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## 1. Profile:

Held senior positions in different administrative, diplomatic, trade facilitation, intelligence, investigative, quasi-judicial, legal, capacity building and e-Governance project management areas; handled international criminal law matters such as terrorism, money laundering, asset forfeiture, mutual legal assistance, extradition and monitoring financial sanction, travel ban, anti-smuggling, risk management in import/export cargo as part of ensuring security in the supply chain management across international borders, passenger profiling, and enforcement of IPR laws at international borders.

Possess effective communication and negotiation skills; ability to ensure timely delivery of programmes; successful in building and managing teams and creating an enabling working environment; ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships in a multi-cultural, multi-ethnic environment with sensitivity and respect for diversity, including gender balance.

Recipient of 'Specially Distinguished Record of Service Award' from the President of India on the occasion of India's Republic Day, 2011.

Recipient of WCO Certificate of Merit, 2015

## 2. Educational Qualifications:

S.No.	Degree Obtained	University
1	M. Phil (Disarmament Studies)	School of International Studies, JNU, Delhi, India
2	Master of Arts (International Studies including International Law)	School of International Studies, JNU, Delhi, India
3	Bachelor of Laws (LL. B)	University of Delhi, India
4	Bachelor of Arts (Political Science Honors)	Utkal University, India

## 3. Additional Qualifications/Courses:

- **IPR Laws** - General Course on Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs) conducted by the World Wide Academy of the World Intellectual Property Organization (**WIPO**), **Geneva**, secured 100% marks in the exam.

- Training on **Management Development Programme**, Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Ahmedabad, India
- Course on ‘**Basic Security in the Field – Staff Safety, Health and Welfare**’, 2006 conducted by the **United Nations**
- **Information Technology Information Library (ITIL) Version 3** Examination, 2009. conducted by **EXIN, The Netherlands**
- Course on ‘**Global Norms Against Terrorism at Work: Getting International Law in Motion**’, conducted by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (**UNODC**), **Vienna** and **Diplo Foundation, Malta**, 2009

#### 4. Key Experience:

- **World Customs organization (WCO):**
  - a. **Vice-Chairman**, Enforcement Committee, WCO, 2017-18 (elected position)
  - b. **Vice-Chairman**, WCO/ICAO/IATA Contact Committee on API-PNR (Passenger Profiling), 2016-17 (elected position)
  - c. **Lead Trainer**, UNEP-WCO Programme on Control of Ozone Depleting Substances
  - d. Attended the “**WCO Workshop on IPR Border enforcement by Customs**” from 2nd to 6th Dec 2013 in Shanghai Customs College, Shanghai, China and made a presentation on IPR enforcement by Indian Customs and the IPR Recordation and Targeting (ARTS) application.
- **United Nations:**
  - Worked as the Coordinator of the Panel of Experts of the UN Security Council monitoring implementation of resolutions, particularly asset freezing, travel ban and identifying persons providing financial and logistical support to impede peace during 2010-11.
  - Worked as Member (Finance & Customs) of the Panel of Experts of the UN Security Council monitoring implementation of UN Resolutions during 2006-07.
  - Member of the UN Counter-Terrorism Executive Directorate (UNCTED) mission to Kenya to monitor compliance of UN Security Council Resolution 1373.
  - Represented the Commonwealth in the fourth special meeting of the UN-Counter-Terrorism Committee held in Almaty, Kazakhstan.
  - Delivered a talk to the law officers of the UNCTED, New York on the Indian legal system before the country visit by the CTED team to India in 2007.
  - Worked as a Member of the International Working Group of the IMF, World Bank, UNODC and Commonwealth Secretariat) and **drafted Model Laws on Money Laundering and Combating Financing of Terrorism** during 2005-06
- **Commonwealth Secretariat, London:**
  - **Worked as Consultant Counter-Terrorism** in the Criminal Law Section of the Commonwealth Secretariat, London from 2004 to 2006: Helped Member States in areas of legislative drafting, laws and practices pertaining to terrorism, finance, Customs, Immigration, extradition, capacity building of Police, Customs and other law enforcement officials and Prosecutors.
  - **Prepared the draft Commonwealth Training Manual on Counter-Terrorism** for law enforcement officials and prosecutors and prepared other training materials. The

training manual was appreciated by the participating countries and the Secretary-General of the Interpol.

