

“The idea that I should be a teacher and a researcher of some sort did not vary over the years”



**DR. AMARTYA SEN**

# WHO HOW FACTS

**Amartya Sen**, renowned Development economist, is the **1998 Nobel Prize winner in Economics**. With a keen interest in the debate over globalisation, Sen has given lectures to senior executives of the World Bank and has been honorary president of Oxfam and trustee of Economists for Peace and Security. Throughout his career, he has taught at numerous world renowned institutions including Jadavpur University, MIT, Oxford, Harvard and LSE.

**Known for authoring many ground-breaking books** in Development, most notably “*Poverty and Famines: An Essay on Entitlement and Deprivation*” in 1981, he argues that famine occurs not only from a lack of food, but from inequalities built into mechanisms for distributing food. His work has also influenced the formulation of the Human Development Report, published by the UN. Sen has influenced the handling of food crises by governments & international organizations and has encouraged policy makers to pay attention not only to alleviating immediate suffering but also to finding ways to replace the lost income of the poor.

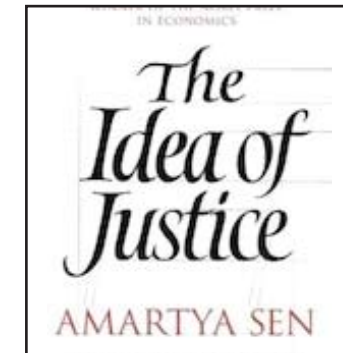
- Birth:** November 3, 1933 in Bengal, British India
- The name:** The name “Amartya” given by Rabindranath Tagore means “immortal”
- Family:** His maternal grandfather Kshitimohan Sen was a renowned scholar of medieval Indian literature, an authority on the philosophy of Hinduism. He was a close associate of Rabindranath Tagore in Santiniketan
- Alma-mater:** PhD & MA from Trinity College, Cambridge, UK  
BA from Presidency College, Kolkata, India
- Influence:** John Rawls - an American philosopher and a leading figure in moral and political philosophy
- Awards:** Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences (1998)  
Bharat Ratna (1999)  
Leontief Prize (2000)  
International Humanist Award(2002)  
Eisenhower Medal, for Leadership and Service, USA (2000)  
Lifetime Achievement Award by Indian Chamber of Commerce (2003)  
NASSCOM’s Global Indian Award (2007)



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