

Member Profile



Born in a small town in Anantnag, Kashmir, Sushil Bakshi had a dream to don the uniform of the Indian Army. After completing his graduation from the Kashmir University in 1991, Sushil joined the Officers Training Academy, Chennai as a cadet in 1992. He was awarded the best cadet in the Corps of Signals and was commissioned as Lieutenant in the Indian Army in August 1993.

After a few years of combat experience, he was nominated for Electronics and Communication Engineering Course in the year 1998. He also has the privilege of being nominated for the Defence Services Staff Course (DSSC, Wellington, a prestigious joint services training institute) in 2004 where he pursued his Master's in International & Strategic Studies from University of Madras. His roles in the Indian Army included, operational roles in the north and north eastern parts of India. As a Colonel, he had the distinction of commanding a Unit of approximately 700 personnel from 2011 to 2014. Post commanding his Unit, he was assigned project management of some critical IT & Communication projects of the Indian Army in the Eastern Sector.

After serving the Indian Army for 25 years, he took voluntary retirement and started a fresh innings with the Govt. of New Zealand. Currently he is working as a Project Manager with the Hauraki District Council on infrastructure projects.

During his tenure in Army, he was involved with a few NGOs and contributed towards community health and social service. While in Assam he worked closely with SMILE Foundation at Tinsukia and while in Jalandar with Unique Home which provides rehabilitation and care for homeless children. He has been associated with DISHA for the last seven years and has taken over the responsibilities as the Secretary of DISHA-INDIA since 2020. He is very passionate for providing quality education to the children and believes that every child deserves an excellent education. He is also working for 'the cause and care of disadvantaged older persons to improve their quality of life'.

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