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Belongs to the 1990 batch of the IAS allotted to the Haryana Cadre 1990. He was under-trainee in Sirsa; Worked in districts as ADC in Panipat, Kurukshetra and as DC in Mahendragarh and Fatehabad; Director, Information Technology, Government of Haryana; Special Secretary, PWD Irrigation and Buildings and Roads.

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Raja Sekhar Vundru is the author of *Ambedkar, Gandhi and Patel: The Making of India's Electoral System*, Bloomsbury (2017). The book is translated into Marathi and Telugu in 2020 and in Hindi in 2021. He has studied at the University of Hyderabad and JNU, New Delhi. He has a doctorate on Ambedkar's Electoral ideas from the National Law School of India University, Bangalore.

He has written extensively on Ambedkar, caste, untouchability, dalit history and literature in EPW, Indian Express, New Indian Express, The Hindu, Business Line, Times of India, Hindustan Times, Economic Times, Mail Today, The Tribune, The Outlook Magazine etc including editing *Dalit Millennium* for the *Pioneer* in 2001. He appears on television and has delivered several Ambedkar Memorial lectures and keynote addresses in various Universities and International institutes.

He is a recipient of the *Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Ratan Award* 2016 from the Delhi Government. He received *India International Excellence Award, 2019* in UAE and the *Dr. Ambedkar Prabuddha Bharat Peace Prize* in Nagpur in 2019. He has been invited in 2019 to Chandigarh International Literary Festival and Kalinga Literary Festival and to the Dehradun Literary Festival in 2019 and 2020.
