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"To develop high calibre professionals facilitating good corporate governance"

FACULTY PROFILE

25th National Conference of Practising Company Secretaries

Theme : Role of CS in Viksit Bharat@2047

Date: June 14-15, 2024 (Friday & Saturday)

Park Inn by Radisson, Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh



Silver Jubilee National Conference of Practising Company Secretaries

Theme

Role of Company Secretary in Viksit Bharat @2047

Faculty Profile

Days & Dates

Friday & Saturday, June 14-15, 2024

Venue

Hotel Park Inn, Radisson, Ayodhya



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Day-1

Inaugural Session

Friday, June 14, 2024

Time - 2:30 PM – 3:30 PM

CHIEF GUEST

Shri Asim Arun

Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge)

Social Welfare, Scheduled Caste and Tribal Welfare

Government of Uttar Pradesh



Shri Asim Arun is an Indian politician and member of Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly from Kannauj Sadar since March 2022. He is a member of Bharatiya Janata Party. He is the Minister of State (Independent Charge), Social Welfare, Scheduled Caste and Tribal Welfare, Government of Uttar Pradesh. He had a multifaceted and successful career spanning three decades as an IPS officer. He had tenures as district police superintendent of Tehri Garhwal, Balrampur, Hathras, Siddharth Nagar, Aligarh, Gorakhpur, and Agra. His last posting was that of Commissioner of Police at Kanpur Nagar.

In 2004, he became the first IPS officer to complete Black Cat Commando training from the National Security Guard (NSG). He successfully discharged the responsibilities of being a member of the Special Protection Team of the former Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh. He gained invaluable experience in international security while serving in the United Nations Peacekeeping Force. As the chief of Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS), Uttar Pradesh, he led the operation of neutralising ISIS terrorist Saifullah in Lucknow in March 2017 for which he was awarded the President's Gallantry Medal.

For the modernisation of the Police Control Room in Uttar Pradesh, he developed Sewa 100 in Aligarh, which he later expanded in Gorakhpur and Agra. Scaling up this system, modern Police Control Rooms were set up in Lucknow, Kanpur Nagar, Prayagraj and Ghaziabad. He contributed to the setting up of UP-112 emergency service and headed UP-112 from 2019 to 2021. During this period, UP-112 majorly contributed in the control of COVID-19 and extending humanitarian aid.

He completed B. Sc. from St. Stephen's College, Delhi and joined the Indian Police Service in 1994. Later, he also earned a Master's degree in Public Policy from the University of British Columbia, Canada.

SPECIAL GUEST

Shri Nitish Kumar

District Magistrate & Collector, Ayodhya

Government of Uttar Pradesh



Shri Nitish Kumar is an IAS officer (2010 batch). He is the District Magistrate & Collector of Ayodhya, Government of Uttar Pradesh. After joining the Indian Administrative Service, he has held many positions in the Government of Uttar Pradesh such as D.M. & Collector, Bareilly, D.M. & Collector + VC, Bareilly Development Authority, Special Secretary to Govt of UP Chief Minister, Lucknow, Additional Registrar, Cooperative Societies UP, Lucknow, D.M. & Collector, Sharawasti, Chief Development Officer, Lakhimpur Kheri, Joint Magistrate, Lucknow and Joint Magistrate, Mirzapur. He also holds a B.Sc. in Mining Engineering.

Day-1

First Technical Session

CSR - Contribution of Corporates for Development of the Nation

Friday, June 14, 2024

Time - 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Shri Rishi Raj, IAS
Chief Development Officer, Ayodhya
Government of Uttar Pradesh



Shri Rishi Raj is an IAS officer of 2018 batch (Uttar Pradesh Cadre) and the Chief Development Officer of Ayodhya district, Government of Uttar Pradesh. He has 3 years and 10 months of administrative experience in the Indian Administrative Service. He also has 4 years of administrative experience in the Government of Uttar Pradesh where he was the Joint Magistrate of Mainpuri; Chief Development Officer of Badaun and Chief Development Officer of Unnao. He holds a B.Tech in Electrical Engineering from ISM, Dhanbad.

