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EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS :

1. **High School** (U.P. Board) from **Loreto Convent, Lucknow** in 1967 and secured 72.4% marks – **First Division** (with distinction in three subjects.)
2. **Intermediate** (U.P. Board) from **Loreto Convent, Lucknow** in 1969 and secured 62.5% marks – **First Division.**
3. **Graduation in Science** (B.Sc.) from Lucknow University in 1971 and secured II Division – 59.8% marks.
4. **Master’s Degree in Botany** from Lucknow University in 1973 and secured 55.5% marks.
5. **Master’s Degree in Public Administration** from Lucknow University in 1977 and secured 63% marks – **First Division, First Position in Order of Merit.**
6. **Ph.D.** on ‘**Status of Rural and Urban Local Bodies Before and After the Seventy-Third and Seventy-Fourth Constitution Amendments** with Special Reference to the Role of State Finance Commission (U.P.)’

SCHOLARSHIPS

1. Intermediate Merit Scholarship
2. National Merit Scholarship
3. **NCERT's National Science Talent Search Scholarship** (1968 onwards).

POSITIONS HELD

1. Joined as Faculty Member in **Lucknow University's** Centre for Research and Training in Rural Administration (CRTRA) Department of Public Administration, Lucknow University from December 15, 1977 till February 22, 1978.
2. Worked as Faculty Member (Senior) with **Lucknow University's** Centre for Research and Training in Rural Administration (CRTRA) and Regional Centre for Urban and Environment Studies (RCUES) from February 23, 1978 till March 9, 1995, when joined the State Finance Commission (Panchayati Raj and Local Bodies), Government of Uttar Pradesh as Deputy Director.
3. Worked as **Deputy Director** in the **State Finance Commission** (Panchayati Raj & Local Bodies), Government of Uttar Pradesh from March 10, 1995 till September 30, 1998.
4. Presently Joint Director in the Regional Centre for Urban and Environment Studies (RCUES), **Lucknow University**.

(A) TEACHING EXPERIENCE

1. Lecturer in Isabella Thoburn College (I.T.College), Lucknow from January 1977 till December 1977.
2. Taught "Indian Administration" paper in the post-graduate course – Master of Public Administration, (MPA) of Lucknow University.
3. Guest Faculty in Political Science at Avadh Girl's Degree College, Lucknow.
4. Honorary Faculty Member at Institute for Career Studies, Lucknow.

5. **Guest Faculty of the Institute of Management Development (IMDUP), Govt. of U.P., Lucknow.**
6. Teaching “Urban Local Government” at the post graduation level (MPA) in the Department of Public Administration, Lucknow University.

(B) TRAINING EXPERIENCE

1. **Twenty eight years training experience**, during which delivered lectures in the Training Courses / Workshops / Seminars organized by RCUES & CRTRA, Lucknow University.
2. Conducting various specialized courses and in service training programs in the sphere of tax administration, municipal resource mobilization, financial management, etc. **in U.P. , Bihar and Orissa.**
3. Prepared background training material for the above - mentioned courses.
4. Organized training courses on ‘Management of Urban Wastes’ and ‘Municipal Resource Mobilization’ in collaboration with the Government of Orissa.

(C) RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Twenty eight years research experience in the field of Urban and Rural Administration. During this period, prepared the research designs, conducted field work and drafted a number of research reports, some of the important reports are as follows :

1. “ Working of Mahila Mandals and Training of Associate Women Workers ” (Sponsored by Government of India).
2. “ Techno-Economic Survey of Tehri Garhwal District ” (Sponsored by Government of Uttar Pradesh).
3. “ Evaluation of TRYSEM Scheme : A Case Study of Uttar Pradesh “ (Sponsored by Government of India).
4. “ Consolidation of Agricultural Holdings in India : A Case Study of Uttar Pradesh and Punjab” (Sponsored by Commonwealth Secretariat, London).

