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Date of birth :

30th July 1948

➤ **Special Academic Attainments :**

Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts (FRSA), London for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce in 1975.

Undergone a top level Management Course on 'Managing Sustainable Rural Development' (**MSRD**) at Birmingham University, UK on Government of India Scholarship in 1995.

D.Litt, Doctor of Letters – Honoris Causa from Shobhit University received from the auspicious hands of Sri Ram Naik, Hon'ble Governor of Uttar Pradesh for recognition of his exemplary and multifaceted works on Gandhian principles and values that sets certain goals for the youth to follow on 24th May 2018.

➤ **Orientation**

Joined Chhatra Parishad in 1964 and became its District Secretary, General Secretary of Calcutta University Law College Chhatra Parisad and then became Vice President of the State Organization.

Closely associated with Prafulla Chandra Sen, Atulya Ghosh, Dr. Pratap Chandra Chunder, Pannalal Dasgupta, Rakhal Ch. Dey, Dr. Phulrenu Guha, Bijoyananda Chatterjee, Ashoka Gupta and other contemporary Nationalist leaders during their Gandhian Constructive activities.

Profession

Advocate, Calcutta High Court
Management & Industrial Consultant

➤ **Current Social & Professional responsibilities :**

President, All India Harijan Sevak Sangh, Delhi (HSS) – a National Level Voluntary Organization founded by Mahatma Gandhi in 1932 for the socio-economic and socio-cultural uplift of the downtrodden through various welfare and rural development projects throughout the country and succeeded to this universally acclaimed post once occupied by National leaders like **Sri G.D. Birla, Mata Rameswari Nehru, Sri Biyogi Hariji, Padmabibhusan Nirmala Deshpande** and other Gandhian stalwarts of the country. Incidentally this is for the first time a person has been elected from Bengal and Eastern and North Eastern India to this exalted post.

President, Akhil Bharatiya Prakritik Chikitsa Parishad (ABPCP) founded in 1956 – a National Confederation of Naturopathy Institutions and Doctors who is working in the field of imparting natural treatment to the common people throughout the country with its vast network of more than 300 Naturopathy Centers and thousands of Naturopaths and Doctors.

Member, Gandhi Smriti & Darshan Samiti, Rajghat (GSDS) – an autonomous body of Ministry of Culture, Government of India under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister of India.

Chairman, Gandhi Smarak Nidhi, Bengal – State branch of the Gandhi Smarak Nidhi, Rajghat, Delhi, a rural development institution on Gandhian model.

Chairman, Kasturba Balika Vidyalaya, Ishwar Nagar, New Delhi, established by **Mahatma Gandhi in 1944**, a Secondary School Recognized & Aided by Government of Delhi & Affiliated to CBSE

Chairman, Thakkar Bapa Vidyalaya Samithi, T Nagar, Chennai – A Charitable Trust founded by **Mahatma Gandhi in 1933**, running Industrial Training Institute (ITI), School, Working Women's Hostel and other social welfare activities.

Chairman, SMART Academy for Healthcare at Gandhi Ashram, Delhi, a joint venture of Tech Mahindra Foundation and Harijan Sevak Sangh to provide high quality Health Professional Skill Training for underprivileged youth through its SMART (Skills-for-Market Training) Programme.

President, Purba Kolkata Gandhi Smarak Samiti, an organization which is looking after the heritage building of Beliaghata Gandhi Bhaban, Kolkata where Gandhiji stayed during the independence days in 1947 to restore communal harmony.

President, Loka Kalyan Parishad, a State level resource centre for collaborative initiatives with Local Self Government institutions.

President, Malipanchghora Police Station Co-ordination Committee – a Peace Committee of all political parties, eminent persons and Government officials.

Senior Vice President, Akhil Bharat Rachnatmak Samaj, New Delhi (ABRS), - an All India Confederation of Gandhian Constructive workers and organizations founded by Padmabibhusan Late Ms. Nirjala Deshpande, M.P., noted Sarvodaya leader of the country.

Vice-President, Self Help Group Promotional Forum, West Bengal promoted by CARE- India, a federal networking organization comprising of 22,000 Self Help Groups with 2,50,000 members.

Vice-President, Vidyashram – a pioneering Gandhian Organization of North Bengal with a history of over 78 years.

Vice-Chairman, Shree Agrasain College, the first self financed College under the University of Calcutta in its 150 years of existence.

Vice-Chairman, Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA), Howrah Branch.

