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Profile:

Advocate enrolled at the Madras Bar in December 1980. After working as an associate in M/s King & Partridge, a leading Law firm for 6 years, established own law firm M/s Ram & Rajan & Associates in 1987, Specializing in Corporate and Commercial Litigation, property rights, conveyancing, Shipping and Maritime Laws, Banking, Consumer issues, Contracts, Patents, Trade Marks and other Intellectual Property and Environmental legislations.

Positions held:

- Past President and currently the Principal Advisor of Exnora International, a grass roots based environmental movement
- Formerly Chairman of Local Area Environment Committee of the Supreme Court Monitoring Committee for Hazardous waste monitoring in Manali industrial area, Chennai
- Member of the Madras High Court Monitoring Committee on Development of Adayar Creek, Chennai
- Member of the Experts Committee constituted by the Madras High Court to study the environmental degradation and suggest remedial measure for Pallikaranai Marsh, Chennai.
- Independent Director of City Union Bank Ltd., Kumbakonam.

Participation in International Conferences:

Participated in the International Conference “Environmental Strategies for Asian Cities”

- Represented Exnora at the ‘Second Regional Interchange Workshop’ organized by the Asia Pacific Cities Forum (APCF), held at Cebu, Philippines March 19 - 22, 1998.
- **Habitat II** - Represented Exnora International at the Regional Consultation at Jakarta, Indonesia on Access to Land and Security of Tenure.
- Represented Exnora at the conference “ Microenterprise Involvement in Solid Waste Management” held at Cairo.

- Participated in international workshop on “Separation at Source in the context of Solid Waste Management” organized by Global Applied Research Network (GARNET) - U.K. and WASTE - Netherlands, 1997, and
- Was a member of the expert team in the electronic conference “Primary Collection of Solid Wastes in Developing Countries” organized by (GARNET), 1997

Public Work:

Solid Waste Management: For over twenty years, involved at the policy, planning and implementation of sustainable waste management practices:

- Organised several exposes, symposium and training workshops on Solid Waste Management.
- Propagated vermicomposting and aerobic composting for the disposal of biodegradable waste both at the household and the community level.
- Formulated training package and awareness campaigns for spreading community based solid waste management including vermicomposting at the grass root level and home composting.
- Coordinated starting of around 3000 Civic Exnoras (CBOs) for community level participatory waste management.

Citizens’ Waterbodies Monitoring Programme (WAMP)

- Helped in establishing a coalition of NGOs named “(WAMP)” for cleaning and monitoring the pollution in the Chennai waterways and waterbodies.
- Conducted a survey of the waterways to identify the various pollution outfalls.
- Organised survey of all the water bodies by the volunteers
- Coordinated preparation of action plan for clean waterways
- Disseminated information on waterways through presentations, publication of reports, WAMP newsletters and press.
- Organised several workshops and discussions with government bodies for arriving at a consensus for working towards clean waterways system.
- Brought about involvement of school students in the waterways monitoring by distributing to the participating schools portable water monitoring kits and coordinating regular monitoring by the school students.
- Visited Philippines to study the Marikina and Pasig Rivers Rehabilitation Projects.

Others:

- Initiated the Student Exnora Environmental Education Programme (STEP) in schools to provide a forum for students to collaboratively learn about environmental and ecological issues through a workbook based field work, seminars and workshops in 40 schools.
- Initiated the formation of a network of NGOs to work towards Sustainable Urban Development of Madras under the banner of SUCUP.
- Formed a sub-group of NGOs for Environmental Resource Mapping of Chennai.
- Conducted orientation programmes for volunteers and organised field studies for environmental resource mapping.
- Organised Environmental Youth Service Programmes to train the youth in environmental restoration.
- Initiated projects for community sanitation, by introducing eco-friendly technologies like generating bio-gas from human waste, composting of human wastes (dry toilets), etc.
- Initiated Corporate Citizenship Forum in the city of Chennai.
- Propagating Tree Planting and Rain Harvesting as People's Participation Programms for environmental management.
- Formed **Exnora Naturalists' Club** for involving youth in environmental conservation, trekking and nature camps.
- Developing infrastructure for medical treatment of the poor including establishments of voluntary medical centres, diagnostic laboratories, conducting free health camps, etc.

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