

MS. VEERA KAUL SINGH

Environmental Law and Policy Specialist

Profession	Advocate ,Consultant and Visiting Faculty
Date of Birth	1965
Nationality	Indian
Years of Experience	17 years

Bar Enrollment

Enrolled as an Advocate of the Bar Council of Delhi, 1990.

Membership of Board

Member, Board of Trustees, Zakir Hussain College, University of Delhi

Membership of Commissions / Professional Societies

Member, **Environmental Law Commission, IUCN**

Member, **Commission on Folk Law & Legal Pluralism, Germany.**

Present Position (December 2004 onwards)

Advocate and Consultant
Environmental Law and Policy

Consultant (Environmental Lawyer), PADCO, for their USAID, AECEN and OECD sponsored project on “Improving Environmental Governance in India”. Jointly conducted a “Rapid Assessment Survey on Environmental Compliance and Enforcement in India” for the Asian Network on Environmental Compliance and Enforcement (AECEN) (July – December, 2006)

Consultant, TERI, for developing and organising including preparing the resource material for the Training programme on Sustainable Development: Practices and Procedures for the District Judiciary for the states of U.P. and M.P. This Training Programme for the Judiciary was held in Lucknow between 19th -21st August, 2006.

Legal Consultant to NGO’s

Developing Data Base on Environmental Law and Policy.

Legal Researcher

Adviser, Helix Foundation, Pune, India.

Guest Faculty, CEL, WWF-India

Guest Faculty, Haryana Institute of Public Administration, Haryana, India
Guest Faculty, Indian Law Institute, New Delhi.
Working with the Dean, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi, for developing training programme for Judiciary, Government functionaries and Civil Society.
Visiting Faculty, (Environmental Law), (Jan, 2006- April, 2006)
Vivekanand Institute of Professional Studies, Delhi

Previous Job Profile

Director (March 2001- November 2004)

Centre for Environmental Law, WWF-India

As Director, Centre for Environmental Law, was responsible for the overall management of the centre, curriculum development for programmes on Environmental Law, capacity development and training programmes in environmental law, legal research on natural resource management and legal interventions through PILs. Also developed and organised Diploma Programme in Environmental Law for participants from the SAARC region. Developed and organised many capacity development training programme for various stakeholders - Judiciary, Government officials, Civil Society, Forest officers.

Conducted, designed and organised the Diploma Programme in Environmental Law and Policy for CEL, WWF-India as Director (9th, 10th, 11th, 12th) and as Senior Programme Officer (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th). This Diploma Programmes included participants from the SAARC countries. Resource Material was also developed.

Organised and conducted a Refresher and Training Programme On Environmental Law and Policy for sound decision making for the government officials and civil society (52 participants), July 2004. This training initiative was sponsored by the MoEF, Government of India. Resource material was developed and distributed to the participants.

Organised and conducted a refresher and training programme on Environmental Law and Policy: national and international perspectives for senior forest officers, October, 2004. Extensive training material was also developed and distributed to the participants. This training programme was sponsored by the MoEF.

Assisted and participated as a resource person for a training initiative between CEE and ELI, Washington, USA to train the Judiciary (district level) of U.P. in October, 2003.

Organised and conducted a training programme on Environmental Law and Policy for the M.Sc. students, Environmental Sciences of the MD University, Ajmer, January, 2002.

Organised and conducted a training programme on Environmental Laws for the enforcement officers of the Pollution Control Boards. This training was a joint initiative between CEL, WWF-India and ELI, Washington, D.C., USA, July 2002.

Worked extensively on Natural Resource laws, environmental issues and impact of environmental legislations on communities and people.

Responsible for multiple functions involving research, litigation, teaching, administration and management

Practiced law at the Supreme Court of India, High Court of Delhi, CEGAT, etc.

Guest Faculty for Environmental Law and Policy

a) Indian Law Institute, New Delhi, India (1998- till present)

b) Semester on Environmental Law, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi, (1998)

Education:

Dates	Qualification	Institution
1991	LL.M.	University of Delhi, India
1989	LL.B	Faculty of Law, University of Delhi, India
1986	B.A. (Hons) History	Lady Sri Ram College, University of Delhi, India

Employment Record

Dec 2004 – till present Advocate, Consultant and Visiting Faculty

March 2001 – Nov. 2004 Director, Centre for Environmental Law, WWF, India

1998- 2001 Advocate, Supreme Court of India, Guest Faculty, Indian Law Institute (1998 onwards till date) and Faculty of Law Freelance consultant and researcher

1993 –1998 Senior Programme Officer, Centre for Environmental Law, WWF, India

1992- 1993 Advocate, Supreme Court of India

1992- 1992 Indian Law Institute

1991-1992 Centre for Women Studies

Selected Relevant Assignments

Dates	Name and brief description of the project
2004	Assisted Mr Rajeev Kher in the preparation of a report for UNEP (GPA). I was responsible for the legal analysis of marine legislations pertaining to the coast for the SAARC region.
2002	Environmental Law Consultant to MSG/WS Atkins International on the Mid Term Review of the EU funded Saline Lands Project, Maharashtra.
1999	With ERM – India on legal issues relating to proposing amendments in the Land Acquisition Act & working for a better Rehabilitation & Resettlement Policy.
1998	Fresh Water Management- a study on behalf of UNICEF and WWF International.
1998	A summary of environmental legislation of India for the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in collaboration with Centre for International Environmental Law (CIEL), Washington DC.
1998	For the ADB sponsored project awarded to CEL, WWF-India assisted the centre in preparing a background paper on the

research that was to be carried out subsequently relating to environmental legislations in India.

- 1994 Legal appraisal study of the Bhitarkanika wildlife sanctuary.
- 1992 Legal aspects of environmental problems with special reference to mining in Dungarpur District, Rajasthan.