General Secretary, Rural Development Consortium (RDC), - founded by Late Pannalal Dasgupta, great revolutionary leader and later a Gandhian reformer. It is a pioneer networking, support service and training organization of Eastern India.

General Secretary, People's Forum for Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu, a national network to promote universal love, brotherhood, peace and to curb social decadence by uniting masses irrespective of caste, creed, economic hierarchy and religious leaning

Member, Executive Committee, West Bengal Federation of United Nations Associations, affiliated to the Indian Federation of United Nations Associations, New Delhi and World Federation of United Nations Associations, Geneva having consultative status Category I with UNECOSOC exclusively devoted to the dissemination of information and knowledge about the principles and purposes of the United Nations as enunciated in its Charter.

Member, Divisional Railway Users' Consultative Committee (DRUCC), Eastern Railways, Government of India.

Chairman, Regional Monitoring Committee for Eastern and North Eastern region of National Institute of Design (NID), Ahmadabad – an institute for percolation of design thinking, philosophy and application among micro, small and medium enterprises for quality up-gradation of their products under the aegis of Ministry of MSME, Government of India.

Managing Director, Bengal HCCI Infrastructure Ltd., a Joint Venture Company with West Bengal Small Industries Development Corporation (WBSIDC), Government of West Bengal.

Director, HCCI Rolling Mills Clusters Pvt. Ltd.

➤ ***Past experiences & social responsibilities :***

Former Justice of the Peace (J.P.) appointed by the Governor of West Bengal in the year 1972.

Former Lecturer of Commercial Law, Lal Baba College, affiliated to University of Calcutta.

Former Director, State Bank of India, Bengal Circle appointed by Ministry of Finance, Government of India.

Former President, Howrah Chamber of Commerce & Industry (HCCI) – a pioneering federal body of Trade, Industry and Commerce of Howrah and their associations promoting Micro, Small Industries of Howrah serving as its President for last 16 years (2002 – 2018) being elected consecutively for 5 terms.

Former President, Citizens' Information Forum, Calcutta and Member, All India Radio, Consultative Panel of the I.W. Programme Committee, Calcutta, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India.

Former Hon'y Secretary, Harijan Sevak Sangh, Bengal, (1978-2013) the State Branch of All India Harijan Sevak Sangh, Delhi (HSS) and Former Vice-President, All India Harijan Sevak Sangh, Delhi (1997 to 2008) – a National Level Organization founded by Mahatma Gandhi in 1932 working for the socio-economic and socio-cultural uplift of the downtrodden through various welfare and rural development projects throughout the country and had opportunity to work under late Padmabibhusan Ms. Nirmala Deshpande, MP till her demise. After that he became the President till he resigned on his own volition due to other pressing preoccupations.

Former General Secretary, Akhil Bharat Rachnatmak Samaj, New Delhi (ABRS), - an All India Confederation of Gandhian Constructive workers and organizations during the tenure of the founder President, Padmabibhusan Late Ms. Nirmala Deshpande, M.P., noted Sarvodaya leader of the country.

Former General Secretary, Association of Voluntary Agencies for Rural Development (AVARD), W.B. branch, West Bengal State Peoples Committee, West Bengal Small Manufacturers Association and Ramakrishna Mission Janasiksha Mandir Youth Movement, Belur Math, Lal Baba College Students' Union.

Former **Chairman, Council of Consumer Guidance Centers, West Bengal**, promoting consumer awareness against unfair trade practices.

Former **Chairman, Bijoyananda Institute of Technology** – an institution offering graduation studies in computer application and management under JRN Rajasthan Vidyapeeth (Deemed) University.

Former **Working Chairman, SERVAS International – India Chapter**, a non profit, non-governmental Peace Builders Movement promoting interracial association of hosts and travellers working towards understanding and goodwill through personal contacts. It has a consultative status as a Non Governmental Organization at the Economic and Social Council of the UNITED NATIONS.

Former Member, Board of Management, Kasturba Gandhi National Memorial Trust, West Bengal Branch, West Bengal Gandhi Memorial Committee, Gandhi Vichar Parisad, which are national and state level Gandhian non-governmental organizations engaged in constructive & rural development work.

Former Monitor-Evaluator, Council for Advancement of People's Action and Rural Technology (CAPART), New Delhi, under the aegis of Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India, to evaluate pre-sanctioning and on-going Projects of CAPART.

Former Member, West Bengal State Level Certification Committee and Zonal Khadi & Village Industries Advisory Committee for Eastern Zone (KVIC) under the aegis of the Ministry of Industries, Govt. of India during the tenure of Sri Laxmi Dass, Chairman, KVIC.

