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Summary

Forensic auditor and risk consultant at a Big-6 firm, with demonstrated success in uncovering some of India's largest financial irregularities and leading high-stakes engagements for large conglomerates, private equity firms, and government. Adept at strategic problem-solving, cross-functional leadership, senior stakeholder engagement, providing data-driven analysis to support critical decision-making, and distilling findings into actionable strategies, even in ambiguous and dynamic environments.

Professional Experience

Grant Thornton Bharat LLP | Mumbai

Overview of Experience:

- **Led 30+ forensic audits and investigations**, spanning management frauds, employee frauds, internal investigations, loss quantification engagements, and a transaction audit under the IBC, 2016. **Cumulative fraud quantified: INR 38,000+ crore.**
- Collaborated with **premier government agencies (CBI, SEBI, and NSE), top PE firms, a leading PMS provider, and large conglomerates** to uncover financial misconduct across NBFCs, stockbroking, manufacturing, insurance, and IT services.
- **Delivered findings enabling penalties, capital market bans, and prosecutions in 10 cases**; 7 engagements remain sub judice.

Assistant Manager (Key Projects and Initiatives):

- Uncovered **INR 34,000+ crore fund diversion via 100+ shell companies** at a large NBFC (INR 1,00,000+ crore balance sheet) in **90 days**; presented findings to senior stakeholders and supported litigation; findings led to charge-sheeting of accused.
- Drove **95% reduction** in estimated abnormal profits in **regulatory defence for 7 clients** by identifying **6+ flaws** in the regulator-appointed expert's model; co-developed **25+ Python scripts** to analyze **10+ TB** of data; matter currently under review.
- Uncovered **INR 45+ crore in questionable fund transfers** and **INR 1.5 crore in vendor collusion losses** across **portfolio companies of two PE firms (one with AUM: \$740+ million)**; advised on controls and presented findings to senior stakeholders.
- Led forensic investigation of **6 stockbroking firms (serving 31+ lakh retail clients)**, including two market leaders; uncovered various regulatory violations; findings led to **expulsion / defaulter declaration of 3 firms by the Exchange**.
- **Led a 12-member team**, undertook **7 training sessions (17.5 hrs)** for **15+ new hires**, conducted **recruitment interviews**.
- Drove growth by contributing to **40+ client proposals**, securing **17 mandate wins** and strengthening the firm's revenue pipeline.

Consultant (Key Projects and Initiatives):

- Identified **INR 3,100+ crore in anomalous transactions** at 2 NBFCs (INR 25,000+ crore asset base) by tracing end-use of **INR 10,500+ crore disbursed across 100+ delinquent accounts**; findings aided resolution process.
- Uncovered **INR 30 crore in fictitious expenses (~30% of total)** and **INR 40 crore in fabricated revenues (~40%)** at a listed IT firm (INR 150+ crore balance sheet); findings led to **financial penalty and capital markets debarment**.
- Uncovered **INR 20+ crore in employee fraud** (ghost employees, fictitious vendors, collusion scheme) across **3 companies (INR 2,30,000+ crore assets base)**; findings led to employee terminations.
- Built **MS-Excel automation tools** for a key client, **cutting processing time from 3 days to 6 hours** and improving accuracy.

Education

Certified Fraud Examiner – *Association of Certified Fraud Examiner, USA*

Chartered Accountancy (Intermediate Level Qualified) – *The Institution of Chartered Accountants of India*

Bachelor of Commerce – *Narsee Monjee College of Commerce and Economics*

Accomplishments

- **3 spot awards, Grant Thornton (2024, 2022, 2021)** – for exceeding client expectations across various mandates, and leadership
- **Amazing Volunteer Award, Child Rights and You (2021)**, 1 of 10 out of 2,000+ online volunteers recognized
- **Best Student Shield, Narsee Monjee College (2014)**, Top institutional honor (1/1,000+ students) for all-round excellence
- **1st Prize, Intent Business Case Competition (2013)**, 1 out of 39 teams in Narsee Monjee College

Certifications

Lean Six Sigma Green Belt Certification, KPMG

Extra-Curriculars

- **Volunteered with Child Rights and You (Dec 2018 – Mar 2025)**; contributed **2,000+ hours** across **26 diverse and impact-drive projects** involving research, survey design, data analytics, and stakeholder presentations;
- **Mental Health Chatline Volunteer with 7 Cups of Tea (Apr 2024 – Mar 2025)**; supported **56 individuals** in emotional distress (**~32% return rate**); **logged 110+ hours** across cases involving abuse, academic pressure, isolation, and depression.
- **Co-Author, Envisage (ISIN: 2395-7212)**; Published research paper on “*Budget 2014 and its Impact on the Education Sector*”
- **Finisher Mumbai Half Marathon (2022)** with age rank 161; **5×100 km Personal Cycling Endurance Challenge (2021)**