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Profile:

Indian Administrative Service (IAS), Maharashtra cadre, 1987 Batch.

I retired on 31st May 2021 after serving Government for thirty-four years.

In my service career of thirty-four years, I have worked for twelve years in urban development, four years in environment and four years in finance in addition to other sectors at State as well as Central government levels. I also worked as Principal Secretary in Finance department of Government of Maharashtra dealing with State Budget and expenditure management, Joint Secretary (Finance) in Department of Atomic Energy, Government of India. Long tenures of service in urban development sector as Joint Municipal Commissioner and Additional Municipal Commissioner in Mumbai and Municipal Commissioner of Thane City as well as Metropolitan Commissioner in Mumbai are high points in my career. Alongside this, my experience in finance and Environment helps me in handling urban issues more effectively and efficiently. My last posting as head of Mumbai Metropolitan Development Authority, I handled mega infrastructure projects costing USD 21.42 billion, which included 340 kms of Metro and the longest sea bridge of India, Mumbai Trans Harbour Link in Mumbai metropolitan region. My responsibilities included mobilising financial resources through bilateral and multilateral funding agencies, tender management and timely implementation of these projects. I have been able to raise financial resources of USD 4285 million from agencies like ADB, JICA, KFW, AIIB and NDB. In MMRDA, I have also created a new organisation, namely Maha Mumbai Metro Operation Corporation Limited, for operation and maintenance of the Metro services, which are being constructed now. **My strength lies in public policy analysis and in designing and executing infrastructure projects.**

Objective	As life will be measured by what you gave, and not what you received, I want to contribute meaningfully to society till the time I can.
Area of Interest	Urban, Environmental Issues, sustainable development, innovative solutions for complex urban challenges including land use planning and urban rejuvenation.

