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## Summary

NLS Bengaluru-educated lawyer and accomplished former civil servant with 12+ years' experience in public policy, legislative strategy, and large-scale technology program execution. Served as Chief of Staff to a Union Minister; co-drafted landmark digital, telecom and postal legislations and shaped India's \$10B Semiconductor Programme and \$115B electronics manufacturing policies. Experienced in inter-agency coordination, international negotiations, and personnel management

## Professional Experience

**Chief of Staff to Minister of Railways, IT & Broadcasting (Mr Ashwini Vaishnaw) | New Delhi** **Feb 2022 – Feb 2025**

- Co-drafted 3 landmark legislations that modernized India's digital and communications policy landscape:
  - Digital Personal Data Protection Act (2023) – India's first data privacy law
  - Telecommunications Act (2023) – Simplified 138-year-old telecom regime
  - Post Office Act (2023) – Ended postal monopoly, enabled operational autonomy for India Post
- Facilitated inter-ministerial approvals and supported legislative strategy for smooth passage of bills through Parliament
- Coordinated policy design and inter-agency coordination for India's \$10B Semiconductor Programme and \$115B Production Linked Incentive Schemes in mobile and electronics manufacturing

**Under Secretary | Ministry of Communications, Government of India | New Delhi** **2021–22 and 2016-17**

- Represented India at the 26<sup>th</sup> Universal Postal Union Congress (*quadrennial meeting of 192 member nations of Universal Postal Union ('UPU'), a specialized agency of the United Nations*) successfully securing India's election to the Postal Operations Council through international canvassing and diplomatic efforts
- Negotiated and concluded bilateral agreements with Canada and Finland, and finalized global mail carriage tenders with international airlines

**Divisional Superintendent | Ministry of Communications, Government of India | Various locations** **2017-21 and 2012-16**

- Directed the successful migration of Post Offices to the Core Banking Solution (CBS) platform, managed the rollout of the Core Insurance Solution (CIS), and led the successful implementation of Core System Integration (CSI) across field units
- Directed comprehensive personnel functions, including the recruitment of rural postmasters, development of Standard Training Package for newly recruited personnel, and conclusion of disciplinary proceedings

## Education

- **MBA (PGPX) – Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad** **2025 – 2026**
- **BA, LLB (Hons) – National Law School of India University, Bengaluru** **2004 – 2009**

## Accomplishments

- Authored a chapter titled "Contract Farming", published in the book 'Law of Business Contracts in India' (Sage Publications, 2009), edited by Prof. Sairam Bhat
- Achieved an All-India Rank of 447 in the UPSC Civil Services Examination, 2011, leading to selection for Civil Services

## Certifications

- Lean Six Sigma Certification (Green Belt) (KPMG) **Apr 2025**
- AI for Business Specialization (University of Pennsylvania - Coursera) **Aug 2024**

## Extra-Curriculars

- Selected to the Students' Judicial Council, IIM Ahmedabad's student governance body; concluded grievance and complaint resolution processes and conducted elections to Positions of Responsibility, including the Placement Committee
- Birdwatching: spotted and logged more than 80 bird species on e-Bird app, managed by Cornell University's Lab of Ornithology
- Urban Forestry: earned the online Urban Forestry Certificate from International Society of Arboriculture, Atlanta