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EDUCATION:

- **Masters of Law in Intellectual Property (LLM-IP), Ankara University, Turkey, 2016-2017;**
- **Master of Philosophy (M. Phil) Biotechnology, Qaid-I-Azam University Islamabad, Pakistan, 2004-2006;**
- **Bachelors of Law (LL.B), Islamia University, Bahawalpur, Pakistan, 2009-2012;**
- **BSc. (Hons) Agriculture (Plant Breeding and Genetics), University of Agriculture, Faisalabad, Pakistan, 1999-2002.**

JOB EXPERIENCE:

- **DIRECTOR: Intellectual Property Organization of Pakistan (IPO-Pakistan)**
  May-2025 to date.
  (Job Description: Genetic Resources and Associated Traditional Knowledge, Patents, Designs, Utility Models, IPR Enforcement, IP Policy and Management Issues).
- **DIRECTOR: National Seed Development and Regulatory Authority (NSDRA)**
  Aug-2024 to May-2025.
  (Job Description: Coordination for Research, Policy and legislative work for development of Seed Sector)
- **DIRECTOR: Intellectual Property Organization of Pakistan (IPO-Pakistan)**
  2017 to Aug-2024.
  (Job Description: Geographical Indications, IPR Enforcement, International Coordination, IP Policy and Management Issues).

- **DEPUTY DIRECTOR: Intellectual Property Organization of Pakistan (IPO-Pakistan)**
  2009-to 2017.

(Job Description: Plant Breeders' Rights, IPR Enforcement, Trademarks, SMEs, Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore, IP management and policy issues).

- **ASSISTANT DIRECTOR: Intellectual Property Organization of Pakistan (IPO-Pakistan)**
  2006-2009.
  (Job Description: Plant Breeders' Rights, Patents, Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore).

- **RESEARCH FELLOW: Plant Genetic Resource Institute (PGRI), National Agriculture Research Center (NARC), Islamabad, Pakistan**
  2005-2006.
  (Job Description: Research work on local accessions of Oryza Sativa (rice).

INTERNATIONAL EXPOSURE

- Visit to the UK as part of expert mission on Intellectual Property Policy for meetings with UK IPO, Department of Business and Trade (DBT) and other stakeholders 07-12 February, 2026.
- Visit to Bangladesh as a Resource Person for training program "Understanding TRIPS flexibilities for the Generic Pharmaceutical Industries of Bangladesh", to be held in Dhaka, Bangladesh, 02-05 December, 2025 on the invitation of Bangladesh Association of Pharmaceutical Industry (BAPI).
- Training course on the 'Collective Management of Quality for Geographical Indications at Gruyere, Switzerland, from September 25 to 30, 2023' organized by InterGI and World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO);

- Study visit to Denmark Patent &Trademark Office (DKPTO), 21-24 March, 2022. Jointly organized by DKPTO and IPO-Pakistan;

- Workshop on "Intellectual Property and Development" from 21-28 November, 2019 at Beijing, China, organized by AIBO, China;

- Sub-Regional Workshop on Updating the National Copyright Framework of South-Asian Countries in Paro, Bhutan from July 22 to 24, 2019 organized by World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO);

- Training Course "The Role of Government in Private Sector Development", 19 November to 17 December, 2018, University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia, organized by the Australia Awards (overall duration of the course 6 August, 2018 to 22 February, 2019).

- Regional Workshop on Effective Practices in Border Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs), Bangkok, Thailand, 12-15 September 2017, Organized by the USPTO Global IP Academy and the U.S. Department of Justice in cooperation with U.S. Customs and Border Protection and Homeland Security Investigations, U.S. Department of Homeland Security;

- 11th Session of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Advisory Committee on Enforcement (ACE), Geneva (Switzerland), September 5 to 7, 2016;

- 29th Session of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Intergovernmental Committee (IGC) on Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (GRTKF), February 15-19, 2016 Geneva, Switzerland;

- International Plant Breeders' Conference and Regional Workshop on Seed Sector Development organized by Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO), November 01-06, 2015, Antalya, Turkey;

- Regional Seed Policy Workshop organized by Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO), January 05-08, 2015, Istanbul, Turkey;

- Cochran Fellowship Program on Agricultural Biotechnology jointly organized by United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and University of California (UC Davis), October 18-31, 2014, USA;

- 28th Session of World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Intergovernmental Committee (IGC) on Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (GRTKF), July 07-09, 2014, Geneva, Switzerland;

- Training Course on 'Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs)' jointly organized by World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and Japan Patent Office (JPO), December 2-13, 2013, Tokyo, Japan;

- Study Visit of a Delegation of the Officials of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC), Intellectual Property Offices and Chambers of Commerce and Industry to WIPO HQs, March 23-27, 2013, Geneva, Switzerland;

- Training Course on 'IP Management and the Formulation and Implementation of Result-Based IP Office Plans' jointly organized by World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and Japan Patent Office (JPO), February 4-8, 2013, Tokyo, Japan;

- 'Advanced training course on Intellectual Property Systems' jointly organized by World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and Korean Industrial Property Office (KIPO), September 6-22, 2012, Daejeon, Korea;

- Training Session 'The Effective Use of Intellectual Property System by Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises in Pakistan' organized by World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), June 4-8, 2012, Geneva, Switzerland;

- WIPO Regional Workshop: Case Studies of Small and Medium Sized Enterprises (SMEs), Successfully Leveraging Intellectual Property Assets for Business Competitiveness, November 29 to December 01, 2011, Singapore;

- International Symposium on Intellectual Property Sustainable Development in Documenting and Recording Traditional Knowledge & Traditional Cultural Expressions organized by WIPO, June 26-28, 2011, Muscat, Oman;

- 16th Session of World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Intergovernmental Committee (IGC) on Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (GRTKF), March 03-07, 2010, Geneva, Switzerland;

- 'Plant Breeders' Rights Expert Mission Study Visit to Model Countries' jointly organized by International Union for Protection of New Plant Varieties (UPOV) and World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), 14-18 December, 2009 (Switzerland, Netherlands, Poland).

