

## Education

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- M Phil in Defence and Strategic studies, University of Madras (2020)
- M Phil in Political Science, Osmania University (2012)
- M Sc in Defence and Strategic Studies, University of Madras (2007)
- B Sc from JNU (1988)

## Work Experience

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<b>Director General</b>	<b>Defence Space Agency</b>	<b>Aug 23 – Aug 25</b>
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- Led various space projects involving upstream and downstream in earth observation, Navigation with Indian constellation and various R & D projects
- Involved in development of geospatial infrastructure & services at national level
- Involved in development of Integrated Satellite Communication grid for the country
- Coordinated and closely followed up on the iDEX (Innovation for Defence Excellence) programme, involving more than 75 space challenges
- Fostered greater collaboration between the govt, industry and academia enhancing Public Private Partnerships
- Involved in various Space Situational Awareness projects
- Participated as an eminent speaker in all key space seminars / symposiums held in last two years involving academia, industry and the strategic community
- Extensive interactions with academic institutes across the country
- Led the country's first Space Exercise in Nov 2024
- Led the space dialogue with France and US

<b>Senior Appointments in Indian Air Force</b>	<b>2017 - 2023</b>
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- Led an Operational Airbase in India that was extensively utilized for both Civil and Military aviation
- Completed the prestigious course at National Defence College, New Delhi
- As Directing Staff at various training establishments, carried out extensive Flying and Ground Training for officers of Army, Navy and Air Force
- Intense operational exposure for varied terrains in India and abroad

<b>International Exposure</b>	<b>2013 - 2016</b>
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- India's Defence Attaché in Czech Republic with concurrent accreditation to Poland, Hungary, Slovakia, Serbia, Bulgaria and Greece
- Wherein handled national & bilateral strategic engagements with above countries in Central Eastern Europe

<b>Operational Exposure</b>	<b>1989 - 2012</b>
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- Held important command assignments at various ranks in the Indian Air Force
- Carried out extensive flying on various Fighter aircraft in IAF, including leading various domestic and international exercises in India and abroad
- Part of Indian Air Force first international flying exercise in Alaska, USA
- Carried out extensive instructional training for Indian Air Force

**Skills:** Innovation, Planning, Research, Mentorship, Diplomatic skills, Strategy & Thought leadership