S. S. Kshatriya

Brief CV of Mr. S. S. Kshatriya

Mr. Kshatriya, based in Bangalore, India, is a Consultant and an Independent Expert on Internet Policy matters, its growth and technology.

Mr. S. S. Kshatriya, an early Global Member of ISOC, an Independent Internet Expert from India, has knowledge, work experience and expertise in the areas of accountability, transparency and interests of Internet users. Having ongoing interest in ICANN Affairs, he is presently member of a Working Group seized with the task of ICANN's 'GNSO Improvements'. Have had good exposure to WHOIS policy matters while working as a member of an Advisory Council in one of ISOC's bodies.

Having Graduate and Post Graduate qualifications in science and engineering, Mr. Kshatriy is an engineer/scientist by profession and a popular writer and speaker on Internet and related issues. He has worked in senior positions in Government of India Departments/Ministries and has short NASA spells for a Space related project. In addition to his official work, Mr. Kshatriya has always engaged himself in voluntary work.

DETAILS:

1.   Association with ICANN

I have been in touch with ICANN and its activities for over five years. I have been receiving ICANN Newsletters, News Alerts, Weekly Newsletters and Monthly Magazines. I have been contributing through Public Comments from time to time. **Presently**, I am member of an ICANN-GNSO Working Group seized with the responsibility of GNSO Improvements (**https://st.icann.org/icann-osc/index.cgi?constituency_operations_team**). I am also Lead of a particular task.

2.   Association with Internet Society (ISOC)

I am a Global Member of ISOC since 1996 when Internet started making its foray in India. I had since taken part into its activities by participating in surveys, by making useful suggestions and volunteering in various Work Teams including those in Sphere Project.

When Public Interest Registry (www.pir.org) was constituted, I was selected as the Founding Member of its Advisory Council, where I served for two terms. I have been part of the work relating to Policy, Outreach, Editorial and various technical issues such as IDN, WHOIS policy and served as Chair and Vice-Chair of its several committees. My **participation,** both in ICANN, ISOC and PIR meetings had been close to 100%.

(*) As an Internet Pioneer in India, I have long-standing and deep interest in issues related to Internet, its Independence and its Growth. I have keenly followed Internet's historical developments and policy issues over the years. I am the first Indian to write on Internet in Indian media and am recognized now as a pioneer of Net journalism in the country. I am known for my in-depth and thought provoking writings and speeches on Internet and issues related to it.

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4.   Qualifications:

B.S. in Science and M. S. in Engineering (first class with honors) from Indian Universities. **Topped** the University in MS in his branch of study.

5.   Membership of
   Professional bodies:

Life Fellow	The Institution of Engineers
Life Fellow	Astronautical Society of India
Life Fellow	Indo-French Technical Association
Member	Computer Society of India
Global Member	Internet Society (ISOC)

(Founder Member of its .ORG Advisory Council)
Had been on the board of the India based Professional Bodies and was Founder Secretary of Karnataka Chapter of Indo-French Technical Association.

6.   Professional Career:

In my long professional career, I have worked in Industries and in research institutions. My noteworthy contribution had been in Government of India-Department of Space (Indian Space Research Organization-ISRO) as a scientist. It was during early years of Indian Space Research that I worked closely with such luminaries as Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam who rose to become President of India.

I have had spells of assignments in other research organizations and that included NASA (USA) where I worked as Project Manager, SpaceLab-Space Shuttle Project. I was the first Indian to set foot into Space Shuttle.
As a Project Manager, SpaceLab-Space Shuttle Project, I worked as a link between NASA and Indian Space Research Organization. It was the only experiment from India selected from outside of USA and Europe.

In a later assignment, I worked in a Government of India-Ministry of Industry Research Institute in the position of Deputy Director (number 2 position) and brought back the Institute to a good health. Therein, I introduced new working culture, new projects and help complete pending work.

During my professional career, I have created and managed Departments and conceived and proposed projects and managed them to their successful completion. Presently, my interest relates to History of Rocketry.

7.   Writing Career:

My interest in writing has given an opportunity to know the Internet world and an opportunity to do in-depth study, learn and eventually become an expert.

Apart from my professional work, I have been nurturing the hobby of writing and have long years of background in this art. Leading newspapers, magazines and Web publications have published 1500 of my articles and 50 short stories. My work has been published in USA too and has been featured in print and TV there. One of my short stories has won **first prize** in a competition organized by a literary Web magazine in USA.

Besides articles, I wrote regular columns in several newspapers, technology and business magazines and on Web publications.

Other than articles and stories, I have to my credit **two books,** one of it being: **'**Silicon Valley Greats'- a biographical book on 9 USA based Indian-Americans, one of them being Hotmail founder, who became great business and technology pioneers in the world. The Library of Congress (Washington) had selected this book for its Participants Program. The book has been equally popular in business and technology schools

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