- Follow-Up 'Advance Training Course On Industrial Property' jointly organized by Swedish International Cooperation Agency (SIDA) and World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), 08-12 September, 2008, Tunis, Tunisia;

- 'Advance Training Course On Industrial Property' jointly organized by Swedish International Cooperation Agency (SIDA) and World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), 07-25 April, 2008, Stockholm, Sweden;

- 'Training Workshop on Plant Variety Protection' jointly organized by Swedish International Cooperation Agency (SIDA) and International Union for Protection of New Plant Varieties (UPOV), 11-14 September, 2007, Kolponata, Kyrgyz Republic;

- 'Training Workshop on Automation for IP Office Management' organized by World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), 20-22 March, 2007, Hanoi, Vietnam.

NATIONAL EXPOSURE

- Mid-Career Management Course (MCMC) at National Institute of Management (NIM), Quetta, Pakistan. February 04 to June 10, 2019.
- "National Workshop on Implementation of Seed (Amendment) Act, 2015 and Strategies for Improvement of Seed Sector" Jointly Organized by FAO and FSC&RD, October 12, 2015, CCRI, Multan, Pakistan;

- Workshop on 'Enhancing Understanding and Implementation of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA) organized by National Agricultural Research Centre, (NARC), December 23, 2014, Islamabad, Pakistan;
- "National Workshop on development of National Seed Policy" Jointly Organized by FAO and FSC&RD, November 13, 2014, Islamabad, Pakistan;
- Seminar on Public Private Partnership organized by Pakistan Planning and Management Institute (PPMI), 10-12 November, 2010;
- 'Training course on ISO 22000: food safety management system-requirements for any organization in the food chain' organized by United registrar of Systems-European commission, November, 2006, Islamabad, Pakistan;
- 'Capacity building training course on international standards & regulations for the food industry', organized by United registrar of systems-European commission, September, 2006, Islamabad, Pakistan;
- 'Intellectual Property Rights Certification Course' jointly organized by International Islamic University (IIU) and Intellectual Property Organization of Pakistan (IPO-Pakistan), June 26 to July 07, 2006, Islamabad, Pakistan.

DISTANCE LEARNING

- WIPO Distance Learning Course (DL-427) Executive Course on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources in the Life Sciences, September, 2025.
- E-Asia Certificate Course on Geographical Indications by InterGI, November 08 to December 13, 2021;
- WIPO Distance learning course on 'Patents'(DL-301) October 17 – November 18, 2016;
- WIPO Distance learning course on 'Trademarks, Industrial Designs and Geographical Indications'(DL-302) November 19 – December 23, 2016;
- WIPO Distance learning course on 'Intellectual Property Management'(DL-450) May-September, 2010;
- UPOV-WIPO Distance learning course on 'Plant Variety Protection' (DL-205) March-May, 2007;
- WIPO Distance Learning Course on 'Introduction to Intellectual Property' (DL-101) October-November, 2006.

RESEARCH WORK (PROJECTS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED)

- WIPO Project on Registration, Certification and Commercialization of "Sindhri Mango" as Geographical Indication of Pakistan. June 2023 to May 2025.
- Research work under Mid-Career Management Course titled "Opportunities and Challenges for Pakistan in implementing National Water Policy, 2018 and way forward", Feb-June, 2019.
- Research Thesis for LLM (IP) degree titled "Impact of Erroneous Grant of Patents on Equitable use of Genetic Resources-Current Scenario And Future Prospects" May, 2017.

- "Devising IP Curriculum for Agriculture, Law, Business and Engineering studies in Universities of Pakistan" under Trade Related Technical Assistance (TRTA-II) program of European Union. February, 2013 to February, 2014.
- "Options for Branding of Kinnow (Citrus) through the use of Intellectual Property Instruments" under Trade Related Technical Assistance (TRTA-II) program of European Union. April, 2012 to April, 2013;
- Survey of Agricultural Geographical Indications of Punjab (province of Pakistan) under "Registration of Geographical Indications" Project of WTO Wing of Industries, Commerce and Investment (IC&I) Department, Government of Punjab, Pakistan. January, 2011 to March, 2012.
- Devising system for establishment of Plant Breeders' Rights Registry in Pakistan under SIDA (Swedish International Cooperation Agency) funded project, April-Sep, 2008;
- Research Thesis for M. Phil degree titled "Genetic Diversity of Rice (Oryza sativa) local accessions based on Morphological and Molecular characteristics" under JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency) funded project. March, 2005 to March, 2006.

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