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Initially trained as a forester (Indian Forest Service), he switched over to the field of taxation as career Civil Servant (IRS-I.T.) with specialization in direct tax laws and their administration. He has vast experience of about 25 years working in this area. He has long association looking after administration of the organisations working in the field of science and technology facilitating the research and its applications for public good. Presently, he is the Joint Secretary (Administration) with the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES), Govt. of India, responsible for carrying out basic and applied research in the fields of atmospheric, ocean, geo and polar sciences. Holding additional charge of Chairman and Managing Director, NRDC.

Application of these sciences involves dissemination of advisories of weather forecast to about 4 million farmers so as to help them in better organising their activities. In ocean sciences field, advisories are also sent to about 0.4 million fisher-folks regarding potential fisheries zone (PFZ). Tsunami warning is also flashed to the agencies managing disasters at national and international levels so as to save lives and properties in time. His role in MoES is related to coordination, establishment, international cooperation and facilitate the acquisition of latest skilled manpower and state-of-art technology to carry out the mandate of the organisation as well as to address bottlenecks in delivery of the products/services to public at large through coordination and liaisoning.

He has co-authored a book namely “Natural Resources and their Management in Garhwal Himalayas” which is Doctoral thesis covering forests, water and other natural resources and management in Garhwal region of Himalayan Uttarakhand State of India.