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Born in Margao, Goa and educated at Bombay University for M.A. and LL.B. Degrees and at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, U.S.A. for M.P.A. & P.h.D. Degrees.



Worked in the Government of India 1964-70 including as Special Advisor to the Deputy Prime Minister Mr. Morarji Desai – 1967-69 – in the Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Government of India.

Was Founder President of the Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi from 1973 to 2000. Currently, Executive Chairman of family company - Marpol Pvt. Ltd etc.

Appointed by the Prime Minister of India Mr I.K. Gujral as Member, Group of Eminent Persons (GEP) of SAARC 1997-98. Earlier was Chairman, National Population Policy Committee – 1978-80 - appointed by Prime Minister Mr. Morarji Desai and Chairman, Expenditure Commission's Committee on Industry Ministry (1979-80). Also Director, State Bank of India – 1978-87, Director of Eicher Motors Ltd. Force Motors Ltd. Chairman, State Finance Commission of Goa, 1999-05 and Chairman, Expert Committee, Goa University 2001. Served on Boards of many Academic Institutions including the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Delhi, the Executive Council of Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore, National Institute of Rural Development, Hyderabad, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, President of India's nominee on the Benares Hindu University, and Member Executive Committee of the Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industries, Exe. Committee, India International Centre, Delhi.

Currently, Chairman of Goa State Planning Board's Committee on Knowledge Economy, Chairman, Centre for North East Studies & Policy, Founder Life Trustee and Vice President of the International Centre, Goa, Member of the Advisory Board of the Asia Centre of Harvard University, Director of Manipal Enterprises Ltd. Member of Central Advisory Committee on Panchayats, Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Trustee Dr. T.M.A. Pai Foundation, Member of the Board of Manipal University, T. A. Pai Management Institute, Council for Social Development, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, New Delhi and several other institutions.

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