Smt. Seema Rath
Registrar of Companies, Kanpur
Ministry of Corporate Affairs



Smt. Seema Rath is the Registrar of Companies, Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh with an additional charge as Joint director (RD NR), Ministry of Corporate Affairs for Inquiry, Inspection and Investigation. During her work experience of almost 31 years, she dealt with diverse set of responsibilities as a KMP in the Private sector and as an ICLS officer in the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India, in the field offices of Regional Director and RoCs.

She joined the Ministry of Corporate Affairs in the year 2002 and contributed in development of the Companies Bill being part of Policy division, CSR, Enforcement Modules of Inspection, Investigation and Inquiry and other related streams. She was also member of various committees of the Government of India constituted for the purpose of policy development.

She graduated in B.Com (Hons) from Delhi University, is a Fellow Member of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India, and an ICLS officer (2009 batch).

CS P. K. Rustagi
VP (Legal) & Company Secretary
JK Tyre & Industries Ltd.



CS P. K. Rustagi is the Vice President (Legal) and Company Secretary of JK Tyre & Industries Limited. He has over 45 years of rich experience in corporate legal & governance matters. He is the Chairman of Corporate Affairs Committee of the PHD Chamber of Commerce & Industry. He has also held positions in expert Committees of CII, ASSOCHAM & ICSI.

Before joining the JK Group, he worked with Jaypee Group and UP Twiga Fibreglass Ltd. in their Project Finance Department. He has written number of articles in the Economic Times, Financial Express, Business World and delivered lectures in Management Schools, etc. He made presentation before the Joint Parliamentary Committee, and Minister of Corporate Affairs during the conceptual stage of the new Companies Act.

He has rich experience in project finance, capital market, SEBI, Stock Exchanges, Competition Act, Takeover/Business Restructuring, Corporate Legal matters, etc. He has undergone intensive training in a structured manner for leadership skills. He attended a comprehensive training programme in Singapore conducted by a British Authority in Corporate Governance.

He has received two letters of appreciation from the office of Hon'ble Prime Minister of India: i) for regularly paying Income-tax, and ii) for being socially responsible citizen, when Gas Subsidy was surrendered voluntarily. He keeps track of business cycles, economic trends, stock/foreign currency markets and tries anticipating future trends besides enjoying photography, Hindustani classical vocal & instrumental music, gardening, etc.

He is a Commerce Graduate, Member of the ICSI, and Member of the ICAI.

Day-1

Second Technical Session

FDI - Catalyst for India's Colossal Growth - Role of PCS

Friday, June 14, 2024

Time - 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

CS Devendra V. Deshpande

Former President, The ICSI



CS Devendra V. Deshpande was elected to the Central Council of the ICSI for the term 2019 – 2022 and served as the Vice-President of the ICSI for the year 2021 before being elected as President of the ICSI for the year 2022. With over 16 years of experience as a Practicing Company Secretary, he specialises in the field of Corporate Laws, Foreign Exchange Laws, Audit under Company Law and other Allied Laws, Secretarial Audit and Corporate Restructuring.

He served as the Chairman of ICSI Centre for Corporate Governance, Research and Training (CCGRT), Mumbai and ICSI CCGRT - Hyderabad (erstwhile ICSI Centre of Excellence (CoE)) in the year 2020 and headed the Information Technology Committee of the ICSI in the year 2019. He has also been a member of various Committees constituted by ICSI including the Executive Committee, Corporate Laws and Governance Committee, Training & Educational Facilities Committee, Placement Committee, PMQ Course Committee, Election Reforms Committee and International Affairs Committee in 2019.

He has been actively associated with ICSI since 2004 and was elected to the WIRC of the ICSI for the term 2015 – 2018. He also served as Chairman of Pune Chapter of WIRC of ICSI in the year 2013 and was an active Managing Committee Member for the period from 2007 to 2014.

He is a Fellow Member of the ICSI and a Post Graduate in Commerce from Pune University.

CS Sudha G. Bhushan

Founder, Manage My Expat



CS Sudha G. Bhushan is a renowned Finance Professional and Founder of Manage My Expat, an integrated and comprehensive platform to take care of needs of tax, regulatory and compliance services of multinational entities. With more than two decades of experience in international transaction advisory, business structuring, regulatory affairs and valuations, she has been involved in a lot of intricate structuring and investment transactions in various companies across India and internationally.