- **Co-ordinator, the Commonwealth Network of Contact Persons (CNCP)** for mutual assistance in criminal matters within the Commonwealth
  - Assisted in the **design and delivery of two Training-Of-Trainers (TOT) programmes on counter-terrorism in Cyprus and Jamaica** for police, law enforcement officials, Customs and prosecutors from 21 countries including **9 countries from the middle-east**, organized by the Commonwealth Secretariat.
  - Handled **development, planning and implementation of technical assistance programmes in over 60 countries** including the Middle East.
  - **Organized three regional counter-terrorism capacity-building programmes in Nairobi, Kuala Lumpur and St. Kitts for participants from 46 countries from Africa, Asia and the Caribbean regions**; made presentations and chaired a few sessions.
  - Participated in the meetings of the Working Groups on Asset Repatriation and on Interception of Communication organised by the Commonwealth Secretariat in London.
  - Formulated project ideas and proposals and **coordinated with the UNCTED, UNODC, Interpol, WCO, World Bank, IMF, OAS, APGML and Charity Commission of the UK**, and other International and regional organizations, and donor countries.
  - Maintained and updated the UN Matrix on counter-terrorism for the Commonwealth Secretariat.
  - Participated in the Golden Jubilee function of the Commonwealth Lawyers Association in London.
  - Guest Speaker in the Commonwealth Workshop on Corruption, Jaipur.
- **INTERPOL:**
- Worked as a **Member of the INTERPOL Working Group on Money Laundering and Financing of Terrorism.**
  - Participated in the **1st INTERPOL Global conference on Bio-Terrorism in Lyon, France, 2005.**
  - Represented India in the 7th Working Party Meeting on Co-operation between Banking & Law Enforcement Agencies at the INTERPOL General Secretariat, Lyons, France and made a presentation on the Indian Perspective on Fraud and Corruption. Interacted with FOPAC (Money Laundering) unit of Interpol.
- **Harvard Law School:** Delivered a lecture on 'UN Sanctions and Darfur' in Harvard Law School, 2012.
- **Cambridge University:**
- **Delivered a lecture** on Counter-Terrorism to the M. Phil students of the Institute of Criminology, Cambridge University as a guest faculty, 2005.
  - **Cambridge International Symposium on Economic Crimes**, Jesus College, Cambridge: Made a presentation on 'Measures to interdict terrorist assets' in the 23rd Cambridge International Symposium on Economic Crimes, Jesus College, Cambridge; Received invitations to make presentation in the 24th Symposium held in September 2006, 2007, 2008 and to deliver key-note address in the Symposium held in 2009.

