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Impact-driven financial inclusion and policy advocacy professional with 16+ years of experience in financial inclusion, advancing microfinance, rural finance, regulation, sustainable lending practices, sustainable development and inclusive growth. Expertise in regulatory frameworks, compliance, risk management, donor engagement, and program design with a strong record of shaping national policies and spearheading multi-stakeholder initiatives. Responsible for rolling out the SRO framework, field investigation, COCA assessment, Grievance Redressal Mechanism and so on. Skilled in policy advocacy, risk and compliance frameworks, priority sector lending strategies, stakeholder engagement strategy formulation, research, and project leadership, with proven success in aligning large-scale programs with India's financial inclusion goals and the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Led various initiatives that enabled millions of underserved households to access affordable credit, while supporting institutions in adopting best practices in governance, responsible lending, client protection, and financial sustainability. Adept at building sustainable financial systems, driving innovation in microfinance, and leading high-performing teams. Close engagement with the RBI, Ministry of Finance, State Governments, and international donors to create sustainable ecosystems for responsible finance.

He has an MBA from Vaikunth Mehta National Institute of Co-Operative Management (VAMNICOM). He has also completed an executive program on the Challenges of Managing Inclusive Finance in India at IIM-Ahmedabad.