She is a pioneer of due diligence under the Foreign Exchange Management Act in India. She is a sought-after consultant by Industry and fellow professionals from all over India on various issues involving inward and outward investments and valuation matters. She handles complicated ED matters with ease and has been appointed as IRP in various cases by NCLT.

She is an Independent Director on Board of many Indian Companies like Aurionpro Solutions Limited, Choice International Limited, West Coast paper mills limited, etc. She is/has been the Co-chairperson of Entrepreneurs Now Committee at Indian Merchant Chamber – LW, Committee Member of NBFC committee of Indian Merchant Chamber, Member of Indo French Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Member of Committee of International Taxation of WIRC, ICAI, Committee of women empowerment of ICAI, Committee of Professional development of ICSI.

A scholar throughout her life, she has been awarded many awards and recognitions including the “Women Empowerment through CA Profession” by NIRC of ICAI. She is a noted speaker and has addressed over 500 national and international forums like Horasis Asia meet, Indian Merchant Chamber, FICCI, ICAI, ICSI, etc. She is a visiting faculty to various prestigious business schools like Kohinoor Business School, NMIMS, etc. She is passionate writer and has authored numerous articles and bestseller books like Overseas Investment published by Taxmann 2023, Practical Guide to FEMA, 1999 published by Taxmann 2022, International Transactions – A comprehensive review published by CCH, Due Diligence under Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 published by CCH, etc.

She is a Company Secretary, a Chartered Accountant, an Insolvency Resolution Professional and a Registered Valuer registered with IBBI.

CS Vikas Agarwal

Co-Founder, LegaLogic Consulting



CS Vikas Agarwal is the Co-Founder of LegaLogic Consulting, a full-service law firm that provides tailor-made and high-quality legal solutions to clients across various industries and regions. With over twenty-four years of experience, his expertise is spread over diverse fields including structuring of transactions, mergers and acquisitions, initial public offering, joint venture agreements, corporate governance, setting up of domestic/overseas offices, foreign exchange management laws and securities laws.

He has rich experience in handling matters related to structuring of inbound and outbound investments, ESOPs, IPR management, compliance management, matters pertaining to SEBI and Listing Agreement, legal aspects of HR and admin matters, contracting, formation and management of Trust and Societies, and framing policies for CSR activities.

He worked with Persistent Systems Limited for around eight years. He has also worked with Venkateshwara Hatcheries Group. He contributed in the Advanced Business Negotiation executive development program of IIM, Bangalore and Mergers, Acquisitions and Restructuring program of IIM, Ahmedabad. He was Member of the Task Force on Competition Law constituted by ICSI. He was Managing Committee Member of Pune Chapter of ICSI from 2007 to 2014. He also held the position of Chairman of Pune Chapter for the year 2011.

He has a flair for teaching and is a visiting faculty for various training programs conducted by professional institutions in Pune. He has authored more than 125 articles in premier professional journals - domestic and international, and leading business publications.

He is a Fellow Member of the ICSI, Law Graduate and also holds a Master of Commerce.

Day-2

Third Technical Session

Leveraging the potential of Startups, Fintech and MSMEs

Saturday, June 15, 2024

Time - 12:00 NOON – 1:00 PM

Shri Rajendra Agrawal

Former Member of Lok Sabha, Meerut Constituency



Shri Rajendra Agrawal is an Indian politician and member of the 17th Lok Sabha of India. He represented the Meerut (Lok Sabha constituency) of Uttar Pradesh. He is a Member of the Bharatiya Janata Party. He has been elected as Member of Parliament from the Meerut-Hapur constituency for three times since 2009.

He held the position as the Chairman of Joint Committee on The Forest (Conservation) Amendment Bill; Chairperson of Committee on Government Assurances; Member of J.P.C. on Janvishwas Bill; Member of Rules Committee; Member of Standing Committee on Education, Women, Children, Youth and Sport; Member of General Purposes Committee, Lok Sabha; and Member of Panel of Chairpersons, Lok Sabha.

