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Officer in Direct Taxation Department

Have a diverse experience in various fields from writing software codes and providing tech support in a corporate setting, teaching students various subjects for All India competitive exams and technical subjects like Basics of Electronics, volunteering for eco awareness drives, conducting adventure activities and corporate trainings, to being a part of the our Internal Security apparatus of India and contributing in increasing the direct tax compliance of the nation by being a part of Government of India.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Income Tax Department – Ministry of Finance, Government of India (GoI)

December 2015 – Till Date

Verification Unit (VU) Charge

November 2020 – Till Date

- Verifying credentials(Address, Business, etc.) of Defaulter Assessee and duly serve notices (of Penalty, Ex Parte Assessment, Non Compliance, etc.) in person or by affixture.
- In Faceless Assessment Scheme (FAS), cases are assessed PAN India. The Officer and Assessee cannot be of same jurisdiction from now and all communication are made only online. In case where Assessee doesn't respond cases are handed over to Jurisdictional VU Charge of Assessee.

Corporate Assessment Charge

July 2018 – November 2020

- Ensure no tax loss to the state exchequer (by means of underreporting of income to evade tax, unaccounted money (black money, unexplained heaving cash deposition in bank account(s) post Demonitisation announced on 8th Nov 2016, etc) by relooking the books of accounts, Profit&Loss statements, etc and comparing its congruence with the reported income under their Income Tax Returns filed for previous year.
- Handled and assessed cases of over 400 cases with registered HQ in Mumbai Suburbs like Fedex, DHL, Future Group Conglomerate, Dun & Bradstreet, GAP, etc. Dealt with tax experts from Big 6(Deloitte, E&Y, KPMG, Pwc, BDO) Accounting Firms.
- Reopening and scrutinizing cases for last 4-8 years involving non reporting of foreign transaction, holding foreign assets, under reported income or over reported expenditures, penny stocks matter, additional information received from other governmental agencies like DRI (Directorate of Revenue Intelligence, Department of Customs&Excise(GST)), DGFT (Director General of Foreign Trade, Ministry of Commerce), SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India), MCA (Ministry of corporate affairs) etc.
- Complying with various Appellate Orders (CIT Appeal, ITAT (Income Tax Appellate Tribunal), High Court, Supreme Court, NCLT (National Companies Law Tribunal)), ensuring its criteria is met for further Departmental Appeal, and Giving Effect as per the verdict of such appeal.

- Reducing potential appeal cases by rectifying the technical issues if it falls under the definition of “apparent errors” or clerical mistakes under section (u/s) 154 of Income Tax (IT) Act, 1961.
- Implementing VsVs, 2020 (Vivad Se Vishwas Scheme) to reduce direct taxation litigations pending at various appellate forums.
- Conduct Field (if required overnight or for multiple days at a stretch) Survey (u/s 133A of IT Act) of assessee’s properties (residence, office premise, related business concerns) in case of underpayment of Advance Taxes, TDS (Tax Deposited at Source), etc.

Ombudsman / TPS

November 2016 – July 2018

- Esrtwhile Ombudsman Cell of all Income Tax Department was merged and an umbrella organization Tax Payers Services (TPS) was created as a nodal agency. Helped in setting up the TPS department from scratch.
- As a part of Public Relation Officer (PRO) of Mumbai Region received grievances and queries (though direct interaction, phone calls, or online grievance portal) from Assesseees, Tax Practioners (Chartered Accountants, Lawyers, etc.), intra departmental matters. Either resolve issues at my end or direct and guide them to their respective Jurisdictional Assessing Officers (AOs).
- Played a key role in coordinating over call and emails with Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) based in South Bloc New Delhi over Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s pet project CPGRAMS (Centralised Public Grievance Redressal and Monitoring System) to ensure grievances related to taxation matters be resolved within 60 days of receipt.
- Personally ensured to make grievance receipt and redressal a smooth process for the vulnerable (aged, physically disabled, etc).
- Handled additional charge in office of Public Information Officer (PIO) and ensuring time bound replies to information request under Right to Information (RTI) Act, 2005.

Vigilance Department –

December 2015 – November 2016

- Dealt with complaints against Income Tax Employees.
- Evaluated and forwarded non frivolous complaints against General Public in relation to tax evasion, disproportionate asset, etc to the Tax Evasion Petition (TEP) Department.

Election Commission of India (ECI)

(On Official Deputation)

Assistant Zonal Officer

- Look after personnel, security, and logistics management for the Lok Sabha (General) Elections 2019.
- Manage and ensure smooth functioning of pre, actual, and post polls of all the 7 polling booths under my direct jurisdiction.
- Acted as Coordinating unit between the booths and Returning Officer of the Assembly Constituency.

Presiding/Asst Presiding Officer (PRO/APRO)

- Performed the functions of PRO/APRO for the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly Polls held on 21st October 2019.
- Oversee requisition of EVM (Electronics Voting Machines), CU (Control Unit), VVPAT (Voter Verified Paper Audit Trail), Secure the machines and manpower required, Coordinate with security agencies like State Police, Rapid Action Force, and Para Military Personnels.
- Crowd Management and ensuring smooth functioning of polls.
- Follow protocol while starting and ending polls, submitting undertaking and affidavit of conducting fair polls and securely deposit machines to ECI strong room.

