

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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Profession: Retired from NRM Based Mid Himalayan Watershed Development Project (a World Bank Project) and presently associated with SPACE- A Chandigarh based NGO.

Date of Birth: 28-03-1951

Nationality: INDIAN

## Educational Qualification:

1974 B.V.Sc. & AH from Haryana Agricultural University Hissar  
1<sup>st</sup> Division.

1988 M.V.Sc. from Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Izatnagar  
1<sup>st</sup> Class/First.

## Experience:

**Presently associated with Society for Promotion And Conservation Of Environment (SPACE) based at Chandigarh and functioning as General Secretary (April, 2009 onwards i.e. after retirement).**

2009-14 Working as Team Leader for completion of the following assignments of Rural Development Department of Himachal Pradesh under IWMP:

Year	Block	District	No. of DPRs Prepared
2010-11	Bangana	Una	8
2010-11	Naggar	Kullu	13
2011-12	Sangrah	Sirmour	8
2011-12	Banjar	Kullu	13
2012-13	Dharampur	Solan	17
2012-14	Shillai	Sirmour	8

Dec 2013 to Jan 2014 Worked as Livelihoods Expert (State Programme manager) in Haryana State Rural Livelihoods Mission under NRLM.

**Post Held:** Head of Institutional Development and Livelihood Cell at the project headquarters, main responsibility being the guidance and supervision of the project planning and implementation of activities.

Also looked after the Administrative Cell of the project for a brief period.

**Period  
2005-09**

**Responsibilities**

- Was responsible for Institutional arrangements of the project. Also looked after the Himachal Pradesh Natural Resource Management Society matters, which is headed by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh.
- Responsible for Micro Planning, training and capacity building program for the community and the project staff.
- Convergence and networking with respective line departments/NRM based projects/State Agricultural Universities.
- Responsible for formation of CBOs like UGs, SHGs, CAGs, CIGs and their capacity building, strengthening of the existing CBOs and PRI issues.
- Responsible for development of Tribal Action Plan and its implementation for the project.
- Responsible for preparing Action Plan for implementation of livelihood strategy. Assess the capacity building needs and facilitate the exposure visits/ training program for project Facilitators and Economic activity Groups.
- Guide the Watershed Divisions in identification and formation of CAGs/EAGs of the vulnerable groups like women and the landless by closely working with the Watershed Development Coordinators for preparation of livelihood sub projects/business plans, formation of federations and their capacity building.
- Developed detailed guidelines for utilization of livelihood fund, format for financing agreements and business plans.
- Coordinated and monitored the implementation of Livelihood Action Plan in various Watershed Divisions of the project.
- Responsible for making specific recommendations concerning the appraisal and approval of livelihood sub projects.
- Was also responsible for Agriculture, Horticulture and Animal Husbandry Sectors, treatment of arable land in the project.
- I was also responsible for the orientation and awareness of the project teams at the Divisional and Regional level by organizing trainings, workshops, meetings and exposure visits.

**Post Held:**

**Team Leader**

Integrated Watershed Development Project (Hills-I & II) Kandi- a World Bank Aided Project.

**Period:  
1992-2005**

**Responsibility:**

- Responsible for planning and implementation of the project activities with the active people's participation.
- As Team Leader built a well-knit cohesive team of officers of the different line departments which was able to achieve tremendous results in watershed development and management.
- Successfully led the team that developed models and impact center in watershed management and other activities with numerous success stories.
- Organized and piloted numerous trainings and field visits were organized for the watershed managers, executers and communities which included project officers, planners, GP executives, village development committees, State Agriculture/ Horticulture/ Rural Development Deptt./ Forest Officers.
- Also coordinated more than 25 visits of the World Bank Missions during this period. All the missions appreciated our team for effective planning, implementation and people participation in the project.
- Was actively associated in Mid Term Review and Implementation Completion Report of IWDP-I.
- Contributed significantly for the project formulation, finalization of project implementation plan, appraisal and negotiations of IWDP-II (1999-2005) costing Rs.171 crores.

**Achievements:**

- Nominated for significant achievements in Forestry, Soil Conservation and Rain Water Harvesting by GoHP for National Award- **Priyadarshani Variksha Mittar Award.**
- Received appreciation letter from Director General Forest, GOI for my proactive attitude and outstanding efforts in Watershed Development & Management.
- The hard work and success of the team was acknowledged by World Bank, GoI & GoHP. My project area i.e. IWDP (Hills) Nalagarh and Parwanoo Units are being used as training centers in Watershed Development and Management.
- **We also developed the VDCs' Performance Index to evaluate the health and sustainability of the respective VDCs.**
- A 30 members strong SIDA Team from six Asian countries also visited/interacted with project communities and declared our project as leaders in Watershed Management vis-a-vis Peoples' Participation.
- My contribution in preparation of IWDP-II was highly appreciated by GoHP and the FAO team responsible for the project preparation. Was also actively associated in Mid Term Review and ICR of the IWDP-II.

**1988-92**

**Responsibility:**

- In charge District Mobile Veterinary Dispensary Nahan, District Sirmour.
- Proactively organized Farmers' Awareness-cum-Multipurpose Animal Health Camps through out the District.
- Associated with animal husbandry field staff in prevention & control of diseases in livestock.
- Played a significant role in solving the problems of transhumant (migratory shepherds) who migrate from higher hills in the winter months by coordinating with Forest Deptt. Of HP.

**1986-88**

Completed my Post Graduation from Indian Veterinary Research Institute Izatnagar where I secured **FIRST CLASS FIRST POSITION.**

**1978-86**

**Veterinary Officer**

- In charge Veterinary Hospital at Sub Divisional/District level.
- In addition to the Animal Health and Extension Programme of the Department, looked after the Schedule Caste Component Plan related to the Livestock based Livelihood activities for the SCs.

**1975-78**

**Worked as Extension Officer** in Small Farmers' Development Agency, Sirmour District, Himachal Pradesh where I looked after the Livestock development program of the agency.

**Countries Visited:** **Republic of China in October, 1999** as a member of Team of Trainees comprising from the states of HP, Punjab, Haryana, Jammu and Kashmir, Uttar Pradesh, Govt. of India and the World Bank. The training was related to the Watershed Management.

**Sri Lanka in January, 2008.** Participated in an international workshop on "**MAKING MARKETS WORK FOR THE POOR**" organized by the Washington Office of the World Bank.

**USA in 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2014** where I was able to see the Agriculture crops being grown under HYDROPONICS and also gained exposure in Integrated Farming Systems including Livestock management.

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