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Education:

1. Bachelor of Technology in Electronics and Telecommunications, 2000, KNIT Sultanpur, India.
 2. Master of Technology in Communication, 2002, IIT Delhi, India
 3. Post-Graduation Diploma in Public Policy, 2022, from Indian Institute of Public Administration, New Delhi, India.
 4. M.Phil in Social Science, 2024, Punjab University
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Professional Experience:-

- A professional from the Indian Telecommunication Sector with over 22 years of experience in various domains of the telecommunication like Circuit Switching, Packet Switching, Data Networks and Mobile Telephony, both CDMA and GSM technologies.
- Worked extensively in broadband proliferation through India's largest broadband connectivity initiatives i.e **Bharat Net Project**.
- Instrumental to execute the **Bharat Net** project in order to connect the Gram panchayat through optical fibre in turn proliferation of high speed broadband in remote villages in India. This project is one of the catalysts for bridging the digital divide and instrumental to provide meaningful connectivity, which falls under the ambit of Sustainable Development Goal 9.c of UN which is to "Access to ICT".
- Having experience to address the need of promoting universally accessible, secure and affordable telecommunications/ICTs to bridge the digital divide, enhance digital literacy and equitable access to telecommunications/ICTs that foster Sustainable Development Goal 8 (SDG 8) of sustainable socio-economic development and

entrepreneurship through digital inclusion and consequent empowerment

Current Work Profile

- Coordination on all matters of International cooperation with BRICS, ITSO, IMSO, SCO, GSMA MWC, APT, CTO and Inter-sputnik including contributions to be made thereof;
- Preparation and coordination for technical policy and strategy contributions for conferences and meetings of above international and regional organization;
- Organizing and hosting of National and International events related to above International Organizations
- All matters related to EU and bilateral cooperation with EU and Europe countries
- Bilateral and Multilateral cooperation
- Coordination on all matters related to Trade Agreements (FTAs), WTO matters
- Coordination on all matter related to ITU.

International exposures:-

- Exposure on BRICS Communication Ministers Meeting and expertise in negotiation for finalizing the text of draft declaration.
- Contributed in the finalizing of ORAN acceleration Roadmap between India and USA.
- Execution of Joint working group meeting with foreign partners.
- Actively involved in the preparation of WTSA-24 event hosted at New Delhi India. Launching of Host country website for WTSA and coordination for IT & AV requirement of ITU.
- Exposure of conducting the various G2G and G2B Meetings during Mobile World Congress.
- Assistance to the High-level delegation in participation of various international events/conferences.
- Knowledge about the function of Asia Pacific Telecommuniecty (APT)
- Participated in APT GA-16 & MC-47 meeting also deliver the policy statement during the meeting of APT.
- Submit the contribution in the WSIS.
- Participation in the various meetings of CTO, ITSO etc.

- Nominated member in Correspondence Group for the Asia-Pacific ICT Ministerial Meeting 2025.
- Full knowledge about the functioning of the ITU and contributed during the ITU Council meeting -25
- Working as Vice Rapporteur for Question 2/2: Enabling technologies for e-services and applications, including e-health and e-education of ITU –D Study Group 2.
- Contribution submitted in Q2/2 of SG-2 “Digital Connectivity and use of new digital technologies for empowering the Rural Health System
- Contribution submitted during TDAG on e-governance platform to empower people to connect with Government and contribution towards good governance: My Gov.in
- Exposure of the working of ITU different sectors.
- Nominated as Vice Chair in APT WTDC WG-1 and contributing in preparation of WTDC-25, Which is biggest conference in ITU-D sector