

CURRICULUM VITAE

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5. **Education :**

S.No.	Institution (Year)	Degree/Diploma obtained
(a)	Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi (1977-1980)	Ph.D. (Soil and Water Management)
(b)	Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi (1975-1977)	M.Sc. (Agronomy)
(c)	University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore (1971-1975)	B.Sc. (Agriculture)
Professional courses		
	Land Use Planning for Rural Development at National and provincial level	DSE , Germany , 1996
	Monitoring and Evaluation in Development Projects	DSE, Berlin. Germany, 1999

6. **Professional Affiliations & Board Positions :**

- Director on the Board of National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange Ltd. (NCDEX), Mumbai (2013-2014)
- Member on the Inter Ministerial Group on Agriculture Marketing, New Delhi (2013)

7. **Current Position :**

Recently retired as Chief General Manager, Business Initiatives Department, National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), Head Office, Mumbai

8. Key Expertise

- a) Programme Management and Administration including Designing, Planning and Implementation of Watershed Development Projects in India,
- b) Farm based livelihoods, small holder agriculture, farm economics and profitability
- c) Livelihood Promotion, and Designing financial products for Natural Resources Management
- d) Water Resources Development
- e) Rural Innovation in Renewable Energy and Drinking Water Sectors
- f) Designing and Promoting Rural Communities to manage local resources efficiently with focus on Self-Help Groups (SHGs), Joint Liability Groups (JLGs) and Farmers Producers Organizations (FPOs)
- g) Impact Assessment, Mid-term Review of donor-funded programs

9) Significant work done:

1. **Formulation of guidelines on watershed development**
2. **Design of an approach for loan financing of NRM projects through NGOs; marketing of the credit line to NGOs, Corporates, cooperatives \$ 30million**
3. **Design and marketing of customized loan product to farmer collectives for processing and marketing \$ 40million**
4. **Designed a short term credit facility for food grain procurement by state marketing federations of \$ 500 million**
5. **Launched separate rural infrastructure development assistance for state owned entities of \$ 200 million**
6. Member of the Joint Review Mission for the IFAD assisted Post Tsunami Sustainable Livelihood Project, Tamil Nadu (July 2013)
7. Member of the Mid - term review mission for the IFAD assisted Convergence of Agriculture Initiatives in Maharashtra (January 2014).
8. Consultant to NABARD for preparing the roadmap for promoting 2000 Farmer Producer Organizations (May 2014)
9. Technical advisor to Deloitte team for the IFC funded study on water resources for agriculture in Maharashtra (June 2014)
10. Member of the Appraisal team for the IFAD project Odisha Primitive Tribal Groups empowerment and livelihood improvement project(July 2014).
11. Backstopping support for the Project Preparation report for the GIZ supported phase II of UPNRM. (July 2014)
12. Technical back stopper for the KFW funded feasibility study for Himachal Pradesh forest ecosystem climate proofing project. (September 2014)
13. Consultant to Origo Commodities, Hyderabad for promoting 500 Farmer Producer Organizations in 5 states.
14. Lead consultant for the GIZ sponsored project on improving soil health and land degradation for food security in India (Jan-Feb 2015).

10. Professional Experience :

Period	Location	Organization	Position
2011 –April 2014	Mumbai	NABARD	Chief General Manager
Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Policy formulation for people- centered institutions for managing value chain systems ➤ Designing financial products for community managed social enterprises, producers organizations ➤ Collaboration with international funding organizations, viz. GIZ,KfW under Umbrella Project for Natural Resources Management ➤ Handling finance portfolio of US \$ 2.1 billion in loans to Cooperative Banks and public sector corporations 		

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2009-2011	Bangalore	NABARD	Chief General Manager
Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Overall In-charge of a Regional Office. Handled development finance portfolio of US \$ 800 million as loans to Banks and State Government ➤ Provided leadership to development interventions in watershed, microfinance, farm/non-farm sector, livelihood, institutional development of rural financial institution including cooperative banking reform ➤ Project appraisal of development projects, rural infrastructure projects ➤ Capacity Development of Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) partners ➤ Administrative management of 200 staff including 100 professionals 		

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2006-2009	Mumbai	NABARD	Chief General Manager
Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Development Policy for farm sector at organizational level. ➤ Managing relationship with partner funding agencies like KfW, GIZ and Government of India ➤ Designing and launching new farmer friendly programs to increase production, productivity and income. ➤ Reviewing technical specification/standards and cost norms for farm investments 		

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2004-2006	Hyderabad	NABARD	General Manager
Description	➤ Deputy head of the Regional Office. Specific responsibility to manage the Indo-German Watershed development Project in Andhra Pradesh State		

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2000-2004	Mumbai	NABARD	General Manager
Description	➤ In-charge of participatory watershed and tribal development projects both funded by NABARD and KfW in Maharashtra, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Rajasthan and other States		

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1994-2000	Aurangabad	Indo-German Watershed Development Programme (IGWDP), Maharashtra	Regional Programme Coordinator
Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Regional Programme Coordinator for IGWDP funded jointly by KfW and GTZ. ➤ Responsible for capacity building of partners, communities ➤ Associated with annual review missions of KfW/GTZ 		

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1986-1994	Mumbai	NABARD	Asst. General Manager
Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Responsible for project appraisal, loan sanction of investment in agriculture ➤ Member of Task Force on Dryland Agriculture with specific focus on designing and formulating schemes/projects for rainfed areas 		

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1983-1986	Bangalore	NABARD	Manager
Description	➤ Project appraisal and loan sanction monitoring of development projects at district level		

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1982-1983	Bangalore	Reserve Bank of India	Rural Credit Officer
Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Preparation of District Credit Plans (DCPs) ➤ Reviewing DCPs projections at district level 		

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1981-1982	Hyderabad	CRIDA	Scientist
Description	➤ Agronomy of pulse crops		

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1980-1981	Chickmagalur	Coffee Board	Agronomist
Description	➤ Research in Coffee agronomy practices		

11. Participation in Policy Making

Member of 12th Plan working Group on Watershed/Water resources

12. Publications:

Paper on strategies for successful participatory watershed programs based on the IGWDP model in Maharashtra in the World Expo 2000 (Hannover) in August 2000.

Credit Policies and Opportunities for Organic Agriculture – The Paddy Chain – Building constructive alternatives, Hyderabad, 2006

Agriculture financing under OTC products_- jointly with Narendra Rathore, Commodity Insights Yearbook 2009, MCX

SHG- Bank Linkage model- why is it better - jointly with Bharat Kumar, India microfinance .com 2010