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## Top Skills

Program Management  
Public Health  
Team Management

## Languages

English (Full Professional)  
Marathi (Native or Bilingual)  
Hindi (Full Professional)

## Publications

India's Biodiversity: Conservation of Forests and Wildlife by Institutionalising Village Forest Rules  
Development Without Destruction  
Eco Development Strategy for Maharashtra, In People and Protected Areas

# Praveen Pardeshi

Member Administration at Capacity Building Commission,  
Government of India  
Geneva Metropolitan Area

## Summary

With 29 years of experience in the Indian Administrative Services (IAS), Mr. Pardeshi has served in various senior executive roles, most recently as Municipal Commissioner of Mumbai. Within this role, Mr. Pardeshi managed the entire public health structure of Mumbai, a city with 18 million inhabitants. Also, he created and led the task force for COVID-19 containment, while also implementing WHO and government guidelines.

Along with his work in the IAS, Mr. Pardeshi has held senior leadership positions in the United Nations as the Global Head of UNDP Geneva and Senior Coordinator of UNISDR. Pardeshi has been a key player in post-conflict recovery programs in various regions. Currently, Mr. Pardeshi is working for the Defeat-NCD Partnership under UNITAR as the Global Programme Coordinator.

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## Experience

Capacity Building Commission  
Member Administration  
July 2021 - Present (5 months)  
New Delhi, Delhi, India

The Defeat-NCD Partnership  
Global Programme Coordinator  
August 2020 - August 2021 (1 year 1 month)

- Appointed Global Programme Coordinator for the Defeat-NCD Partnership, under the United Nations Institute for Training and Research
- "The Defeat-NCD Partnership helps low-resource countries to tackle today's most significant global health challenge: premature death, sickness, disability, and the associated social and economic impacts from non-communicable diseases."

Municipal Corporation Of Greater Mumbai (MCGM)

## Municipal Commissioner

May 2019 - May 2020 (1 year 1 month)

Mumbai Metropolitan Region

- transformed the Public Transport undertaking, BEST, by expanding the fleet through franchise model, rationalised the fares and implemented Integrated Traffic Management system, increasing bus passengers from 3.2 million to 4 million managed the entire public health infrastructure of Mumbai
- initiated the MyBMC twitter handle which dealt with civic grievances
- Spearheaded several key initiatives for prevention of AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.
- Planned, oversaw and implemented the effort for containing the spread of COVID in Mumbai
- led the COVID 19 management response: working with Health Administrators, Community Leaders, Law Enforcement Officers, etc.
- Achieved 5 times increase in testing within a month (achieved highest per 1000 people testing in India, which became a template for other states to follow)
- Designed and implemented grassroots capability enhancement programs for disaster management and prevention

## Government of India/Maharashtra

9 years

Additional Chief Secretary to the Chief Minister of Maharashtra

2014 - 2019 (5 years)

- Played a key role in conceptualising and steering critical reforms: improving ease of doing business, decentralization of powers to local administrative units' grievance redressal
- Helped set-up CMO (Chief Minister Office), which overlooked key infrastructure projects within State (capital expenditure of over US \$22 billion)
- Supervised and managed two major initiatives in public health domains:
  - Created and implemented expansion of the Chief Ministers Medical Assistance Trust Fund. Revamped methodology to identify and fund poor patients suffering from NCD, requiring heart surgeries, cancer treatment, neurological disorders, etc. Led to over 150% higher coverage, further reduction in medical treatment costs for poor and underprivileged individuals
  - Worked with Maharashtra public health dep. To develop a cashless insurance scheme- cashless services offered to over 4 million led to reduced bureaucracy and increased operational transparency

Principal Secretary, Revenue and Forest

2011 - 2014 (3 years)

- Expanded national parks for conservation of endangered species like the tiger, wild buffaloes and great Indian Bustard
- Pushed for forest conservation while ensuring livelihoods for tribal people dwelling in the forests. Instrumental in bringing focus on sustainable development in all Government projects

Divisional Commissioner, A  
2010 - 2011 (1 year)

United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction  
Chief, Regional Offices of UNISDR  
2009 - 2010 (1 year)  
Geneva, Switzerland

- Oversaw regional offices of Africa, Asia, Latin America and Europe, for policies on mainstreaming disaster reduction in development programmes
- Worked closely with World Bank to establish a close partnership with Hazard Management team to integrate risk reduction efforts with Poverty Reduction Assessment strategy papers
- Developed the African Programme of Disaster Reduction (2009-2015). which promoted integration of disaster reduction in development programmes in Africa
- Was instrumental in raising an annual grant of 5 million USD from the World Bank Trust Fund for UNISDR
- Raised resources from European Commission's Humanitarian Office for Post Disaster Recovery efforts in Pakistan and Myanmar

United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction  
Senior Coordinator of UNISDR  
2004 - 2007 (3 years)  
Geneva, Switzerland