He was the Chairperson of Joint Committee on the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2016; Member of Standing Committee on Human Resource Development; Member of Standing Committee on Petroleum and Natural Gas; Member of Consultative Committee, Ministry of Rural Development, Panchayati Raj and Drinking Water And Sanitation; Member of Standing Committee on Urban Development; Member of Committee on Government Assurances; Member of Committee on Petitions; Member of Consultative Committee, Ministry of Railways; Member of Standing Committee on Information Technology; and Member of Committee of Parliament on Official Language.

He joined R.S.S. in school days and became an active worker while studying; worked as Pracharak (whole timer) R.S.S. from 1971 to 1984; and served society in various capacities as office bearer of R.S.S., Swadeshi Jagran Manch, Vidhya Bharti, Sanskar Bharti, Bharat Vikas Parishad from 1984-1997.

He is a M.Sc. (Physics) and was educated at M.M.(P.G.) College, Modi Nagar, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh.

CS Nagendra D. Rao
Former President, The ICSI



CS Nagendra D. Rao is the Designated Partner and Founder of CS Nagendra D. Rao and Associates, LLP, a firm of Practising Company Secretaries in Bengaluru. He was elected to the Central Council of the ICSI for the term 2019-2022 and served as Vice-President of the ICSI for the year 2020 and as President of the ICSI for the year 2021. He was unanimously elected as the Vice-President of the Corporate Secretaries International Association for the year 2022.

With over 17 years of experience in Corporate Sector, he specializes in Corporate and Securities Laws, Capital Markets Transactions, Business Planning, Mergers & Acquisitions, Financial Restructuring, Strategic Investment, Funds Planning & Arrangement, etc. Prior to setting up his whole-time practice, he has also worked in multinational companies.

He has been associated with the ICSI for several years now. He was elected to the Southern India Regional Council for two terms from 2011 to 2014 & 2015 to 2018 and served as Chairman for the year 2015. Prior to that, he was elected to the Managing Committee of the Bengaluru Chapter of the ICSI for the period 2007 to 2010 and was elevated as Chairman during the year 2009.

He was a Member of the Central Taxes, Corporate Laws & GST Committee of the Federation of Karnataka Chambers of Commerce & Industry for the year 2018-2019. He was Member of the Corporate Affairs and Taxation Committee of the Bangalore Chamber of Industry & Commerce during the period 2000-2004. In recognition for his outstanding service rendered in the field of education, he was conferred the title “VIDYA VIKAS” by Dr. D.G. Shetty Educational Society (R), Dharwad, Karnataka.

He is a Fellow Member of the ICSI, Law Graduate from University of Mumbai and also has a Bachelor’s Degree in Commerce.

Shri Mohit Bansal
Founder & Managing Director
Credhub Infotech Private Limited



Shri Mohit Bansal is a distinguished leader in technology and software development with a rich career spanning over 14 years. He is the Founder & Managing Director of Credhub Infotech, Co-founder & CEO of Phocket Infotech Private Limited and Co-founder of Carepay, a leading Fintech Startup. Additionally, he serves as Tech Advisor at Massive Mobility. An alumnus of NSIT with a degree in Information Technology, his expertise is extensive and diverse in the Fintech Startup.

Throughout his career, he has significantly contributed to high profile companies such as Magic Bricks, Quara Holding (a \$12 billion group) and SHL, a listed company in Saudi Arabia with a loan book exceeding \$1 billion for home loans. His professional journey underscores his capability in leading product design, business strategy and technological innovation.

His robust experience and strategic foresight in Fintech Products encompassing eWallet, Digital Lending Platform, Real-Estate & Valuation Platform, and Payments & Home Finance digital products makes him a pivotal figure in advancing technology and innovation in the Fintech world.

His professional expertise lies in crafting and executing strategic visions for technology implementation within organisations, introducing and integrating new technologies across various business verticals to drive growth and efficiency, designing and developing products that comply with geographical regulations and industry standards, ensuring scalability, performance, availability and compliance of IT infrastructure, setting company profit and loss strategies and projecting business outcomes, designing products tailored to customer acquisition, competitive landscape and market absorption, managing Non-Performing Assets and provisioning to ensure financial stability and compliance.

