

# Puneet Kishor

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## Education

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- 2006-. Ph.D., Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 1990. M.S., Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 1985. B. Tech., Textile Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology, New Delhi, India

## Awards

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- 2007. Science and Technology Policy Fellow, National Academy of Sciences, Washington DC
- 1995. International Young Scholar Award, National Center for Geographic Information and Analysis
- 1991-92. Fellow, American Institute of Indian Studies, University of Chicago
- 1991. Scholarship, Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI), Redlands, CA
- 1987-88. Fellow, Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation, University of Wisconsin Madison
- 1981-85. Scholarship, Indian Institute of Technology, New Delhi

## Experience

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**2006 – present. Independent Consultant, Madison, WI.** I work with international NGOs, research institutes and local governments on projects from application development to long-term strategic information sharing initiatives.

**1997 – 2006. Senior Analyst/Programmer, GeoAnalytics, Inc., Madison, WI.** I worked on projects that involved developing best practices for geographic information management, strategic planning and information policy formulation.

**1993 – 1997. GIS Specialist, The World Bank, Washington DC.** Worked on operational missions in India and Bolivia critically analyzing the agency-wide information workflow, and identifying the components vital to the project's success.

**1992. Visiting Researcher, Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore, India.** Integrated a "location-allocation" system with desktop GIS. Participated in GIS/SDSS workshops at IIM and the National Remote Sensing Agency.

**1991. Consultant, Government of Trinidad and Tobago, Port of Spain, Trinidad.** Led by the Land Tenure Center, University of Wisconsin, I worked on an Inter-American Development Bank funded Land Rationalization Project.

**1985 – 1987. Research Scientist, Development Alternatives, New Delhi, India.** Designed efficient textile technologies (handlooms, jacquards) at a rural NGO in a project funded by the Department of Science and Technology, India.

## Memberships and Affiliations

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- Vice President and elected Charter Member, Open Source Geospatial Foundation (OSGeo)
- Life member, National Association of Geographers, India (NAGI)
- Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF)
- Association of Computing Machinery (ACM)
- Global Spatial Data Infrastructure Committee (GSDI)
- Nominated member, Terra Institute, Ltd., Mount Horeb, WI

## Publications and Presentations

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- Puneet Kishor. 1990. Jacquards: Weaving Technologies in India, Vikas, New Delhi.
- R. Sreedhar and Puneet Kishor. 1986. Environmental Impact Assessment of Steatite Mining in Almora, Uttar Pradesh, report presented to OXFAM India.