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### **Personal Profile**

Indian Forest Service (1994 batch) officer having extensive experience in the planning, formulation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of projects related to forestry, integrated watershed development, management of captive wildlife and restoration of degraded habitats. Other skills acquired during my 24 years long career are the management skills in men and materials; sporting events; logistics and transport; press and media handling and coping with deadlines.

### **Academic/Professional Qualifications**

After secondary schooling from the Indian School Tehran, Iran, I pursued my studies as shown in the enclosed **Annexure 1**. I would also like to mention that I have also done extensive studies in the subjects of Sociology and Anthropology while preparing for various competitive exams and therefore, have some skills to deal with masses/communities. My specialization in communities and Development as part of my UK Education further strengthened these skills. My M.Sc Thesis in UK was on Carbon Sequestration and therefore, I have a good understanding of Environmental Issues. My involvement and interest in organising programmes for the department have resulted in acquiring of skills in event management.

### **Academic Achievements**

- Awarded Marshall Papworth Scholarship jointly by Cranfield University, UK and East of England Agriculture Society, UK to pursue an M.Sc in National Resources Management (2003-2004).
- First position holder (1993) in the Entrance Test for the Indian Forest Service.
- Cleared National Educational Testing (NET) Exam for a fellowship for a Ph.D conducted jointly by the University Grants Commission and the Centre for Scientific and Industrial research, India (1992) but I did not avail the offer.

### **Major Courses/Trainings Attended**

- One week “International Training Programme on Budgeting Accounting and Financial Management at the International Centre for promotion of Enterprises, Ljubljana, Slovenia (2015).
- Mid career training at IIM Lucknow and University of Yale, USA (2010).
- Two month “current Trends in Forestry with Emphasis on IT” course from Cranfield University UK (2001).

### **Employment History**

Please refer to **Annexure 2**. I also have the following professional achievements to my credit:

- Formulated the “**Sangrur Afforestation Development Project**” and got it approved from the Govt. of India for a 100% grant, this was the first of its kind project in Punjab and was a torch bearer for subsequent ones.
- Author of the “**State Forestry Research Plan of Punjab (1997-2017)**”, a document that formed the basis of National Forestry Action Plan of India, that further formed the basis of Tropical Forestry Action Plan of the FAO.
- Member of the team constituted to formulate the “**Punjab Afforestation Project**” implemented successfully with the funding from JICA (Japanese International Cooperation Agency) in Punjab.

### **Other Skills**

- Demonstrated excellent English language writing ability by scoring 8 out of 9 in the IELTS (International English Language Testing System).
- Studied French language till level 8 at the Alliance Francaise, Chandigarh and can read, write and speak French in addition to fluency in English, Hindi, Punjabi and a bit of Urdu.
- A motivational speaker on fitness and a regular speaker at courses in MGSIPA, Punjab.
- Can organise panel discussions, debates, workshops, conferences and design outreach activities.

### **Other Personal Details**

I was born on 04.07.1969, now am a proud father of a son and a daughter. A good motivator, a leader and can work equally effectively both alone and as part of a team. I am a keen sportsman and a regular marathon runner. As a part of my passion for running and events management, I have been actively involved in organising various events in Chandigarh and Punjab for my department and helping friends organise them. This passion has taught me additional skills in:

- Mass communication and public dealing.
- Sports event management.
- Social media promotions and advertising.
- Brand building and marketing of events

### **Areas of Interest**

I would like to work at an appropriate seniority in any of the fields of sports, tourism, culture, youth affairs, health, education, horticulture, agriculture, science and technology, environment or development.

## **Annexure 1**

### **Academic Qualifications**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Degree/ Qualification</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Subject (s)</b>	<b>University/ Institution</b>
1.	M.Sc (Natural Resources Management)	2003-2004	Social and Economic aspects of development, Communities and development, National Resources and Society, Watershed Management GIS and Remote Sensing, Economics of environment and resource management, Environmental data analysis, French (optional) etc.	Cranfield University, UK
2.	Professional Diploma in Forestry	1994-1997	Forestry Policy and Law, Watershed Management, People and Forests, Economics, and other allied subject.	FRI Deemed University, Dehradun, India
3.	M.Sc	1991-1993	Botany Microbiology	Delhi University, India
4.	B.Sc Honours	1988-1991	Botany (Main) Zoology, Chemistry (Minors)	Delhi University, India

## **Annexure 2**

### **Major Postings**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Places</b>	<b>Nature of Work</b>
1.	Chief Conservator of Forests, Plains, Punjab	2016 till date	Mohali	Supervising 3 territorial Conservators and 10 DFO's in 17 districts of Punjab.
2.	Conservator of Forest, Patiala	2012-2014	Patiala	Supervision of DFO's
3.	Divisional Forest Officer, Patiala	2009-2011	Patiala	Core forestry, protection and development of forests.
4.	Director, Chhatbir Zoo	2006-2009	Mohali	Man and animal management; supply chain management; management of contracts, landscape visitors and animal shelters; Zoo education and outreach; animal breeding and disease management; press and media management.
5.	Team leader in IWDP, a world bank aided development project	2004-2006	Mohali	Development works related to Forestry, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry, Agriculture, Soil Conservation and social sectors
6.	DFO in various district	1998-2003	Garhshankar, Ferozepur and Sangrur	Agro forestry, protection and development of forests.