Day-2

Fourth Technical Session

**Governance Mantras from Ramayana for Corporate World – Guiding Light for
Growth of the Nation**

Saturday, June 15, 2024

Time - 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Shri Surendra Nath Tripathi, IAS (Retd.)

Director General, Indian Institute of Public Administration



Shri Surendra Nath Tripathi is an IAS officer of 1985 batch (Odisha Cadre). He is a highly seasoned Civil servant with a true academic flavour. Before joining IAS, he was lecturing in Allahabad University and walking through a Banking assignment.

He took over the charge of Director General, IIPA in April 2019 while he was still holding the charge of Secretary, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Govt of India. After joining IIPA, he has been instrumental in implementing e-Office at IIPA which has simplified the office working tremendously. Before that, he adorned many important positions both in Government of India as also in the Government of Odisha. In Government of Odisha, he held highly important positions like Secretary IT, Secretary Panchayati Raj and Rural Development, Information and Public Relations besides working as District Magistrates Sambalpur.

He worked as Additional Secretary & Financial Adviser in Union Ministry of Agriculture Rural Development Statistics and Programme Implementation and Joint Secretary as also Development Commissioner in MSME. He served as Chairman, Coir Board besides being in the Board of NSIC, ITPO, DSIIDC and KVIC.

He worked as Managing Director of OSFC, OSCB, OSIC, OFDC and Oil Orissa besides working as RDC Cuttack. He briefly worked as VC, Orissa University of Culture. He worked as Consultant for UNICEF on Food Security and Women Empowerment issues. He is credited with revolutionizing the Panchayati Raj and Rural Development Department of Odisha. As Secretary IT, he digitized all Government orders and other information of Government of Odisha and put them into public domain on website. He is credited with wide ranging reforms in the Tool Room concept while being in MSME as JS and then Development Commissioner MSME.

He is an MA in Political Science from Allahabad University and MBA in Public Policy from Slovenia.

Dr. Ashok Kumar Mishra
Council Member (Govt. Nominee), The ICSI
Ex-Technical Member, NCLAT



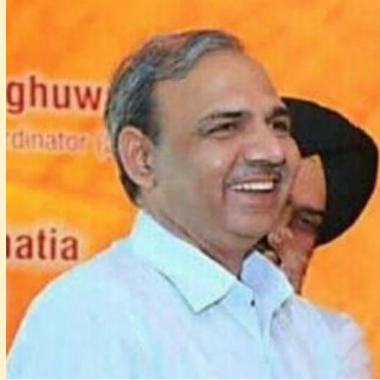
Dr. Ashok Kumar Mishra is a distinguished Fellow at IICA, Govt. Nominee in the Governing Council of the ICSI, Independent Director of ICAI Registered Valuers Organization and Professor of Practice-Law & Finance at Jamia Hamdard, New Delhi. He retired in 2023 as Technical Member, NCLAT, Principal Bench, New Delhi on elevation from Technical Member, NCLT, Bangalore through high powered Search-cum-Selection Committee constituted by Hon'ble Chief Justice of India and Government of India.

He has over 40 years of extensive professional experience across various levels of Central and State Governments including quasi-government entities in accounting, financing, contract management, liasoning and legal domain. He led resolution of major litigation with governments of states of Karnataka and Orissa involving financial liability in excess of \$2B that had been pending in various judicial forums for 15 to 20 years, resolving them through Alternate Dispute Resolution with settlement under \$500M & at the minimum tax rate/tax exemption for future. He helped in converting cash deficit manufacturing units into cash surplus units by strengthening order book position and adopting Cost-Volume-Profits relationship along with adopting milestone payment formulations in mobilizing orders. He has prepared standard contract documents for all defense PSUs and Ordinance factory board as per the directions of Ministry of Defense. Prior to judiciary roles, he worked as Board Member Director Finance (CFO) of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (a Navaratna Defence Company).

He has authored a book titled "A Practical Guide to the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016" and a Compendium of Hon'ble Supreme Court Judgments vis-à-vis NCLAT Judgments under IBC, 2016 to bring uniformity in coordinate benches of NCLAT. He prepared Protocols for bringing near uniformity for disposal of petitions in case of Scheme Arrangements proposal involving Merger, De-merger, Amalgamation, etc. under the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 in NCLT.