- As senior coordinator of UNISDR, designed and implemented UNDP and UNISDR post disaster mitigation and recovery programs
- Coordinated rehabilitation programs for: Indonesia, Bangladesh and Pakistan
- Represented UNDP and ISDR at the ECOSOC panel meeting and made presentations on UNDP's corporate vision for post disaster recovery, which led to UNDP/UNISDR adoption of guidelines to integrate risk reduction in Recovery Programs

UNDP  
Head, Transitional Recovery Unit, BCPR, UNDP  
2001 - 2004 (3 years)

- Worked as team leader of the Recovery unit within BCPR, UNDP, which supported country offices to develop and implement post conflict recovery programs
- Set up the post conflict recovery unit, managed the growth with an annual budget of \$1.5 million USD, and field programs of 53 million USD spread over 16 post conflict recovery countries across Africa, Asia and Europe. The global results oriented annual report (ROAR) of UNDP, reports 43 outcomes.
- Supervised 16 senior international staff, including HQ based senior field advisors with specialization in disarmament, demobilization and reintegration, reintegration of internally displaced persons, area base development programs, economic revitalization and needs assessments
- Established the vision of transition recovery within UNDP as a process of meeting millennium development goals
- Led the conflict assessment and reprogramming mission to Nepal in May 2002, which resulted in complete realignment of Nepal UNDP country program to alleviate conflict-fueling factors.
- Represented UNDP in an inter-agency IDP (internally displaced persons) mission to Sudan, which led to the expansion of UNDP presence in southern Sudan and 10 million USD being disbursed to UNDP DRC CO

## UNDP in India

Programme Manager, Gujarat

February 2001 - November 2001 (10 months)

New Delhi, Delhi, India

- Worked as the Team Leader of UNDP Transitional Recovery program in Gujarat, India, led UNDP's efforts at post-earthquake recovery and reconstruction
- Established the transitional recovery team, consisting of 45 UNVs, 4 international, and 3 program staff to undertake post-earthquake recovery
- Starting with seed money of \$550K contributed by DFID, increasing the program size to \$11 million through contributions from Italy, Netherlands, USAID and EU
- Coordinated with UN Agencies, UNICEF and WHO and international NGOs to construct 1500 earthquake resistant houses
- Organized an international conference on Post earthquake reconstruction with participation by donors and UN Agencies, and developed a website for advocacy

Government of India/ Maharashtra

District Collector, Municipal Commissioner, Secretary to Chief Minister

1995 - 2001 (6 years)

#### Various Locations

- Conducted elections in Solapur parliamentary and provincial assembly, involving registration of 1.2 million voters, scrutinized electoral rolls, maintained watchdog role over election campaign
- As district Collector Solapur I was ex-officio President of Red Cross Blood Bank and promoted collection and supply of blood component needed for registered Thalassemia Patients
- As Municipal commissioner of PCMC, Pune, oversaw a municipal Administration with a budget of 50 million USD and staff of over 20,000 personnel.
- PCMC collaborated with the International Conference on Local Initiatives; we transformed the city into environmentally friendly towns, with recycling of waste, organic treatment of domestic sewage

#### The World Bank

Resettlement Consultant, Highways

February 1998 - March 1998 (2 months)

#### China

- Short term consultant with the WB, supervised the resettlement component of highways construction in southern China
- Ensured compliance with WB resettlement standards, equitable access to displaced women headed households of alternative homesteads and livelihood opportunities

#### The World Bank

Project Manager of MEERP, District Collector, Latur

1993 - 1995 (2 years)

#### Mumbai, Maharashtra, India

- Represented Government of Maharashtra in Washington to negotiate a \$335 million loan from the World Bank for post-earthquake reconstruction
- Head of World Bank- Maharashtra Emergency Earthquake Rehabilitation Program (MEERP) in Latur district
- Supervised rehabilitation program of \$335 million, reconstructing 30 villages, 110,000 houses, large infrastructure including water supply and roads.
- Representation Government of Maharashtra in Washington to negotiate successfully the World Bank loan for reconstruction

#### Government of India/ Maharashtra

Indian Administrative Services Officer

1985 - 1993 (8 years)

- Various assignments in the Indian Administrative Service:
- Assistant Collector, Raigad, in charge of Land Reforms, cyclone Rehabilitation program in coastal Maharashtra
- Worked in development administration as the Chief Executive Officer of Amravati District Council, overseeing 12,000 development staff, including rural health workers, village extension officials dealing with micro credit and employment programs
- District collector and district magistrate, Latur district, supervised law and order and drought management
- Implemented total literacy campaign in Latur to increase female literacy from 33% to 66%

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## Education

The London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)  
Master of Science - MS, Social Policy, Participatory Planning and Economic development · (1998 - 1999)

Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, Mussoorie  
· (1985 - 1987)

Delhi School of Economics  
Master of Arts - MA, Development Economics · (1982 - 1984)

Delhi University  
Bachelor of Arts - BA, Economics and Statistics · (1979 - 1982)