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# **PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY**

Performance-driven agriculture technocrat with 37 years+ of experience aligning systems with business requirements, policies and regulatory requirements. Passionate about applying excellent organization and communication skills to manage and lead teams. Results-oriented individual well-versed in interfacing and consulting on business processes to drive results based on sound overall business judgment.

### **SKILLS**

- Early Generation Seed Potato Production derived from aeroponics.
- Crop Research and Development.
- Production Planning and Execution.
- Project Commissioning.
- Operations Management.
- Institutional Sale.

# **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- Life membership of the Indian Potato Association.
- Elected Councilor of the Indian Potato Association executive for the year 2023 -2024.
- Published 3 research papers and 2 abstracts in the journals of repute.

#### **EDUCATION**

### Ph D - MJP Rohilkhand University, Bareilly | 1994

Epidemiology and management of leaf blight of poplar (*Populus deltoides*) caused by *Bipolaris maydis*, an unusual disease in nurseries and plantations.

Master of Science- Institute of Agricultural Sciences, BHU, Varanasi | 1983 | Plant Pathology

Bachelor of Science - Institute of Agricultural Sciences, BHU, Varanasi | 1981 Agriculture

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

#### KF Biotech Pvt Ltd - Vice President

Bengaluru, Karnataka | July 2005- September 2023

- Independently set up plant tissue culture-based facility from zero level for G0/minituber seed potato production conforming international standards.
- Headed G0 /minituber production and sale of the company.
- Handled compliances with NCS-TCP Management Cell and Accredited Test Laboratory.
- Managed Material Transfer Agreement with potato breeding companies.
- Rendered agronomic services to the field staff engaged in seed potato multiplication in Punjab.

# Technico Agri Sciences Ltd (Subsidiary of ITC Ltd) - Plant Pathologist

Chandigarh | May 2000 - June 2005

- Rendered plant protection services for potato crop health management.
- Managed biosecurity and quality of TECHNITUBER™ at production facility.
- Coordinated production planning and operation of TECHNITUBER™.
- Conducted field trials pertaining to potato agronomy.
- Liaised with government bodies/institutions like Central Potato Research Institute, Shimla.

#### Wimco Seedlings Ltd (Subsidiary of ITC Ltd) - Technical Manager

Rudrapur, Uttara Khand | June 1997 - April 2000

- Rendered technical services to the field staff and contract growers engaged in poplar-based agroforestry in UP, Punjab and Haryana.
- Organized field workshops for the staff and growers.
- Liaised with research institutions and government officials.

## Wimco Seedlings Ltd (Subsidiary of ITC Ltd) - R&D Manager

Rudrapur, Uttara Khand | August 1990 - May 1997

- Headed R & D activities of the company pertaining to poplar breeding and selection for disease resistance, high yield and wide adoptability traits clones suitable for agroforestry system in UP, Punjab and Haryana.
- Independently managed 175 acres research farm of the company.
- Worked as a principal investigator for World Bank aided project on agroforestry.
- Prepared Annual Research Report.
- Liaised with government officials and research institutions.

## Wimco Seedlings Ltd (Subsidiary of ITC Ltd) - R&D Supervisor

Rudrapur, Uttara Khand | November 1985 - July 1990

- Assisted R&D activities of the company pertaining to plant protection.
- Identified potential diseases of poplar and allied agroforestry species.
- Developed in-vitro techniques for screening poplar for disease resistance.
- Rendered plant protection services to the field staff engaged in commercial poplar nurseries and field plantations in UP, Punjab and Haryana.
- Prepared Annual research report.