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An Electrical Engineer with Doctoral Degree from IIT Kanpur, Dr. AK Garg is a seasoned technocrat with 25 plus years of experience and a proven track record for professional excellence. Known for his target-driven approach and pushing the boundaries of innovation, Dr. Garg devised and led from the front myriad mission-critical digital transformation initiatives at MeitY apart from being a key contributor to various technology oriented and Trade & Policy related strategic forums of GoI which include AI, Data, Cyber Security Technology Regulations and Emerging Tech.

Currently Dr. Garg is heading the Digital Tech and Law Group at Anand and Anand where the firm is the process of evolving expertise on Legal and Advisory aspects on Emerging Tech including AI considering the fact that it will be central to future Innovation and Economic Growth.

Till recently as a Senior Director in the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India, he was tasked with the responsibilities of key divisions including Startup, Innovation and IPR, International Cooperation and IT/ITeS Industry Promotion among others. During his stint he had formulated and implemented some of the ground breaking initiatives such as MeitY Startup Hub, National IT policy and National Policy on Software Products.

He had strategically negotiated and managed various agreements, trade issues and MoUs with 50+ countries amid lean resources and outcome complexities. Till recently, he was the 'Lead Negotiator' for Digital Trade Chapter in various FTAs including that for RCEP, UAE, UK, IPEF and Canada. Dr. Garg was consistently engaged as Country Ambassador and a key representative in large international multilateral forums such as G20, WTO, BRICS RCEP and UNCITRAL and Shanghai Cooperation-strengthening India's position vis-a-vis key ICT challenges.

A keen planner, strategist and implementer, Dr.Garg is passionate about promoting startup-entrepreneurial ecosystem especially in the realm of emerging technologies in the country.