<p>Education</p>	<p>Allahabad University (1977-1981) Bachelor of Arts: Mathematics, English Literature, Political Science Master of Arts: Political Science Maxwell School, Syracuse University, NYC, USA (2003-04) Master of Arts in Public Administration (3.86 CGPA, Received Dean’s Medal).</p>
<p>Presently</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Director of Smart Commute Foundation 2. Director of Urban World Consulting OPC Pvt. Ltd. 3. Member of the Advisory Board UPL University of Sustainable Technology.
<p>Experiences and Responsibility handled</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Asst. Collector, Jalgaon District (1989-91). 2. Chief Executive Officer of Zilla Parishad, Thane and Pune Districts (1991-95). 3. Deputy Secretary, Rural Development Department, GOM (1995-97). 4. Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Environment & Forest, GOI (1997-99). 5. General Manager, The Handicrafts & Handloom Exports Corporation of India, New Delhi, Ministry of Textiles, GOI (1999-2001). 6. District Collector, Gadchiroli (2001), GOM. 7. Jt. Commissioner, Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai (2001-03) 8. Managing Director, Maharashtra Rajya Sahakari Dudh Mahasangh, Maryadit, GOM (2004-05). 9. Managing Director, Maharashtra State Cotton Federation Ltd. (2005-06) 10. Additional Commissioner, Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai (2006-2010). I handled following responsibilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solid Waste management in one of the largest cities of the world, generating 8000 tons of waste per day. • Initiated “Mumbai Clean Up” campaign, creating one of the largest brand initiatives in government sector. • Was instrumental in getting one old landfill site at Gorai closed scientifically, which earned carbon credits from UNFCC, won the national India Tech Excellence Award – 2009 for Best Infrastructure project and international awards including second Best CDM Project Film Award by UNFCC, and Winner of City-to-City Barcelona FAD Award in 2014. • Handled biggest Storm Water Drain Project in the country, namely BRIMSTOWAD for Mumbai in the wake of 26/7/2005 flooding of Mumbai City. • Implemented World Bank Assisted Area Traffic Control Project in Mumbai City overcoming huge hurdles in implementation under Mumbai Urban Transport Project. This project also won national award for use of Information Technology in Transport sector. 11. Municipal Commissioner, Thane City (2010-2013): My worth mentioning initiatives include:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Because of extensive work done in solar energy in the city, Thane was selected for solar city program. The solar city master plan was approved under my chairmanship after consultation with all stakeholders. • European Commission and UN Habitat awarded Thane Municipal Corporation as “Model City” for implementing the project “Promoting Low Emission Urban Development Strategies in the Emerging Economy Countries (Urban LEDS)” with grant of 100,000 Euros for implementation of this project in Thane City during my tenure. • Energy Efficiency (EE) and Renewable Energy (RE) projects undertaken: Energy Efficiency • Investment grade audit of entire municipal street lighting completed. Implementation – LED street lighting pilot project comprising 310 LED lighting fixtures completed with the financial support of Ra. 5 million from Bureau of Energy Efficiency. Steps initiated to install 5000 more LED fixtures on streets. Renewable Energy (RE) • Installation of 76000 Litter per day capacity solar water heating system for public housing program • 160 Ton capacity solar air conditioning system was installed as an R&D project in the Municipal Hospital with the assistance of Ministry of New and Renewable Sources, Government of India-again a first in the country. • 5 Ton capacity Bio mechanisation plant through private participation, commissioned. • 2 million Litre per Day capacity solar water heating system was commissioned on new buildings as a result of mandatory building permission rules. Could be able to complete two major infrastructure projects (Kopri ROB and Vitawa RUB), which were languishing for last ten years and more. It involved coordination with lot of agencies including Indian Railways (CR) and resolution of very complex issues and irritants. • Developed 112 Kms of roads (including widening of Ghodbunder road) using latest technologies with the help of petroleum companies. <p>12. Principal Secretary, Environment and Climate Change, GOM (2013-2014)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As head of the Environment Department of Maharashtra State, I handled Environment Impact Assessment of all projects in the State, environmental education, coastal zone management plan, and pollution control measures. The Maharashtra Pollution Control Board functioned under my department. I headed a committee which was working on “Assessing Climate Change Vulnerability and Adaptation Strategies for Maharashtra State”: a project on Climate Change for the Preparation of the Maharashtra State Adaptation Action Plan. <p>13. Principal Secretary, Home, Government of Maharashtra (2014)</p> <p>14. Joint Secretary (Finance), Atomic Energy, GOI (2014-2017)</p> <p>15. Principal Secretary (Finance), GOM (2017-2018)</p> <p>16. Metropolitan Commissioner, Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority, GOM (2018-2021).</p>
<p>Conferences Attended</p>	<p>Indian Institute of Management Bangalore (IIMB) 2nd to 6th February,2009- Participated in the programme on Quantitative Methods & Operational Research for Public Policy and Management for IAS Officers</p>

	<p>IEE TOKYO, JAPAN 27 Sep to 1st Oct, 2010-The 4th APP India and Japan New and Renewable Energy Seminar in Tokyo Organized by The Institute of Energy Economics.</p>
	<p>Australian National University, Canberra, Australia 19th to 23rd October, 2015. Completed the Study Tour on 'Modernising Government NPM and Post-NPM Governance in Australia and New Zealand' at Crawford School of Public Policy</p>
	<p>FIMMDA (Fixed Income Money Market & Derivatives Association of India) Mumbai. Participated in the Training Programme on "Basics of Bond Mathematics and Debt Management".</p>
Achievements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has been awarded the Dean's Medal for scoring highest percentile/grade at Maxwell School, USA (2004) 2. Has been conferred with Green Leaf Award by Sukuki Exnora & Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (2009) 3. Has been selected by Singapore Government for Ministry of Foreign Affairs Visitors Programme (Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Visiting Professional) by Singapore Government in November 2010. 4. Maharashtra Energy Development Agency (MEDA) State Level Award for Excellence in Energy Conservation & Management in (1) Municipal Corporation sector & (2) Government Building sector for the year 2009-10. 5. Housing & Urban Development Corporation, Government of India (HUDCO) Award for Best Practices to Improve the Living Environment under The Overall City Development Initiatives (2012). 6. Best Performed Joint Award on implementation of GOs for Solar Water Heaters in South-Western Regions from Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, GOI, India in August 2012. 7. I was invited on the Board of Directors by "Centre for Energy and Environment Policy" University of Delaware, USA. This organization is led by noble laureate Mr John Byrne. This honour for any head of government organization in our country is first of its kind 8. Shahu Chhatrapati Shivaji Award for best plantation drive in Maharashtra State for the year 2012-13 for the work done in Thane City. 9. Gorai Landfill Closure Project received the 100 most sustainable projects of the world Award by World Bank in 2011-12.