- **OSCE:** Made a presentation in the Experts' Workshop on enhancing co-operation in criminal matters relating to Terrorism, organized by the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) in Vienna, 2005.
- **Participated in "2012 Nuclear Security Symposium" held in Seoul, South Korea.**
- On the invitation of the Nautilus Institute for Security and Sustainability, **USA made a presentation in the workshop on 'Legal Cooperation to Control Non-State Nuclear Proliferation: Extra-Territorial Jurisdiction and UN Resolutions 1540 and 1373', held at Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington, DC in April, 2011.**
- Member, Inter-Ministerial Committee on FCTC-WHO Protocol to eliminate illicit trade in tobacco products.
- **Lead Speaker from India in the 1<sup>st</sup> Joint Working Group between Indian Customs and Australian Customs and Border Protection Service on 'Implementation of the National Border Targeting Centre', 9-10, September, 2014**
- Chaired a session on 'Enforcement Challenges Ahead' in the International Seminar on 'United Nations Security Council Resolution 1540 (2004): Identification of effective implementation practices by examining UNSCR 1540 after Decade of its existence', 25-26, February, 2014, jointly organised by the UN Office on Disarmament Affairs (UNODA), King's College, London, Institute for Strategic Studies and Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (IDSA).
- **Represented India in the INDO-US workshop on export control measures to prevent misuse of dual purpose SCOMET items used for WMDs.**
- Made a **presentation on "Afghanistan Factor: Non-traditional Security Issues"** in the National Seminar on "Emerging U.S Role in South Asia", JNU, 30-31 March, 2009
- Delivered **lectures on Revenue Audit in automated environment (Customs, Central Excise & Service Tax) for 22 participants from Afghanistan** at the International Centre for Information Systems & Audit (iCISA), the International Training Centre of Comptroller and Auditor General of India, September, 2014
- Attended 16th Asian Security Conference, 19-21, February, 2014.
- Invited as the External Discussant in the IDSA Fellows Seminar to critically discuss the research paper by Dr Pushpita Das, Associate Fellow, IDSA on the **"India's Drug Trafficking Scenario and Border Security"**, 5 August, 2011
- Attended the 14th Asian Security Conference on "Non-Traditional Security Challenges-Today and Tomorrow", February 13-15, 2012
- Invited to the **workshop on 'Export Controls and Nuclear Security'** organized by IDSA and Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (**SIPRI**), 11-12, September, 2012
- Presented a **paper on "Economic Crimes: Trends & Responses"** in the conference of Directors General of Police
- Made **presentations in the All India Conferences of Chief Commissioners and Directors General of Customs, Central Excise and Service Tax**
- Special Invitee to the UNDP-funded National Consultation for drafting of a new Economic Offences Code of India
- Delivered lectures as guest faculty / resource person for over 25 years at:
  - Harvard Law School
  - Cambridge University
  - United Nations
  - Commonwealth Secretariat International Training Programmes
  - INTERPOL
  - Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), Vienna

- Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU)
  - The Indian Society of International Law
  - Institute for Defence Studies and Analysis (IDSA)
  - CBI Academy
  - Intelligence Bureau (IB) Training School
  - National Academy of Customs, Excise and Narcotics (NACEN)
  - Indian Law Institute (Chief Justice of India is the President)
  - International Centre for Information Systems & Audit (iCISA)
  - Symbiosis School of Law
  - Shobhit University
  - National Institute of Banking Studies and Corporate Management (NIBSCOM),
  - The Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT)
  - Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI)
  - Institute of Cost and Work Accountants of India (ICWAI)
  - Various Chambers of Commerce and Industry in India
  - Training Institutes of various Banks in India
- **IT Projects of Government of India:**
    - Mission Leader of Indirect Tax Automation Project of Government of India
    - Member, Congress of Mission Leaders and Prime Minister's Apex Committee
    - **Head, Risk Management Division of Indian Customs including Container Targeting Centre**
    - **Head, IPR Recordation and Targeting project of Indian Customs**
    - **Head, Advance Passenger Information System (APIS) of Indian Customs**
    - **Head, Express Courier Clearance System including risk-based clearance**
    - **Head, Automation of Indirect Tax System of India (Central Excise & Service Tax)**
    - Head, North-East VAT Project
    - Member, Sub-Group on e-Governance to make recommendations on various policy matters for formulation of the 12<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan by the Planning Commission of India
    - Member, sub-Committee on formulation of Guidelines for Digital signatures for Govt. of India
    - Attended **National level workshop on e-Government, organized by Govt. of India in association with UN Project Office on Governance (UNPOG), Korea, 28, Feb – 1, March, 2011.**
    - **Designed the Learning Management System (LMS)**
    - **Headed the Data Exchange project with other stakeholders**
    - **Supervised setting up of Helpdesk and Certified Facilitation Centers across India**

## 5. Publications:

- **“South Asia's Nuclear Security Tight Rope”, Global Asia, Spring, 2012 edition**
- **Non-State Nuclear Proliferation: A Factsheet on the De jure and De facto WMD Control Regime in South Asia, 2011, presented in the workshop conducted by Nautilus Institute for Security and Sustainability, USA on 'Legal Cooperation to Control Non-State Nuclear Proliferation: Extra-Territorial Jurisdiction and UN Resolutions 1540 and 1373', held at Carnegie**

Endowment for International Peace, **Washington, DC in April, 2011**, Published on the website of the Nautilus Institute for Security and Sustainability, USA.