5. “ Consolidation of Agricultural Holdings in India : A Case Study of Bihar and Orissa “ (Sponsored by Government of India).
6. “ Situation Analysis of Urban Child in Uttar Pradesh “ (Sponsored by UNICEF).
7. “ Future of Urban Local Bodies in Uttar Pradesh in the light of the 74th Constitution Amendment Act (Sponsored by UPDESCO).
8. Report of the **ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS & DECENTRALIZATION COMMISSION, Government of Uttar Pradesh** (August 1996) under the Chairmanship of Sri J.L. BAJAJ, I.A.S.
9. Report of the **STATE FINANCE COMMISSION (PANCHAYATI RAJ & LOCAL BODIES), GOVT. OF U.P.**
10. Report on **COMPARISON OF CANTONMENT BOARD & NAGAR NIGAM : A CASE STUDY ON LUCKNOW**

During the tenure in the State Finance Commission (Panchayati Raj and Local Bodies), Government of Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow, conducted in depth studies in the following main areas:

- (i) Constitutional position of the Central Finance Commission in devolution of finances to the State and Local Bodies.
- (ii) Financial position of the State and its committed liabilities.
- (iii) Financial requirements of the rural and urban local bodies in discharging their constitutional obligations.
- (iv) Estimation of the own resources of the rural and urban local bodies in the State.
- (v) Measures for strengthening the financial position of rural and urban local

- bodies in the State.
- (vi) Property Tax Reforms relating to different States and Municipal Corporations in India.
 - (vii) Status of water supply and other core services in the local bodies of the State.

(D) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

1. Directed and coordinated various Seminars (International / National) Workshops and Training Programs at CRTRA and RCUES of Lucknow University.
2. Supervised research studies relating to various aspects of Urban and Rural Administration.
3. Supervised and conducted training programmes relating to urban administration and finances at RCUES and Panchayati Raj Administration and Finances at CRTRA (Lucknow University)
4. Supervised and analysed the data relating to income and expenditure as well as the data relating to various aspects of local government finance, property tax administration and water supply and sewerage systems of the three types of urban local bodies (Nagar Nigam, Nagar Mahapalika Parishads and Nagar Panchayats) received by the State Finance Commission (Panchayati Raj & Local Bodies) Uttar Pradesh and participated in meetings of the S.F.C. and Finance Department, Govt. of U.P.
5. Coordinating all the academic activities of the RCUES as **Course Director** since 1988 and interacting with various Government departments and organizations for the same.
6. Incharge of the Guest House of the Regional Centre (RCUES), DPA Campus, Lucknow University from 1998 till 2002.

7. Research study on" Comparison of Cantonment Board & Nagar Nigam :
(A case study of Lucknow)
8. Member of the Governing Council of the RCUES,Lucknow

INTERNATIONAL STUDY TOUR to China, HongKong and Sri Lanka under the UNDP Project on " CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT IN URBAN LOCAL BODIES ".

SEMINARS / CONFERENCES ATTENDED

Actively participated in several international and national conferences, seminars and workshops at New Delhi, Mumbai, Patna, Puri, Lucknow and different parts of the country.

PUBLISHED WORK

1. "Situation Analysis of Urban Child in Uttar Pradesh (**Sponsored by UNICEF**).
2. Monograph on "Integrated Rural Development".
3. Theme paper on "Early Childhood Care and Education" Sectoral Workshop on **Education for All** of the U.P. Government's Department of Education.
4. "Future of Urban Local Bodies in U.P. in the Light of the 74th Constitutional Amendment Act" (**Sponsored by UPDESCO**)
5. **Joint Editor** of "URBAN PANORAMA" of the Regional Centre of Urban and Environmental Studies, Lucknow University.
6. Report of the National Seminar on " Urban Governance in India : Challenges and Prospects" sponsored by Government of India (in Press)
7. Articles in various Journals and Background Material of Training Programmes on Urban Development.

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