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He obtained his B.Sc. in Chemistry from Bombay University, M.Sc in Chemistry from Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur and PhD in Chemistry from the Bombay University based on his work at the Chemical Physics Department, Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR). This was followed by postdoctoral research in Germany at the Johannes Gutenberg Universitat, Mainz as an Alexander von Humboldt Foundation Fellow and as Research Associate at Windsor University, Canada. He was visiting scientist at the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) in Mumbai in 1980, before moving to industrial R&D.

He held the Ministry of Human Resources Development (MHRD) IPR Chair Professorship at Tezpur University, Assam, India from May 2012 to June 2017. He is presently Visiting Professor in the Rajiv Gandhi School of Intellectual Property Law, Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur, India. He is also a Honorary Distinguished Professor at the Dibrugarh University, Assam. He is a member of the Board of Governors of the Vishwakarma University, Pune and member of the Research Advisory Council of the Pandit Deendayal Petroleum University, Gujarat. He was member of the Board of Management, Physics Department of the University of Mumbai from 2014 to 2018. He has been invited to Chair the Jury cum selection committee of the Atal Innovation Mission, which is a lead programme of the Niti Ayog, Government of India.

He has been a National Science Talent Scholar in India. He is an elected Fellow of the Maharashtra Academy of Sciences.

He held the prestigious position as Honorary Scientific Consultant for Innovation and IPR matters to the Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser, Government of India from 2005 to January 2018. He was also a member of the Advisory Board of the IIPi, Washington. He continues to be a member of the International Editorial

Board of *“World Patent Information*. He has been a member of the Patent Agent’s Examination Board of the Indian Patent Office since 2010, works closely with the Controller General of the Patents, Trademarks, Designs and Geographical Indications in India in the design and implementation of training programmes for the recruited Patent Examiners since July 2012.

His professional career spans from academics followed by international industrial experience for 2 decades (1981-2001) in Hindustan Unilever (subsidiary of Unilever PLC) in India and abroad, in diverse managerial roles such as research scientist, R&D management, strategic management of IPR in businesses, management of factories, implementation of technology transfer, knowledge management systems in businesses, managing corporate information security and corporate planning

Since 2001 he has been managing his consulting firm as CEO of VISION-IPR offering services in management of Intellectual Property Rights, information security and knowledge management.

He is a practicing Patent Agent in India and is a Strategic IPR Consultant to several companies in India and abroad. His expertise spans from designing of innovation processes and integrating them with IPR to facilitate translation of innovations into businesses including IP due diligence & negotiations in Mergers and Acquisitions.

His work on the MUGA Silk Geographical Indications (GI) Value Chain in North Assam has become a model for GI as a tool for socio-economic and cluster development. The MUGA GI Camps and grassroots activities organised under his leadership as a collaborative activity between Tezpur University, Dibrugarh University and the GI Registry has already resulted in the registration 242 authorised Users of MUGA GI.

He is a leading expert on IPR, an adviser on IPR policy to several governments and has been a Consultant to the World Intellectual Property Organization since 2001 for IPR capacity building in developing countries and least developed countries for several years. In 2016-19, WIPO has commissioned him to frame the national strategy for integration of IPR with innovation to achieve the national goals set in Jordan 2025, facilitate visionary actions on IPR and innovation in the Sultanate of Oman, Qatar, Lebanon, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and also advise the Egyptian Government on implementation of strategies for the use of IPR in promoting SMEs and structure an integrated national strategy for IPR & innovation in Georgia,

In view of his continued contributions in the field of IPR and Innovation, the Alexander von Humboldt Stiftung, Germany extended a special invitation to conduct collaborative research on the interface of IPR and Competition Law at the Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition in Munich with Professor Josef Drexl from June to September 2015 and June-July 2017.

He has over 50 publications in technical fields of his expertise, over 60 publications in IPR and 6 books namely "Gearing up for Patents--The Indian Scenario" Universities Press (1998), "Intellectual Property Rights--Unleashing the Knowledge Economy", Tata McGrawHill (2001), "Shaping the Future", UNIDO-WIPO-IMTMA(2005), *"Technology Transfer issues in Biotechnology-- A Global Perspective"* co-edited with Dr Ben Prickril and Dr Rita Khanna published by Wiley-VCH (Germany) (2009) and "Geographical Indications--its evolving contours" was released in 2009. His 6<sup>th</sup> book titled "Nanotechnology Intellectual Property Rights.....Research, Design, and Commercialisation" coauthored with Siddharth Jabade was published by CRC Press (Taylor and Francis Group, USA) in June 2012. He has several invited chapters in specialized topics in IPR in books edited by leading IPR experts and published by international publishing houses. He has delivered innumerable keynote addresses and invited presentations in national and international conferences in technical fields and IPR.

In February 2011 he was awarded "The Chemtech Pharma-Bio World Award for outstanding contribution in the field of Intellectual Property". In 2014, the legal fraternity in India under the banner of "LEGAL ERA" honoured him with "The Lifetime Achievement Award" for his extraordinary contribution in. In October 2014, The Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR) Alumni Association conferred on him the "Excellence Award" for his contributions in Technology Management and IPR.