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Tarun has recently been tasked with handling a new initiative to identify enterprises that have latent potential and support them through a mix of debt, equity and technical assistance under the 'Ubharte Sitaare Programme' announced in the Union Budget of India.

In the past two decades, Tarun has worked across various functional groups across the Bank, including the Bank's policy business, strategy formulation and a stint as Executive Assistant to the Chairman. He has also served as the Bank's Resident Representative (Americas) based in Washington DC, followed by a stint as a consultant with the World Bank's Capacity Development and Partnerships Unit.

Tarun has authored a book 'Project Exports: Connecting Continents with Indian Expertise', exploring the instrumental role that project exports are capable of playing in India's quest for a sustainable rapid economic growth. He has a bachelor's degree in engineering from Pune, followed by a postgraduate programme in management studies from Mumbai, and an advanced executive management programme from Cornell University in the United States.



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