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EDUCATION:

2010 – 2011	Harvard University (Kennedy School of Government), USA <i>Mason Fellow, Mid-Career Master in Public Administration</i>	<i>MPA</i>
2004 -- 2005	University of Oxford (Said Business School), UK	<i>MBA</i>
1998 -- 2001	Sambalpur University, Odisha, India	<i>Bachelor of Laws (LLB)</i>
1993 -- 1998	University College of Engineering (Burla, Odisha, India)	<i>Bachelor of Engg (BE)</i>

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (Summary):

April 2020 – continuing	Member of Parliament (MP), Rajya Sabha & Lawyer, Orissa High Court
Jan 2016 – Jan 2019	Special Secretary, Odisha State Planning Board, Govt. of Odisha
Aug 2008--Dec 2015	Lawyer, Orissa High Court
Aug 2006--July 2008	World Economic Forum (WEF), Geneva, Switzerland
Mar 2002- Aug 2004	National Rural Development Council (NRDC), Odisha, India
Oct 2020 - Feb 2002	Infosys Technologies Ltd., Bangalore, India

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (Detailed):

April 20- Continuing	Member of Parliament (MP), Rajya Sabha & Lawyer, Orissa High Court
Jan 2016 – Dec 2018	Odisha State Planning Board, Govt. of Odisha <i>OSD-cum-Special Secretary & Head, Project Management Unit (PMU) Cell</i>

As the first ever lateral entrant to a senior policy planning position, I led and managed a team at the Board to perform the following activities in close co-ordination with the Chief Minister's office:

- Played a vital role in evolving effective and sustainable short term and long term strategies for overall development of the State;
- Prepared policy framework for development through coordinating the efforts of different Departments;
- Analyzed and interpreted data in-order to assist the Government in execution of its Economic and Social agenda;
- Undertook evaluation studies to assess the impact of selected Programs/ Schemes in order to provide useful feedback to relevant departments about the efficacy of those schemes;
- Structured effective mechanisms for ensuring better delivery of public services, particularly last mile delivery;

Aug 2009--Dec 2015 **Lawyer, Orissa High Court**

- Practicing in the Orissa High Court in constitutional, mining laws, corporate and commercial, dispute resolution, banking and financial laws and technology matters.
- National Company Law Tribunal matters, Insolvency proceedings, DRT , etc
- Complete representation in Dist, State & National Consumer Forum
- Assisting leading businesses, non-profit organisations and multi-lateral bodies on policy positions, policy research, advocacy, management of relations with government, and representations before public authorities.
- A trained Arbitrator and as part of my practice, I undertake arbitration matters relating to construction contracts, mining contracts, tech and IPR disputes.

08/2006 – 07/2008 **World Economic Forum (WEF), Geneva, Switzerland**

- Head of the *Young Global Leaders (YGL) network* of the WEF for Asia & the middle-east; a unique, multi-stakeholder community of exceptional young leaders (40 & under) who share a commitment to shaping the global future;
- Designed and project managed multi-stakeholder partnerships to work on the UNICEF-supported goal of EFA ('Education for All'), involving civil society, private corporations, mutli-lateral institutions and govt. agencies;
- Conceptualised, designed and participated in various discussion sessions and panels - pertaining to social development and inclsuion, social innovation and entrepreneurship - at the WEF Annual Meeting at Davos and other regional meetings/ gatherings of WEF.

03/2002 – 08/2004 **National Rural Development Council (NRDC), Odisha state, India**

Co-strategised and helped implement a community-driven, poverty reduction and sustainable livelihood project, impacting lives of about 4,000 people in 3 drought-prone districts of Odisha;

- Liaisoned with the donors, NGOs, academia, private sector, state government, district administration and local government;
- Implemented the UNDPproject, 'ICT for Development', focused on rural development, poverty & vulnerability reduction and disaster mitigation, through application of IT;
- Program managed, coordinated and collaborated with multiple partners - the state/national Governments (in India), local elected representatives, donor agencies, UNDP, local NGOs and communities- for effective and efficient program implementation;
- Supported capacity building programs of government officials/ elected bodies/ NGOs/ CBOs, youth clubs & other stake holders;

10/2000 – 02/2002 **Infosys Technologies Ltd., Bangalore, India**

Worked on various projects for optimization of software modules, as part of a 12 members testing team, resulting in saving of time for client applications;

- Worked on end-to-end execution of projects through writing of project proposals, coding, testing at various levels and final deployment of software;

Interest Areas: Constitutional Law, Arbitration, NCLT matters, International Law

Languages: Odia (mother-tongue), Hindi, English, Spanish (B1 level)

Countries: Have lived/worked (for at least a year) in 4 different countries and traveled across over 20 countries.