

Dr. SUJIT KUMAR BAJPAYEE
Full-time Member in the CAQM



I. ACADEMIC:

- M.Sc., M.Phil. and Ph.D. in Environmental Sciences from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.
- Bachelors in Science (Chemistry Hons.) with Physics and Mathematics from Patna University

II. CORE COMPETENCIES:

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| • Environment Policy and Law | • ESG and Sustainability |
| • Environmental Impact Assessment | • Environmental Management Plans |
| • Industrial Pollution | • Enviro-legal issues in developmental projects |
| • Compliance of green laws | • E-governance for green clearances |
| • Wetlands & Biodiversity | • Stakeholder Engagement & Team Leadership |

III. PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

A domain expert in the field of Environment, with about 24 years of experience in the field of Environment and Sustainability, including 5 years of experience as Joint Secretary in Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC), Govt. of India handling different matters related to environment, environment policy, sustainability, EIA & EMP, environmental law, wetlands, biodiversity, etc.

Joined Govt. of India in September 2019 as Joint Secretary in MoEF&CC, under Lateral Entry Policy of Govt. of India. Before joining Govt of India, served around 19 years in NHPC Ltd., a Schedule 'A' Central PSU under Ministry of Power, dealing with sustainability issues related to planning, implementation and operation of hydropower projects across the country.

Some of the Major Accomplishments as Jt. Secy, MoEF&CC (September 2019-September 2024):

- Headed multiple key divisions in MoEF&CC including Impact Assessment, Coastal Regulation Zone, Policy & Law, Wetlands, PARIVESH, Ease of Doing Business, Compliance Monitoring, Biodiversity, etc.
- Had been at the forefront of path breaking systemic reforms undertaken by Govt. in respect of environment and CRZ clearance during the period which led to streamlining of clearance and compliance process.
- Have been directly involved in several policy initiatives related to assigned divisions.
- Have also led the development of single window portal for green clearance, Parivesh 2.0, with GIS based revolutionary features like Know Your Approval and Decision Support System.

- Have been National Focal Point for Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, Convention on Biological Diversity (UNCBD) and Nagoya Protocol on Access & Benefit Sharing (ABS).
- As Divisional Head of Wetlands Division, have been directly involved in achieving a significant milestone by India by designating 75 wetlands as Ramsar sites during 75th year of its Independence and further adding 10 more wetlands to the coveted list during last about one and half year taking the total tally to 85 making it largest network in Asia and 3rd in the world in terms of number of Ramsar sites. Out of this 29 wetlands have been designated as Ramsar sites in last about two and half years.
- Have also had the opportunity to lead some other important divisions like Environment Education and EIACP (ENVIS).
- Have been part of many ministerial and inter-ministerial committees as Chairman as well as Member.

IV. INTERNATIONAL EXPOSURE:

- Visited Guatemala during May 2024 as part of Indian delegation for bilateral meeting on issues ranging from e-governance to circular economy and waste management.
- Attended 18th Session of United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF) as part of Indian delegation held at New York, USA during May 2023.
- Led the Indian delegation successfully to CoP14 meeting of Ramsar Convention on Wetlands held during November 2022.
- Led the Indian delegation to Asia Pacific Regional Meeting of SAICM held at Jordan during 5-7 July 2022.
- Led the Indian delegation to the meeting of Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)'s 2nd Open Ended Working Group (OEWG) on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework held in Rome (Italy) during Feb 2020.
- Attended Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)'s 23rd meeting of Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA-23) held during December 2019 as part of Indian delegation.

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