- **Bank Frauds** in Computerized Environment; Cyber Crime Digest, 2002
- **Money Laundering Legislation**; Excise and Customs Reporter, 2002
- **Non-Banking Finance Companies – Financed through Frauds?**; CBI Bulletin, 2000
- Seizure of Bank Accounts by Police – A Leviathan in Chains; CBI Bulletin, 1999
- **Weapons of Mass Destruction: A Study in Restraints on Chemical Weapons System**; M. Phil. Dissertation, JNU, 1983

**6. Membership of Professional Associations:**

- Life Member, The Indian Society of International Law, New Delhi
- Life Member, The United Services Institute (USI), New Delhi (Est. 1870)

**7. Employment Record**

From/To	July 2016 to Feb 2017
Organisation	Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBEC), Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India, New Delhi, India
Position held	Principal Additional Director-General, DRI, Haryana and Rajasthan zone
Activities Performed:	Overall supervision of compliance and enforcement
From/To	June 2007 – November 2011 & February 2012 to July, 2016
Organisation	Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBEC), Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India, New Delhi, India
Position held	Additional Director-General, Systems
Activities Performed:	Supervising projects on Risk Management System in import and export cargo, including Container Targeting System, Advance Passenger Information System, IPR Recordation and Targeting System, Express Courier Clearance System, Automation in Indirect Taxation including data exchange and risk profiling and entity analytics; Designing training Courses, developing training materials and imparting training to the Customs officials and other stakeholders; Formulating risk assessment policy of Indian Customs; Member of the Council of Mission Leaders of Govt. of India, helping in the formulation of e-Governance Policy of Govt. of India

From/To	November, 2011 – February, 2012
Organisation	United Nations, New York
Position held	Coordinator and Member (Finance), Panel of Experts of UN Security Council
Activities Performed:	As the Finance and Customs Expert on the Panel monitored implementation of sanctions (travel ban, arms embargo, and asset freezing) and prepared a report on violations, which was submitted to the Sanctions Committee of the UN Security Council

From/To	June 2006 – May 2007 and
Organisation	United Nations, New York
Position held	Member (Finance), Panel of Experts of UN Security Council
Activities Performed:	As the Finance and Customs Expert on the Panel monitored implementation of sanctions (travel ban, arms embargo, and asset freezing) and prepared a report on violations, which was submitted to the Sanctions Committee of the UN Security Council

From/To	Sept. 2004 – May 2006
Organisation	Commonwealth Secretariat, London
Position held	Consultant, Counter-Terrorism, Criminal Law Section
Activities Performed:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Assisted Member States in the field of counter-terrorism: Monitored compliance with UN resolutions, legislative drafting, laws and practices pertaining to finance, customs, immigration, extradition, police and law enforcement and illegal arms trafficking; analysed and identified areas in which evaluated states required technical assistance; participated in CTC visits to Member States regarding their compliance with relevant resolutions; liaised with Member States, international and regional organizations on technical and other assistance programmes with the aim of facilitating implementation of relevant resolutions.</li> <li>○ Developed, planned, and implemented technical assistance programmes on counter-terrorism including capacity building programmes for police, prosecutors and law enforcement officials in over 60 countries, within and outside the Commonwealth; Prepared the first draft of a Training Manual on counter-terrorism for police, prosecutors and other law enforcement officials; organised capacity building workshops in Asia, Africa and the Caribbean.</li> </ul>

From/To	Apr 2003 – Sept. 2004
Organisation	Indian Customs, Government of India, New Delhi
Position held	Additional Commissioner, Special Intelligence & Investigation Branch (SIIB) and Central Intelligence Unit (CIU)
Activities Performed:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Supervised collection of intelligence, investigation and prosecution of cases of smuggling; collection of intelligence, and preparation of indictments</li> <li>○ Supervised administrative matters concerning about 150 officers of the rank of Assistant Commissioners, Superintendents and Inspectors</li> </ul>