Teacher

July 2012 – November 2015

Infiniti Edusolutions Pvt Ltd

- Taught Electronics for vocational subjects students for class 11th and 12th students.
- Vast teaching experience since 2007 helped me to simplify complex concepts and topics and present in a more palatable manner.
- Provided career guidance counseling for students about their future stream and career path.

Infosys

September 2010 – June 2012

- Passed Induction and Stream (Middleware) Training at Infosys Mysore and Hyderabad achieving 99 %ile and scored CGPA of 4.94/5.
- Part of Quiz committee at Pune DC.
- Worked on various projects :
 - ABN Amro : On TIBCO Middleware Technology.
 - American Express : Provide Support to their data deployed on IBM MB/MQ 5.0 Middleware Technology
: Migrating the entire data environment and upgrading the technology to IBM MB/MQ 6.0.
 - ASR Nederland : Single handedly look after the entire system development of their client services right from Direct Requirement gathering from the Dutch team on call/email, Designing Draft Broker plots and getting them approved, Implementing and Deploying it in real time environment, to providing backend support and maintenance to the existing and newly deployed services.
- IBM Webshpere MQ V7.0 System Administration certified – Cleared the certification with one of the highest score 98.21% (55 earned out of 56).

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Engineering – Electronics and Tele Communications –*K.J. Somaiya College of Engineering, Mumbai University.*

Graduated - June 2010 – First Class with Distinction.

Higher Secondary (10+2) – With Vocational Subject (Bi-focal Electronics)– G.N. Khalsa College, Maharashtra Board.

Passed – June 2006 First Class with Distinction.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Teaching – Private and Government training Centres.

2014 - 2020

- Teaching and Helping students preparing for All India competitive exams like UPSC (Union Public Services Commission), SSC (Staff Selection Commission), State Civil Services, Railways, Intelligence Bureau, etc.
- Mentoring students and providing career guidance.

IEC of Taxation Policy in India–*Ministry of Finance, GoI.*

2016 – 2018

- Conducted Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) as a part of the PRO (Public Relations Officer) Team for Schools and College students, giving overview of Direct and Indirect Taxation Policy of India.
- Observed and conducted Vigilance Awareness Week as a staff of Vigilance Department, Government of India for general public at large.

Forest Vigil Watch – Maharashtra Forest Department

2014 – 2016

- Forest Vigil Watch helping Forest Department (FD) at forest areas of Mulund, Thane, Borivali of Sanjay Gandhi National Park (SGNP) & Vasai region of Tungreshwar Wildlife Sanctuary (TWLS) in Maharashtra during MahaShivratri to prevent damage and fire incidents.

Adventure and Corporate Training – Natura Outdoor Education & Training Solutions, Omniterra Adventure Services

2007-2009

- Part of Adventure activities like Bungee Jumping, Trekking, Kayaking, etc and Corporate Training and team building activities programs for GE/Genpact, Reebok (India).
- Part of Cleanliness Drive Organization at SGNP conducted on National Holidays (26 Jan, 15 Aug).

Stunt and Safety Designing – Live Performing Events

2006

- Part of Safety and Stunt Team for Terence Lewis Dance Troupe for new year show for Film Personality Priyanka Chopra and Shahid Kapoor at Goregaon Sports Complex.

AWARDS AND HONORS

Guest Lecturer–*Income Tax Department, Ministry Of Finance. GOI.*

June 2018 - May 2019

- Trained newly promoted staffs to Group B and C levels of GOI and Refresher course in Grievance Redressal Mechanism (E-Nivaran, CPGRAMS (Centralised Public Grievances Redress and Monitoring System)). CPGRAMS is/was a key project of Prime Minister Narendra Modi as it ushered a new era of citizen-centric governance in India.

At Infosys Limited

2010 - 2012

- 2nd Position Global (Inter DC Technical Competition) - Infosys Limited has Development Centers (DCs) spread across 191 locations in 46 countries. (July 2011)

Management Committee Member - K.J. Somaiya College of Engineering

2007 - 2009

- Assistant technical head for intercollegiate Tech Fest RENAISSANCE 2K7 - Designed and Executed various robotics intercollegiate events like Robo Race, Robo War, Technical workshop etc.
- Core Group Leader for intercollegiate Culture Fest Surge 2K8 - Headed a team of 40 students and coordinated in designing, implementing, and executing various intercollegiate events like Fashion Show, Dance Competition, Ad Mad, Dance workshop, etc.

Worked Part time in multiple small roles

2004 - 2014

- Had started working part time on small projects immediately after my class 10th.
- Since then have worked and did small informal part time jobs for subsistence and experience.

LANGUAGE COMPETENCIES

- **Hindi:** Mother Tongue- Fluent (Speaking, Reading, Writing).
- **English, Marathi:** Fluent (Speaking, Reading, Writing).
- **Spanish:** Intermediate (Writing, Reading); Basic (Speaking).