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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to recommend Vinay Khobragade for the PhD Program in Comparative Politics & Political Theory at JNU.

I was Vinay's dissertation supervisor for his Masters of Philosophy dissertation that he wrote as part of his MPhil in Planning and Development at the Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay. Our MPhil program is structured around six Core Courses that include two Methods courses as well as Socio-Psychological and Environmental perspectives on development. Like all our students therefore, Vinay is well trained at taking social scientific methods and critically applying them to the question of development.

His dissertation was an empirical study of dynamics between regions within a large state in India. Vidarbha is a region that suffers from core-periphery dynamics viz. the rest of Maharashtra, and Vinay showed how these dynamics have played out over time both politically and economicall.

This research puts him in a good position to conduct further research in this area. Vinay is a very hard working student who has high aims. These keep him highly motivated to push beyond his capacities and keep learning.

Do let me know if you have any further questions. My mobile number is +919820082833.

Yours Sincerely,

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