From/To	1997 – Mar 2003
Organisation	Central Bureau of Investigation, Bank Securities and Fraud Cell, New Delhi
Position held	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Deputy Inspector General of Police (July 2000-March 2003)</li> <li>○ Superintendent of Police (March 1997- July 2000)</li> </ul>
Activities Performed:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Supervised and handled investigation and analysis of sensitive and high value criminal cases relating to fraud in banks, financial institutions and other corporate entities, both in the public and private sectors, securities scams, money laundering and corruption cases in the financial sector of India covering over 100 banks and financial institutions with over 200,000 employees</li> <li>○ Formulated investigation plans and strategies and supervised investigation of 26 cases involving US \$ 92 million and court trial of 135 litigation matters amounting to US \$ 879 million</li> <li>○ Supervised many sensitive cases involving allegations of corruption by Ministers and top public functionaries like the Chairmen of public sector banks, and allegations of criminal breach of trust in sanction and disbursal of loans, abuse of official position and misconduct</li> <li>○ Supervised investigation and trial of many high value cases of fraud in the Indian stock market, commonly known as the securities scam which had invoked a lot of public and media interest and were closely supervised by the Supreme Court of India. Close supervision led to successful completion of investigation, recovery of huge assets and conviction of the accused.</li> <li>○ In important and sensitive cases, personally interviewed hundreds of witnesses and suspects</li> <li>○ Supervised search, seizure and arrest operations, analysed the findings and weighed them against the evidence collected</li> <li>○ Supervised/ edited preparation of inquiry / investigation reports,</li> </ul>



	<p>indictments and charge-sheets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Supervised administrative matters of about 150 police officers of the rank of Superintendents of Police, Additional/Deputy Superintendents of Police and Inspectors of Police and other staff members</li> <li>○ Participated in various meetings, seminars, workshops; prepared research and policy documents and training material; prepared CBI's response to the draft Indian Money Laundering Bill; assisted in the development of software to track laundered money and assets of criminals</li> </ul>
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From/To	June 1995 – Mar. 1997
Organisation	Central Board of Excise & Customs, Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India
Position held	Senior Analyst (Legal)
Activities Performed:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Gave legal opinion, prepared memoranda and drafted petitions relating to law issues</li> <li>○ Briefed senior counsels at the Supreme Court, the apex court in India, including the Attorney General and Solicitor General of India and appeared in Courts.</li> </ul>

From/To	1992 – June 1995
Organisation	Indian Central Excise Department
Position held	Deputy Commissioner
Activities Performed:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This is a law enforcement position in the area of indirect taxation. In important and sensitive cases of commercial fraud, personally interviewed witnesses and suspects, supervised search, seizure and arrest operations, preparation of inquiry / investigation reports, indictments and staff misconduct charge sheets</li> <li>○ Supervised administrative matters concerning about 50 officers; adjudicated cases relating to tax assessment and evasion of duties</li> <li>○ Carried out enquiries into allegations of corruption involving staff; supervised prosecution cases in the High court and appeared in the Supreme Court</li> <li>○ Appointed as the All India Adjudicator in a case of fraud by a multi-national corporation, which involved scrutiny of voluminous documents and cross -examination of over 50 witnesses</li> </ul>

From/To	1986 –1992
Organisation	Indian Customs Department
Position held	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Assistant Commissioner (1986 - 1989)</li> <li>○ Deputy Commissioner (1989 - 1992)</li> </ul>
Activities Performed:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Supervised collection of intelligence and investigation of cases of smuggling of contraband goods, currency, dugs, arms and explosives and commercial fraud like under and over-invoicing of import and export consignments</li> <li>○ Enforced trade regulatory laws including the Customs Act, The Export-Import laws and other laws enforced at international borders</li> <li>○ Supervised search, seizure and arrest operations, preparation of inquiry/investigation reports, indictments and staff misconduct charge-sheets</li> <li>○ Supervised administrative matters concerning about 200 officers</li> <li>○ Adjudicated cases relating to commercial fraud and smuggling</li> <li>○ Supervised prosecution trial in the lower courts and the High court</li> </ul>

From/To	1982 –1986
Organisation	Reserve Bank of India
Position held	Officer Grade A
Activities Performed:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Handled regulation and enforcement of laws relating to foreign exchange, international trade and banking</li> <li>○ Inspected branches of commercial banks to detect irregularities, instances of non-compliance of statutory instructions, money laundering and fraud involving staff and business entities</li> <li>○ Assessed the potential for fraud and corruption in operational activities in the banks and suggested measures to identify and focus on fraud and corruption-prone areas</li> </ul>