India Activities

- Chairman, Commission on Entrepreneurship and Innovation (2015) and board member, [Atal Innovation Mission](#) - “Government of India flagship nationwide program to accelerate entrepreneurship”
- Commission Member, Prime Minister’s program to establish India’s Institutes of Eminence (universities, since 2018)
- Vice-Chair, Science & Technology Cluster Apex Committee (since 2020)

Cofounder (pro bono), Aspire Institute

Originally launched at the Mittal South Asia Institute at Harvard University as the “Crossroads Emerging Leaders Program,” [Aspire Institute](#) is an independent non-profit and fully-funded leadership development program. Aspire catalyzes leaders for tomorrow by offering first-generation university students, from developing nations across the world, academic and professional resources, as well as a global community of support, as they grapple with questions of identity, technology, ethics, and structural change. To date, over 16,000 students from 130 countries have applied to the program.

Cofounder, Axilor

[Axilor](#) is India’s leading technology accelerator and incubator. Founded in 2015, Axilor currently invests in 8-12 startups each year and offers seed funding between \$500,000-\$750,000. Axilor has since grown to an active community of 400+ founders.

Cofounder, Chai Point

[Chai Point](#) is the world’s largest Chai-led beverage platform. The company enables technology to reach millions of customers every day using retail stores, cloud kitchens, corporate offices, consumer packaged-goods, and more. Chai Point is currently located in India across 9 major cities and a network of over 180 stores. Chai Point’s myChai™ cloud-connected proprietary system provides the capability to brew consistent quality on a global scale.

Chairman, [Lancet Commission on Reimagining India’s Healthcare System](#)

The Commission’s primary mission is to lay out the architecture for universal health coverage for the people of India. The ongoing pandemic has laid bare structural issues in the health care system and offers a historic opportunity to reimagine its future and to galvanize action by all key stakeholders. As such, the guiding principle of the Commission is that universal health coverage can only be realized through a consultative and participatory effort by all key stakeholders across India’s fragmented health system, and it aims to lay out a road-map for universal health coverage, with specific, ambitious but realistic, and time-bound recommendations for realizing a just, high-quality and accountable health care system for all Indians.