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 10. “City To City Barcelona FAD Award,2014” was received by me at Barcelona from Mayor of Barcelona for implementing Gorai Landfill Closure Project in Mumbai. 11. Gold Award of the Association of Business Communicators of India,2010. 12. National Award for Universal Development of the Government of India, HUDCO, New Delhi,2012. 13. Maharashtra State Green Icon, the first state-level award given by a joint venture with the Maharashtra Go Green Foundation and Times of India, Thane Plus, for its outstanding performance for the city of green (2012) 14. Scotch Gold Award for Land Information-rich Computer System, created by the Municipality to make the health system of the municipality available in one click (2012) 15. National Gold Awards for notable achievements in the field of public relations on behalf of the Association of Business Communicators of India -2012. 16. Times of India's Times Green Ganesh Award for successfully implementing the concept of eco-oriented Ganesh Festival-2012. 17. City Selection for European Commission funded project titled “promoting Low Emission Urban Development Strategies in the Emerging Economy Countries (Urban LEDS)” and Invitation for ICLEI COP18 side event -2012. 18. Awarded “Urban Infra Man” by Times of India's in the Times Men of the year 2020- West India
<p>Prestigious Projects Implemented</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.Gorai Landfill Closure, Mumbai, the first Successful CDM Project for landfill gas recovery system in India, implemented at Gorai, Mumbai in joint partnership with ADB, Manila, which won the national India-Tech Excellence Award-2009 for Best Infrastructure Project and international awards including Second Best CDM Project Film Award by UNFCC. 2.'Area Traffic Control System' – A World Bank Project in Mumbai under the name 'Mumbai Urban Transport Project' – This project was awarded as the 'Best IT application in Transportation Sector' by Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India under JNNURM in 2011. 3.'Clean Up Mumbai' campaign emphasizing the need to oppose/stop littering in public places. 4.Mumbai Monorail restarted after being closed for more than a year in 2018. 5. Trial run of Mumbai Metro Lines 2A and 7 was started in time despite constraints due to Covid pandemic. 6.Handled Mumbai Trans Harbour Link Project, and Mumbai Metro Lines of 337 kms, and host of other Infrastructure Projects in and around Mumbai. 7. Introduced Public Sharing Bikes in Mumbai at Metro Stations and In BKC as non-motorised modes of last and first mile transportation alternatives.

	8. Construction of 2000 bed Covid Hospital in BKC, Mumbai during peak of pandemic in record time. (2020)			
Publications	Co Author to the Chapter “ Beyond Legal Rights & Titles: Rehabilitation of Slum Dwellers of Mumbai” in Book Resettlement in Asian Countries			
Date of Birth	01 March, 1961			
Nationality	Indian			
Languages		Read	Write	Speak
	Hindi	Very Good	Very Good	Very Good
	Marathi	Very Good	Very Good	Very Good
	English	Very Good	Very Good	Very Good
Hobbies	Games & Sports, Writing-Twitter, Reading, Travelling, Music.			

Declaration:

I, the undersigned, certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, these data correctly describe my qualification, my experience, and me.

Date:

Place: Mumbai

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