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His policy experience includes being Convenor of the Prime Minister of India's Knowledge Commission (2005-2007) and member of India's National Security Advisory Board. He is also Editorial Consultant to the Indian Express, and contributes prolifically to public debates. He has also published in the Financial Times, Foreign Affairs, Liberties, and numerous dailies. He is a winner of the Malcolm Adishesiah Prize, and of the Infosys Prize 2011. His citation for the Infosys Prize, written by a Jury Chaired by Amartya Sen read, "Dr. Pratap Bhanu Mehta has established himself as one of India's finest scholars and public minds, who has inspired a new generation of intellectual enquiry. He has contributed not only to political philosophy and social theory in general, but has also addressed urgent issues of Indian politics and public policy. Mehta has shown an exemplary willingness to broaden the sphere of public reason and to challenge reigning orthodoxies, while remaining committed to institution building."

Mehta has served on the editorial boards of American Political Science Review, Political Theory, and Journal of Moral Philosophy. He has served as Chair of the prestigious Holberg Prize Committee and member for the Jury of the Begruen Prize. He has served on the Boards of IDRC, NCAER, NIPFP and several other prestigious institutions. Mehta was born in Jodhpur, Rajasthan and did his schooling at St. Xavier's, Jaipur. He graduated from Oxford in Philosophy, Politics and Economics and has a Ph.D in Politics from Princeton University.