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HOBBIES

Painting, Classical music & Dances,
Reading, Movies, Travel, Sports

EDUCATION

- Center of Advanced Studies, Department of Zoology, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, India
1991 – 1996
PhD- Cellular & Biochemical studies on Reproduction of Pest
- Regional College of Education (NCERT), Utkal University, Bhubaneswar, India
1988 – 1990
MSc. Ed-Life Sciences; Specialization -Environmental Sciences
- Malabar Christian College, University of Calicut
1986 - 1986
BSc Biology; Subsidiary-Chemistry

WORK EXPERIENCE

Partner & Managing Director,
Food Safety & Quality Solutions Incorporated
(FSQS Inc.). www.foodsafe.in; www.fsqs.in

2013–Till date

- Advise, design, evaluate, establish, train and monitor risk based, preventative food safety & quality management systems in agriculture and food supply chain across globe.
- Consults the agricultural and supply chain quality projects, works on Integrated Pest Management, Sustainability and Biodiversity in helping farmers and clients assess and integrate IPM models, sustainable practices and biodiversity practices in their agricultural operations
 - Clientele include Britannia, Nestle, McC-India, Parle-Agro, EID- Parry's, Akay flavours, Baffna spices, MTR foods, Everest, Kissan, Frontier Coops-USA, European Spice Services- Belgium, McDonald, Plant Lipids, PDS organics, Brahmins foods, Fine Foods- Vietnam, Herbal

PROFILE

- Experienced quality professional working in the Food & Agriculture value chain.
 - Expertise in global supply chain food safety & quality, food defense & regulations, quality, food safety & laboratory management systems, good manufacturing/good agricultural & good laboratory practices, integrated pest management/agricultural sustainability & biodiversity.
 - Engaged in consultation and advisory services with the food and agricultural sector across the globe, reaching all along the value chain by providing techno- management support and advice for system and risk assessment, guidance and handholding for implementation of preventative controls, solutions for quality improvement, compliance for regulatory, customer, quality, food safety requirements and training.
- isolates, Kaula foods, Indian Products Limited, Jabs spices, Paras spices, Vikram Tea, Mother diary, Symega, Vaidyaratnam Ayurvedashala, Nectar beverages, Urja foods, Nani Agro foods, Geo-fresh foods, NM spices, Ruchi, Aachi, Amul, ITC, McCain, Eastern, Synthite, Amanjaya, Goldie, Giza seeds and herbs- Egypt, Unispice, Allana Spices, AB Mauri, Agroalliance, Suminter organics, Pepsi, Coca Cola, Kerry, McCormick, Heinz, Nestle.
 - Quality and food safety value chain assessment for funding and acquisitions.
 - Clientele include World Bank, Asian Development Bank.
 - Associate consultant for consulting firms.
 - Clientele include Grant Thornton, Mott McDonald, Ernest & Young, MARCEP, Alphasights
 - Consults for governmental organizations for supply chain quality improvement, training and workshops.
 - Clientele include FSSAI, IBBI, IDH, GIZ, Indian Spices Board.
 - Consults for non-governmental organizations.
 - Clientele include PRDIS, ACF, Nilgiri foundation
 - Works with educational and research institutes
 - Clientele include NRCSS, IISER, KAU, ICAR
 - Technical advisor and consultant, scientific committees
 - World Spice Organization (WSO) and All India Spice Exporters Forum (AISEF).
 - Leads scientific and technical committees of WSO and AISEF,
 - Management committee member of WSO and member of AISEF
 - Represents FSQS Inc. and industry associations as speaker in international food and agricultural congregations on value chain quality, food safety, sustainability.
 - Invited to speak at the United Nations (UNCTAD Bio Trade Conference 2019, Genève), Asian Development Bank (ADB Food Safety forum 2016, Manila), Institute of Food Technologists (IFT Annual Congress 2016, Chicago), International Spice Congress (ISC 2015, 2016, India), Dubai International Food Safety Conference (DIFSC 2017, Dubai), International Conference on Food Science and Technology (ICFST 2017, Rome), Sustainability Congresses (PRDIS-SLAEA 2018, Srilanka; AGRITEX 2018, India).
 - Conducts workshops and training sessions for Governmental, non-governmental organizations
 - FSSAI, AISEF, WSO, IDH, GIZ, and for multinational food and agricultural corporations.
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AVT McCormick Ingredients (P) Ltd., Kochi, India.
Head- Quality, R&D, Agro projects.

2003—2013

- Headed, lead and managed agricultural/backward integration projects, research & development, quality assurance, quality control, food safety, laboratory and regulatory functions of the company
 - Exemplary performance award for leading all 3 labs to win McCormick labs of the year in consecutive years-2005 & 2006
 - Awarded 'Manager of the year' 2006
 - Speaker, training faculty in the annual McCormick Asia Pacific QA conferences 2008-2012
 - Life Term Member, Indian Society of Analytical Scientists
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AVT Natural Products Ltd.

Manager- R&D and Agro projects.

2000—2003

- Lead the agro-projects, backward integration, agricultural R&D, regulatory functions of the company
 - Successfully managed backward integration projects of herbs and spices, vendor management, food safety and legality, agricultural/horticultural R&D projects, contract farming
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Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore, India.

Research Associate.

1999—2003

- On biochemical aspects of social behavior in insects
 - 2 Research papers
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Entomology Research Institute (ERI), Loyola College,
Chennai, India.

Scientist.

1999—2003

- Worked on molecular aspects of reproduction, pest control, insect resistant transgenic plants for controlling storage pests.
 - Teaching for biotechnology graduate students
 - 4 Research paper
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SKILLS