Former Member, West Bengal Khadi & Village Industries Board under the aegis of Micro & Small Scale Enterprises and Textile Department, Govt. of West Bengal.

Former Member, Railway Station Consultative Committee, Howrah.

Former Member, Governing Body, Society for Modern Mini Tool Room and Training Center, GoWB.

Former Member Convener, State Level Project Steering & Monitoring Committee of Micro, Small Enterprises Cluster Development Programme (MSE-CDP) for Rolling Mills Cluster, GoWB.

Former Member, State Level Advisory Board (SLAB) attached to Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises of West Bengal, Government of West Bengal.

Former Member, WB State Micro & Small Enterprises Facilitation Council, Govt. of West Bengal

➤ ***Major achievements :***

Conducted Regional Orientation Course on Constructive Workers of Eastern Zone in 1984 graced by the august presence of Mother Teresa, the Noble laureate for Peace.

Organized South Asia Peace Meet and All India Constructive Workers Conference under the aegis of Akhil Bharat Rachnatmak Samaj at Salt Lake Stadium, Calcutta from 18th to 20th January, 2000 which was attended by more than 12 thousand delegates from all over the country & abroad and was the first of its kind in Calcutta.

Organized a number of Youth Leadership Training Camps and Orientation courses.

Have successfully organized training of young rural entrepreneurs in Entrepreneurship Development Programme under Rural Employment Generation Programme and later Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme sponsored by Khadi & Village Industries Commission (KVIC), Government of India from 2005-2006 to 2012-2013 and has **trained 1,784 entrepreneurs who have invested Rs. 50,42,90,407.00 financed by nationalized banks**. All of them have set up their respective units comprising of zari embroidery, readymade garments, carpentry, tailoring, gate grill, beauty parlour, paddy to rice, silver ornaments manufacture, electrical bulbs, various items on food products etc.

Organized **installation of 5,31,018 improved smokeless chullahs** in Birbhum, Medinipur, Murshidabad and Malda districts of West Bengal to ensure smoke free kitchens sponsored by Khadi & Village Industries Commission (KVIC), Government of India under Non-Conventional Energy Programme of Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources.

Arranged construction of **595 low cost latrines and 95 rural low cost houses** sponsored by CAPART for the below poverty line families.

Led various groups from West Bengal in many national and international seminars and conferences including leading a delegation to the **National Integration Peace March Campaign in July 1983 at Punjab** in the wake of separatist movement of Punjab.

Establishment of a big industrial estate in a remote area of Howrah. The uniqueness of the project was that 320 Micro and Small Entrepreneurs have purchased land directly from the farmers without creating any problem or tension and that the project was overwhelmingly environment friendly in as much as the entire area is proposed to be illuminated through solar energy. This industrial cluster has been included in the National Innovative Council set up by the Hon'ble Prime Minister out of the 25 clusters amongst 400 in the country.

Pioneer in **establishment of a Regional Centre of Design Clinic in West Bengal**, the first of its kind in Eastern India of National Institute of Design (NID), Ahmadabad which provides expert advice, solutions and support financial assistance with necessary help to create awareness and the application of design facilities at all levels which adds value to the existing product /services.

Led a **Gandhian Goodwill Mission to Srinagar, Kashmir from 16th to 19th July 2017**. The specialty of the Mission was fruitful interactions and dialogue with senior leaders of all leading political parties, peace activists, youth and students and established an environment of Love, Compassion and Brotherhood through People to People contact for defusing the tense situation through Gandhian means.

Sent **Gandhian Peace Mission** team to disturbed areas like Unna (Gujarat), Mazafarnagar, Saharanpur (Uttar Pradesh) and other disputed areas and tried to intervene in the conflict situations in order to restore peace and harmony by interacting with the local population of both the groups and local leaders.

Organized **All India Gandhian Constructive Workers' Conference** in Gandhi Ashram, Delhi on **25th and 26th November 2018**, the first of its kind after a long gap of 12 years as a part of the preparation of **Mahatma Gandhi and Kasturba's 150th Birth Anniversary in 2019**, which was **inaugurated by Sri M. Venkaiah Naidu, Hon'ble Vice President of India** and the valedictory session was addressed by **H.E. Sri Ramnath Kovind, Hon'ble President of India at Rashtrapati Bhawan**. In this Conference 5000 Gandhian Constructive Workers & Youth from different corners of the country and abroad and many dignitaries from various walks of life participated.