He is a B.Com (Hons.), M.Com, LL.B, PGDCA (IIBM), AMCSI, Ph.D. in Finance, LL.D and a Fellow Member of the ICAI. He was awarded "The Best CFO Award" in Public Sector category by the ICAI for the year 2015. He has been examiner of ICAI, Ph.D. – Lucknow University and BIT Mesra and has also participated in UNCITRAL-World Bank Group Judicial capacity building initiative on International Best Practices in the area of Insolvency Law.

Shri Vinod Sharma
Regional Director, Northern Region
Ministry of Corporate Affairs



Shri Vinod Sharma is an ICLS officer designated as the Regional Director, Northern Region, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India. He joined the Ministry of Corporate Affairs as Company Prosecutor in 1993 and conducted prosecutions from 1993 to 2005. As Company Prosecutor with Official Liquidator Allahabad High Court, he was privileged to unearth the undisclosed properties worth thousand crores of untraceable management of Rajendra Steels and Rajendra Pipes.

He joined the ICLS as Deputy Director in 2008 and worked in the Ministry of Corporate Affairs from 2008 to 2015 and was privileged to file and conduct the matter of Satyam before the then CLB and Courts from day one till 2015 besides important matters like Sahara, Walmart, and Deccan Chronicle. He has also contributed in drafting the provisions and rules for Companies Bill/Act 2013 during the said tenure.

He was the Official Liquidator, Mumbai from 2015 to 2018 and was privileged of assignment of Ambey Valley Auction by Hon'ble Supreme Court under Article 142 of the Constitution. He was the Registrar of Companies, Mumbai from 2018 to 2019 and handled matters like Neerav Modi, ILF&S scam, DHFL scam, Tata- Cyrus, Cox & King, CG Power, Birla Power etc. He was also the Joint Director, SFIO, Mumbai from April, 2019 to May 2021, Official Liquidator Delhi High Court from May 2021 to Aug. 2022, and Regional Director (North East Region), Guwahati from Aug. 2022 to Feb. 2024.

He holds a B.Com. LL.M. (Gold Medalist).

Dr. Heeraman Tiwari
Associate Dean, School of Social Sciences
Professor & Chairperson, Centre for Historical Studies, JNU



Dr. Heeraman Tiwari is Professor and Chairperson, the Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi; Dean, Atal Bihari Vajpayee School of Management & Entrepreneurship, and Concurrent Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi; and the Associate Dean of the School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

He is the Honorary Director of the Northern Regional Centre of the ICSSR. He was also a Member of the Research Committee of ICSSR (2023-2024). He has also served as the Chairperson, Centre for Media Studies, School of Social Sciences, JNU, (2017-2021), where he is also a Concurrent Professor. He is a Concurrent Professor at the School of Sanskrit and Indic Studies, JNU since 2017. He was the Finance Officer of JNU, New Delhi (2017-2019), and the Officer on Special Duty to the Vice-Chancellor, JNU (2021).

He has been nominated as Member, Archival Advisory Board, Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India (2022–2025); Member of Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation, Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India (2020-2024); Member (UGC Nominee) of Governing Council, Indian Council of Historical Research, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India (2023–2026); Member of Administrative Committee, Indian Council of Historical Research, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India (2022–2025); Member of Research Project Committee, National Council of Education, Research and Training, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India, New Delhi, 2023; Member of National Advisory Committee for Research and Art Installations in the New Parliament Building, Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India (2022); Member of National Advisory Committee, National Library, Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India, New Delhi, 2023. He also serves as an Expert Member on Academic and Research Committees, Academic Bodies and Boards of Studies at various Universities and Institutions in India.

He has published and specialises in the area of Intellectual History of Ancient and Medieval India; Sanskrit Language, Literature and Philosophy of Ancient India; Cultural and Religious History of ancient India. He is currently working on a book on Memory, Tradition and History in Ancient and Medieval India.

He was educated in Lucknow University (MA), University of Delhi (M.Phil. & Ph.D.) and Balliol College, Oxford University (D.Phil. through M.Litt.). He was a Commonwealth Scholar, and later a Louis Stuart Scholar and Spalding Scholar, at Balliol College, Oxford University, UK.

Motto

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