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Keshav Bhardwaj is a research and policy professional currently serving as a Research Associate at the Indian Institute of Management Bangalore's Center for Digital Public Goods. His current work focuses on Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) and Digital Public Goods (DPG), including research, real-world implementation, and problem solving. Previously, he served as a Young Professional in the Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India, where his work included developing publications and visual materials for the Supreme Audit Institution of India; researching domestic and international legal and policy frameworks; developing IT tools to streamline internal communication and workflows; drafting official correspondence for high-level dignitaries; coordinating bilateral and multilateral meetings and events; and contributing to editorial work for an international journal. His academic background is in Political Science and International Relations, with additional exposure to public administration, sociology, psychology, economics, security studies, terrorism and counter-terrorism, intelligence analysis, strategic affairs, nuclear policy, disarmament, and Middle Eastern studies.



Current CV

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research Associate

May 2026 – Present

Indian Institute of Management Bangalore (IIMB) · Center for Digital Public Goods (CDPG) · Bengaluru, India

Research Associate at the Center for Digital Public Goods, working on Digital Public Infrastructure and Digital Public Goods research, real-world implementation, and problem solving.

- Conducting research related to Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI).
- Working on real-world implementation and problem solving related to DPI and DPG.

Young Professional

Aug 2024 – Apr 2026

Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India · International Relations Division · New Delhi, India

Worked in the Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on publications, research and policy analysis, digital and IT-enabled workflows, official communications, international engagements, and editorial activities.

- Development of publications and visual materials for the Supreme Audit Institution of India.
- Conducted research on domestic and international legal and policy frameworks.
- Built IT tools to streamline internal communication and workflows.
- Drafted official correspondence for high-level dignitaries.
- Coordinated bilateral and multilateral meetings and events.
- Contributed to editorial work for an international journal.

Research Intern

Nov 2020 – Feb 2021

Asian Institute of Diplomacy & International Affairs · Kathmandu, Nepal

Research and administrative activities at the Asian Institute of Diplomacy & International Affairs.

- Conducted research-related activities.
- Supported administrative activities.

Intern

Dec 2019 – Jan 2020

MyGov · New Delhi, India

Worked on activities relating to research, outreach, analytics, and key flagship projects.

- Supported research activities.
- Contributed to outreach activities.
- Worked on analytics-related activities.
- Supported key flagship projects.

Market Research Associate Intern

Aug 2019 – Oct 2019

MarkGenes Business Consulting Pvt Ltd · Hyderabad, India

Worked on global market research.

- Conducted global market research.

Co-founder & Editor

Dec 2016 – Aug 2017

WeReform News · Kota, India

Co-founded and edited a news and media startup in two stints totaling approximately eight months.

- Co-founded a news and media startup.
- Served as editor.
- Worked on news and media content.

EDUCATION

Master of Arts

2021 – 2023

Banaras Hindu University

International Relations

Bachelor of Arts Honours

2018 – 2021

Banaras Hindu University

Political Science Honours

Beginner's Hebrew

Jun 2020 – Jul 2020

University of Haifa

All India Senior School Certificate Examination (12th)

2016 – 2018

Central Board of Secondary Education

All India Secondary School Examination (10th)

2014 – 2016

Central Board of Secondary Education

Master of Arts

2021 – 2023

School of National Security Studies, Central University of Gujarat

RESEARCH

Digital Public Infrastructure, Digital Public Goods, Public policy and governance, International relations, Strategic affairs, Security studies, Public administration, Public policy and law, Technology and governance, Terrorism and counter-terrorism, Intelligence and OSINT analysis, Nuclear policy and disarmament, South Asian security

SELECTED WORKS

Introduction to Indian Nuclear History & Policy

2024

Basic Concepts of India's Foreign Policy

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SELECTED PROJECTS

Digital Public Infrastructure and Digital Public Goods Research

Indian Institute of Management Bangalore, Center for Digital Public Goods

Research and work on Digital Public Infrastructure and Digital Public Goods, including real-world implementation and problem solving.

InterLink

Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India

Development of 'InterLink' to streamline internal communication and workflows.

HONOURS & AWARDS

University of Haifa

Full tuition fee scholarship for the Hebrew language programme.

SKILLS

Research And Analysis: Policy research, Legal and policy framework research, International relations analysis, Strategic analysis, Security analysis, Market research, Open-source intelligence (OSINT) analysis, Intelligence analysis, Research and analytical writing

Policy And Governance: Public policy research, Domestic legal and policy frameworks, International legal and policy frameworks, Governance, Public-sector institutions, Digital governance

Technology And Digital: Digital Public Infrastructure, Digital Public Goods, IT-enabled workflow development, Internal communication tools, Analytics

Programming: Python 3

Software And Tools: Google Suite, Microsoft Office, Adobe Photoshop, WordPress, Open Source Intelligence (OSINT) Analysis, Search Engine Optimisation

Communication And Editorial: Publication development, Visual material development, Editorial work, Official correspondence, Bilateral and multilateral event coordination, Internal communication

LANGUAGES

Hindi (Mother Tongue), English (Fluent), Hebrew (Beginner), Bihari Languages (Native), Gurmukhi (Punjabi) (Intermediate), Urdu (Beginner)

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