Took initiative to renovate the **Museum on Kasturba (A Museum on the life and activities on Ba)**, at “**Kasturba Kutir**”, **Udyogshala** established by Mahatma Gandhi but became defunct a long time back and **Mahatma Gandhi Yoga Center** all at Gandhi Ashram, Kingsway Camp, Delhi. The renovated **Kasturba Kutir** was inaugurated by then **Hon’ble Vice President of India, Shri Hamid Ansari** on 7th July 2017 in the gracious presence of Ms. Tara Gandhi Bhattacharya, granddaughter of Mahatma Gandhi and others. The renovated **Udyogshala** was revived as a Skill Development Training Institute by Tech Mahindra SMART Academy for Healthcare in collaboration with the Sangh where skill training of youth is organized and youths are getting a plethora of benefits at minimum cost even placement in various reputed health care institutes. The **Mahatma Gandhi Yoga Center** was established to impart yoga training to youth, which was inaugurated by **Sri M. Venkaiah Naidu, Hon’ble Vice President of India** on 25th November 2018.

➤ **Literary activities :**

Editor, Jatiya Samachintan – leading literary Bengali journal on Art, Culture and literature since 1986 and writing for periodicals and journals on different issues including developmental and national problems.

Edited and published number of books, papers and reports on development for the Voluntary Organizations.

➤ **Awards :**

Recipient of ‘**National Unity Award**’ from Gyani Zail Singh, former President of India for outstanding services, achievements and contributions in the field of social work in 1990.

Recipient of ‘**Non-Conventional Energy Award**’ from Sri Surendra Mohan, Chairman, KVIC awarded for incomparable achievement in the field of Non-Conventional Energy particularly in Improved Chullah Programme on 5th July 1997 on the occasion of attainment of 35 years of NCE Programme of KVIC & RERDA-INDIA under the Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources (MNES).

Recipient of ‘**Moonis Raza Memorial Award**’ by Global Association of NRI (Non Resident Indians) in recognition of exemplary contribution to National Development, International Understanding, Peace, Enrichments of life and for outstanding achievements in the field of specialization at the institution of Engineers (India) New Delhi on 3rd April 1998.

Recipient of ‘**International Man of the Year – 1997-98**’ awarded by the Editorial Board of International Biographical Centre (IBC), Cambridge, England on 28th April 1998. The IBC is a non-political, secular organization publishing, among other works, many highly respected International Who’s Who Biographical titles.

Recipient of ‘**MSPI outstanding Personalities – 1998**’ and awarded **Certificate of Merit** by the Management Studies Promotion Institute, New Delhi in their Biographical publication on 30th October 1998.

Recipient of ‘**Award for National Integration and Social Work**’ from Prof. Ashish Bandopadhyay, Vice-Chancellor, Calcutta University awarded by the Calcutta University National Integration Council on 26th January 2005 for contribution in the field of social work and national integration.

Recipient of ‘**Bangabandhu Mujibar Rahaman International Award**’ awarded by **Banbabandhu Jatiya Swadhinata Parishad** on 7th August 2010 at Bangladesh National Press

Club, Dhaka, Bangladesh from Janab Rezaul Karim Hira, Hon'ble Minister of Land & Land Reforms, Govt. of Bangladesh.

Recipient of '**Corporate Energy Management Award**' awarded by **Indian Institute of Social Welfare & Business Management**, Kolkata, the first B-School of India under the University of Calcutta on 14th December 2010, the Energy Conservation Day for contribution in the field of energy management.

Recipient of "**Ganga Award**" presented by His Excellency **Dr. Krishna Kanta Paul, Governor of Uttarakhand**, on behalf of Global Inter Faith WASH Alliance (GIWA) & UNICEF for leading the Gandhian Workers towards Swachh Bharat and other Constructive Work as envisaged by Mahatma Gandhi in the "You are the Solution : Summit of Leaders", an International Seminar held at Risikesh on 3rd & 4th May, 2017.

Recipient of '**Ch. Ranabir Singh National Peace & Harmony Award**' in recognition of his outstanding voluntary work at National level for the Development of Peace, Integration and Harmony by Shri Dependra Singh Hooda, MP and Swami Chidananda Saraswati Maharaj, President, Parmarth Niketan, Rishikesh and Founder Chairman, Global Interfaith WASH Alliance (GIWA) on 25th November 2018.

Recipient of '**Prafulla Chandra Sen Memorial Award 2018**' in the memory of Late Prafulla Chandra Sen, noted Gandhian of the country and former Chief Minister of West Bengal on 10th April 2018 in recognition of his close association with Sri Sen during his student days and presently the leading light of Gandhian thinking and protagonist of the State as well as the whole country.

