

CAREER PROFILE OF
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Born on 26 August, 1941 (official). Educational qualification - equivalent to graduation after pre-commission training in the Indian Military Academy, Dehradun (1962-1963). Date of commission 30 June, 1963.

Military Service

Twenty years of active military service as part of Infantry Battalion with actual battle experience of Indo-Pak war of 1965, Nagaland (1969-72) and personal achievement of capturing an enemy post on 18th May, 1964 in J & K which the Pak Army had established after crossing CFL, similar to Kargil intrusion of 1999. I was rewarded on the spot by the Brigade Commander and promoted to Captain with only 11 months service. My performance during Military service stands well recorded in the History of the Jat Regiment and in a book titled 'The Far Flung Frontiers' by Major General O.S. Kalkat published in 1983. After having experienced the most satisfying profession of soldiering, I decided to proceed on premature retirement in 1981 which enabled me to acquire in-depth knowledge of civil service and functioning of state level departments during my reemployment in Uttar Pradesh state from 1983 to 1999.

Civil Service

Sixteen years of Civil service (Aug 83- Aug 1999) as Sainik Welfare officer in the state of Uttar Pradesh. Here I got deeply interested and involved in social welfare program of the government. During this period, I also attended training program then at the Uttar Pradesh Administrative Academy, Nainital and also at the Institute of Entrepreneurship Development, Lucknow. I was highly successful to introduce fast delivery system and innovation to get all kinds of grants, facilities and relief to all eligible personnel under my jurisdiction. This was spontaneously commended upon by the press, the public at large as well as the beneficiaries living in remote hilly and rural areas of the plains. My performance was also recognized by an all -India Ex-servicemen organization with its Head office in Maharashtra state who honored me with 'Maha Yodha Seva Award' in 1995.

Author of the books

Military service also gave an opportunity to study the socio-economic life of the people living in various parts of the country-starting from Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab, Nagaland, Meghalaya, Gujarat, Maharashtra including life in metropolitan cities like Mumbai. Physical knowledge of the land and the people, practical experience of both military and civil service has been the major contributing factor which helped me to write many useful articles and books related to governance, social welfare, planning and socio-economic development studies. My first book 'Guide to Garhwal and Kumaon Hills' containing comprehensive socio-economic, cultural and historical survey was published in 1982 and 3rd revised edition with revised title 'Uttarakhand Today' was published in 2008. This book has been reprinted by foreign publishers in USA/UK/Germany/New Zealand and sold all over the world. My second book titled 'Selfless Soldiering' was published in 1985 which was described as an "honest appraisal of profession of Arms" in 'Sainik Samachar'- March 29, 1987.

Having seen closely the status of present-day civil administration and the conditions of the people in rural areas including those serving in the Armed forces, I was able to write two more books in Hindi for the welfare, awareness of duties

and entitlement both for Armed forces personnel and other citizens in the country. The State government of Uttar Pradesh found the books very useful and distributed the book in the state. 'Defence Services Pension Rules' (4th, 5th & 6th Ed.) compiled by

me has helped hundreds of military pensioners in the country who received their due entitlement of pension after a gap of 5-50 years.

As Research Scholar

While implementing social welfare program of the government in Uttar Pradesh (1983-99), I got an opportunity to study the basic problem of poverty, planning and development in the light of changing socio-economic conditions of the people particularly of those living in rural and hilly areas in various parts of the country. My concern finally resulted into a first ever research study project undertaken by me titled 'Poverty Planning and Development' which was sponsored by then Planning Commission, Government of India, successfully completed by me in November, 2003 and published in 2006. The outcome of this research study project is now quoted and referred to by many research scholars today.

However, the above study project report also concluded that even after understanding the issues related to poverty, planning and development - not much will change for the majority of the population unless the quality of Governance is improved. As a result of this, Planning Commission GoI sponsored my second research study project titled 'Governance and Development of Rural India' which was also completed by me successfully, approved by then Planning Commission in August, 2010 and published in 2014. As part of citizenship education program of my institute, I have been able to write two more books titled 'God Faith and Religion' and 'Selfless Soldiering and Public Service' which are presently available on the website of CHI. The other research study project of national importance in hand, based on my life long experience, is titled 'Making of corruption free united India after 75 years as progressive and welfare state.' The preamble of the research study project with preview and contents are presently available on the website of my institute www.chidehradun.com.

Honors and Awards

If you believe in the essence of 'Shrimad Bhagavad Gita' i.e. '*Thy right is to work only, but never to the fruits thereof*', then Honors and Awards are not relevant. Besides 'Maha Yodha Seva Award', I was also nominated for 'Secular India Harmony Award - 2001' by United Children Movement, New Delhi. I continue to follow the dictum laid down at the Indian Military Academy, Dehradun i.e. 'The Safety, Honor and Welfare of your country comes First Always and Every Time' which has been the prime source of inspiration for me to undertake research and writing for the welfare and development of the country. Research and writing also helped me to claim for higher rate of military pension that was payable to me as Lt Col due to up-gradation from Major to Lt Col which was notified in 1984 only after my retirement. The MoD has since accepted my claim without going to Court or Tribunal.

Conclusion

After having gained sufficient experience in research and writing, my institute launched its own website www.chidehradun.com on 12 April, 2020 for the benefit of all concerned authorities and individuals genuinely interested in promotion of good governance, welfare of the people (including Armed forces personnel) and development of the country. To know more about my life long experience, read my autobiography titled 'Selfless Soldiering and Public Service' presently available on the website of my institute.

As a result of observation made by AI, hereafter I shall use my identity only as D. S. Bisht, Research Scholar & Director of Central Himalayan Institute Dehradun (India) which can be used conveniently in the Bibliography instead of prefixing Army Rank as Major or Lt Col (Retd.).