

PROFILE

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Designation: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

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Educational Qualification: M.Sc. (Chem.)

Expertise/specialization/Profile:

Background: Hails from Chikkabanavara Village in Bengaluru North district of Karnataka. Completed schooling in Rural Bangalore, graduated with distinction from Maharani's Science College, Bangalore and Master's degree in Chemistry (Bio-chemistry) from Bangalore University Central College in 1993.

An NCC cadet during pre-university, was involved in sports viz., Throwball, badminton and chess. An avid debater and student union office bearer in both school and college levels. Have a special interest in gardening and horticulture and was part of the horticulture society in school & college. Worked as a lecturer in first grade college for one year teaching undergraduate students during the academic year 1993-94.

History In the department: Joined the department as an Inspector in the year 1994. Started the career in field formation and served in almost all formations of Central Excise, Service Tax & GST, including Range, Division, Preventive, Audit, Review & Appeals, PCCO, SEZ etc., contributing to enforcement and compliance at all levels.

Career Highlights:

- (a) Received Commendation during 1996 for excellent performance in reducing huge backlog of pendency in Range & Division.
- (b) Received Certificate of Appreciation (Samman Patra) during 2003 for distinguished and dedicated service in Headquarters Preventive Unit.
- (c) Received Commendation Certificate in the year 2005 for executive abilities displayed in marshalling limited resources in detection of duty evasion of Rs.13.82 Cr. and realization of Rs. 2.31 Cr.
- (d) As part of LTU implementation Cell, was involved in establishment of the first Large Tax Payer Unit at Bangalore in 2006.
- (e) Meticulous work in audit planning & management was appreciated by ADG (Audit), as the Commissionerate's Audit ranking based on QAR (Quality Assurance Review) score improved from Sl.No.50 to Sl.No.6 in a span of two years from 2011 to 2013. The ranking was further improved to Sl.No.4 in the subsequent year i.e. 2013-14 with a QAR score of above 90% (excellent grade).
- (f) Received Certificate of Commendation in 2015 for consistent and commendable effort in processing an enormous number of OIOs/OIAs/CESTAT orders for review & disposal as they were dealt with proper appreciation of legal issues and through understanding of latest case laws.
- (g) During the transition period of 2017-2020 consequent to roll-out of GST in the country, was in the forefront of implementation monitoring in the Chief Commissioner's Office dealing with daily challenges in the face of fluid situation with an evolving law & practice.
- (h) In 2020-21, GST Review Module was rolled out by DG Systems. Was involved in testing and implementation of review of all GST Refund orders in the on-line facility and achieved 100% compliance by March 2023. Further, the judicious processing of original & appellate orders in a fair and unbiased manner led to a significant reduction in litigation by the department (only 1.2% of the orders received were appealed).

- (i) As Superintendent Hqrs. CERA Audit, co-ordinated and liaised with the C&AG office and field formations leading to closure of 63% of the pending LAR paras of the Commissionerate.
- (j) Was involved in organizing programs such as Swachh Bharat Abhiyan and Rashtriya Ekta Diwas.

Key Competencies:

- Law and Procedure at field level.
- Tax evasion detection and investigation.
- Adjudication, Review & Appeals Central Excise, Service Tax, and GST.
- Audit Planning & Management.
- Skills in analysing judicial pronouncements & interpreting case laws.
- SEZ law and procedure.