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- Dr Suman Bery is one of India's best respected economist on India, who over many years has been a highly influential advisor to India's government. He currently serves on the Central Board of the State Bank of India
- He is a member of the Advisory Council of MasterCard International's Center for Inclusive Growth.
- Suman had earlier served as Director-General (Chief Executive) of the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER), New Delhi. NCAER is one of India's leading independent non-profit policy research institutions.
- At various times Suman was a member of the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council, of India's Statistical Commission and of the Reserve Bank of India's Technical Advisory Committee on Monetary Policy.
- Prior to NCAER, Mr. Bery was with the World Bank in Washington DC with a particular focus on Latin America and the Caribbean. At the time of India's economic reforms (1992-1994), on leave from the World Bank, Mr. Bery worked as Special Consultant to the Reserve Bank of India, Bombay. His professional writing includes contributions on the political economy of reform, financial sector and banking reform and energy trends and policy.
- He is prominent in the discussion about India's economy, the economic relationship between China and India, and the world energy industry.

Published papers and public engagements

- He has been a monthly columnist for the Indian business newspaper *Business Standard* for more than a decade and has over the years been the publisher and editor-in-chief of various economic papers.
- He is a speaker at business summits and international forums; he is a regular speaker at the Asian Development Bank (ADB), The World Bank, The World Economic Forum (WEF) and other such prestigious and influential forums, as well as being invited as a guest speaker at many of the world's leading universities and business schools.
- Mr. Bery presents on a range of topics including; India's economic growth in the world economy, India's drivers for growth, India's reform process, India's demographics trends and consumer market opportunities, India's opening of its capital account, China's relationship with India, India's energy future, and the global energy industry.

Suman Bery - Personal biography

- Non-resident Fellow, Bruegel.
- Royal Dutch Shell's Chief Economist, based in The Hague, The Netherlands (2012-16).
- Country Director for the International Growth Centre (IGC) (2011-2012).
- Director of the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) (2001-11)
- Suman Bery has in the past held many senior advisory positions in India, including Associated Chambers of Commerce & Industry (ASSOCHAM), Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Institute of Economic Growth, National Institute of Public Finance & Policy, National Productivity Council; Government Accounting Standards Advisory Board; NISTADS Research Council; Ministry of Textiles; Ministry of External Affairs; Ministry of Finance; Ministry of Labour; State Bank of India; Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI); Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC); Central Electricity Authority.
- The World Bank (1972-2000) in various roles, latterly Lead Economist in Brazil.
- Reserve Bank of India, Bombay: 1992-1994 as Special Consultant (on leave from the World Bank). Advising the Governor on financial policy, institutional reform, and market development and regulation.
- His graduate work was at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University, from which he holds the degree of Master of Public and International Affairs. His Ph.D. dissertation research (also at Princeton) was on the monetary policy instruments of the Reserve Bank of India. He has published on Indian financial sector reforms, banking crises in Latin America and the political economy of economic reforms in developing countries.
- Suman graduated from Magdalen College, Oxford, with a first-class honors degree in Politics, Philosophy and Economics (PPE).