➤ **Foreign Delegation :**

- Represented India as delegate in 'South Asian Seminar on Legal Aid' held in **Kathmandu, Nepal** in March 1986.
- Represented India in **Italy, France, Switzerland and United Kingdom (U.K.)** as a member of the 'Gandhi-in-Action' group for people's march for non-violent society on the occasion of 'International Year of Peace' in June-July 1986.
- Represented India as a delegate to the **United Kingdom**, being jointly nominated by the Ministry of Rural Development, Govt. of India and British Govt. as only NGO representative in a group of seven senior Government officials of India in March - June 1995.
- Participated in South West Asia Regional Conference of SERVAS International held in **Dhaka, Bangladesh** on 10th & 11th December 1999 as the only representative from SERVAS INDIA.
- Represented India as a delegate of Association of People of Asia at **China** led by late Nirmala Deshpande from 28th October to 3rd November, 2003 on the invitation of Chinese Association of International Understanding, visiting Beijing and Shanghai and participated in bilateral dialogues with Chinese Association of International Understanding, State Council Leading Group on Poverty Alleviation and Development, All China Women's Federation, Tibetology Research Center, Shanghai Foreign Affairs Department to foster people to people contact, friendship and understanding amongst the people of Asia for a peaceful and non-violent world and to identify cultural, educational and voluntary organizations in different countries of Asia.
- Represented India as a delegate of Association of People of Asia to **Lahore, Pakistan** along with different religious heads of India and other eminent personalities from political,

academic, social, professional, litterateur fields with the aim to promote peace, friendship, brotherhood and strengthening goodwill between the two nations from 30th August to 1st September 2004 on the occasion of birth anniversary of noted Sufi Saint Baba Bulle Shah, who is greatly revered by people in India and Pakistan for his messages of universal significance for promoting peace and harmony in the sub-continent.

- Represented India as a distinguished speaker of Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) under the Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India to speak on Gandhian values and their contemporary relevance and ideas and ideals of Gandhiji at **Dhaka University, Bangladesh**. Bangladesh Bharat Sampriti Parishad, Gandhi Ashram Trust – Noakhali and Feni districts, Ramakrishna Mission – Dhaka, Bangladesh Institute of Law & International Affairs etc. from 11th October to 16th October 2004
- Represented India as a delegate of Association of People of Asia in the World Social Forum held at **Karachi, Pakistan** with the aim to promote peace, friendship, brotherhood and strengthening goodwill between different nations from 24th to 29th March 2006 and chaired a symposium on Nuclear Free South Asia with elimination of nuclear stock piles in India and Pakistan and diverting nuclear energy for peaceful purposes.
- Represented India in a 15-member delegation at the conference on the centenary celebration of Satyagraha organized by Gandhi Development Trust in association with Kwa-Zulu Natal Government at the **Durban University of Technology in South Africa** from 10 – 13 September 2006.
- Represented India in a 15-member delegation at the 50th Anniversary celebration of the *Lanka Jatika Sarvodaya Shramadana Sangamaya* and a conference on “Concerted Community Action for a Sustainable Life on Earth Fair to All” held at Vishva Niketan International Peace and Meditation Center at Moratuwa, **Colombo, Sri Lanka** from 4 – 7 December 2008.
- Led a Gandhian delegation from India to the **Parliament of the World’s Religions held at Salt Lake city, Utah, USA** from 15th to 19th October 2015 which was attended by over 10,000 delegates from 80 countries and 50 Heads of different religions. It may be mentioned that this was the first time that a Gandhian delegation was invited to attend this illustrious Parliament. This was a proud moment for all the Gandhian fraternity. It is worth remembering but without comparing the fact that the same Parliament was attended by **Swami Vivekananda** in 1893 at Chicago, USA.
- Represented a Gandhi Peace Mission to South Africa from 8th to 15th February 2016 to carry the goodwill and gratitude of Indian nation to the great South African Republic which moulded young Barrister Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi into a Mahatma on the occasion of completion of hundred years of his return to India from South Africa after alleviating the miseries of the Indians in South Africa and then lighting the freedom movement leading to its successful culmination of achieving freedom of India. The Gandhi Peace Mission urges humanity to move from *Conflict and Violence* to *Dialogue, Reconciliation, Development and Peace*.

➤ **Visits Abroad :**

Italy, France, Switzerland, United Kingdom, Netherlands, Belgium, Luxemburg, United States of America, China, South Africa, Thailand, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bangladesh, Bhutan.