

VINEESHA BADABHAGNI

A decade of experience across public administration and policy research, delivering high-impact projects and translating academic expertise into large-scale outcomes.

EDUCATION

Master of Science in Social Policy, University of Pennsylvania (Ivy League), USA 2018 - 2019
Research in *Israel-Palestine, Kenya* GPA: 3.57/4.00

Bachelor of Technology, Indian Institute of Technology, Madras (IIT), India 2014 - 2018
Major: Electrical Engineering, *Minor*: Development Policy, GPA: 3.42/4.00

WORK EXPERIENCE

Indian Railway Management Service IRMS (Traffic), Government of India 2026 - Present

- **Frontline public administrator** with policy implementation, operational efficiency reforms, crisis management
- **Training** in end-to-end freight and passenger train operations, including scheduling and traffic management
- Exposure to railway safety protocols, **revenue generation**, coordination with multidisciplinary departments

Municipal Commissioner, Government of Andhra Pradesh, India 2023 - 2026

- **Head of Department**, led **30+ personnel team**, inter-government coordination, directing strategy and policy
- **Lead On-ground** for high-profile national engagements of **Hon'Prime Minister**, Finance Minister, CM, Cabinet
- Anchored **₹30,000 Cr** investments; drove additional **₹35,000 Cr** through **37 key MoUs** via PPPs, Partnership Summit; engaged with multilateral institutions (**World Bank, ADB**) to build sustainable frameworks in Amaravati

Senior Associate, Indian PAC Consulting Pvt Ltd, India 2022 - 2023

- Implemented **research-driven** campaigns & **winning strategies**, **key role** in **client victory** Munugode Bypoll
- Analysed **big data** sets & government **policies**, Active liaising with **8 MLAs, 3 Ministers**, & key client leaders
- Delivered **time-sensitive** actionables, strategies for targeted demographics giving effective political impetus

Social Research Data Scientist, First Tek – City Government of Philadelphia, USA 2019-2020

- Led the **Data Analysis** for City's Diversion programs around Truancy, Permanency, Youth & Child Welfare
- Built **Assessment tools**, identifying indicators using communimetrics for Prevention of Domestic Violence
- Created **Logic Models & Evaluation Metrics** to align City's welfare programs with Evidence Based Practices
- Published multiple reports evaluating welfare programs and built data-driven **feedback loop-in** mechanisms

Mayor Jim Kenney's Office - City of Philadelphia, Department of Human Services, USA 2019

- Created a Data Analysis Model & set standards for the **Truancy** Intervention Prevention Services, ACT 138 PA
- Conducted **citywide surveys** & designed Mentorship program for Minority-Owned businesses & Contractors

Business Development & Marketing Executive, Conzumex Industries Pvt Ltd, India 2016

- Conducted **PR, Marketing activities** to raise **240K USD** by organizing crowdfunding campaign on Indiegogo
- Expanded **international business** through market entry strategies, **strategic alliances** and promotion plans

KEY DISTINCTIONS

- Secured all India **Rank 467** in 2024, **Rank 821** in 2023 **UPSC Civil Services** Examination, India 2023-25
- Secured **Rank 39 Andhra Group1** (Deputy Superintendent of Police, Municipal Commissioner) 2023-26
- Featured in **Kelly Writers House**, Philadelphia- "Magic of an Anecdote", piece on **homelessness** 2022
- Delegate, 63rd **Commission on Status of Women (CSW), United Nations**: politics and power 2019
- **Author, Blog** - badabhagni.com - **Published 50+ articles** and essays on social issues 2018 - Present

RESEARCH

Joint Director, Economic Development, APCRDA, Govt of Andhra Pradesh 2023 - 2026

- Led research on **Land Monetisation**, urban asset management strategies, **value capture models** -new cities
- Co-developed Amaravati's integrated Financing & Investment plan, **Socio-Economic Master Plan**, & policies

The Conflict of Israel-Palestine, Promoting Peace and Coexistence 2019

- Extensively researched on the **conflict and resolution terms** between diverse communities in Israel-Palestine
- Analyzed the work of Human Rights and **Non-Profit** Organizations in dealing with complexities of coexistence

Balancing Impact and Profit, Social Enterprises in Kenya 2019

- Evaluated the success of market-based **poverty alleviation** by analyzing businesses balancing impact, profit
- Applied the concept of **Impact-Investment** to create a social enterprise that employs people with disabilities

Battle of Vaccines | Guide: Prof. Catherine Carr 2019

- Analyzed the immunization laws, vaccination exemptions, and the **legal precedence** from a law standpoint
- Suggested on the required **legislation changes** by accounting for risks and concerns of anti-vaxxer groups

360 Degree Analysis of Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, USA 2019

- Analyzed the **Obamacare law** by accounting for diverse perspectives and impact on the lives of people
- Prepared **Congressional Testimony, Policy Brief** that highlights existing policy loopholes & required changes

Kaabil: To Create a Harassment-free Society for Women | Guide: Prof. G. Summerville 2018

- **Presented paper** at the Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) Conference, D.C
- Designed KPIs and evaluated the impact of self-defense and **positive masculinity** programs in schools

Domestic Violence Against Women in India | Guide: Prof. Anastasia Shown 2018

- Assessed the problem of domestic violence in India, its **root causes**, and challenges that arise in combating it
- Provided **potential solutions** through interventions from the Governments, NGOs, and Corporate Sector

Thesis: Challenges Faced by Women in Administrative Roles|Guide: Prof. S. Padmanabhan 2018

- **Formulated surveys** and interviewed women in **administrative & executive roles** from diverse fields at IITM
- **Analyzed** the responses to come up with **policy suggestions** that can be implemented at organizational level

Research Intern, Krityanand UNESCO Club, India 2018

- Prepared **mental map** of **international** organizations that determine global development and shape policies

HONORS

- **Admissions Committee**, School of Social Policy and Practice, *University of Pennsylvania* 2018-19
- Elected **MSSP Student Representative**, SP2 Government, *University of Pennsylvania* 2018-19
- **Won** SDG Pitch Competition **United Nations Association** for designing "50 Not Hungry" program 2018
- Delegate, **World Bank Youth Summit** - Dialogues on human capital, Investing & development 2018
- Elected **Student Secretary**, *IIT Madras* by 9000+ students, led 4-tier council of 9 teams, 139 crew 2017-18
- Delegate, **AOTULE** Conference **Hanoi, Vietnam**, Paper on Aging population, Transportation Infra, policy 2017
- Delegate, **Harvard US India Initiative (HUII) Conference** policy, education, women empowerment 2015

SKILLS

Core Skills: Leadership, Strategic Decision-making, Macro/Micro Planning, Policy Analysis, Research Design

Other Skills: Stakeholder Engagement, Critical-thinking, Data Analysis, Fundraising, Digital Communications

Languages: *Native* - Telugu, English, Hindi; *Colloquial* - Korean, Mandarin, Tamil