Speakers Profile



Mr Mukul Gupta is Senior Partner, Strategic Advisor GST & Counsel at Avathara Legal, New Delhi. Mr Gupta is a Law Graduate and also has a Bachelor Degree in Economics (Hons.) and has been practicing since 1980 as a Tax Consultant in the field of Sales Tax, Work Contract Tax, VAT, Service Tax and Goods & Service Tax (GST). Mr Gupta was the Secretary General of 'All India Federation of Tax Practitioners' for two years for 2008 & 2009; National Vice President of 'All India Federation of Tax Practitioners' for two years for 2014 & 2015.

Mr Gupta is member of Supreme Court Bar Association, New Delhi since 1985 as well as member of International Bar Association. Mr Gupta is the Of-Counsel with M/s Titus & Co., Advocates, New Delhi and has extensively advised Fortune 500 Corporations in structuring their operations in India from the standpoint of Indirect Taxes. Mr Gupta has been a Member of Board of Directors companies like Federal Mogul Goetze (India) Ltd, Panacea Biotech Ltd and also the Chairman of a Consultancy firm M/s Expert Scan Pvt Limited providing expert consultancies for skill development in various areas of Corporate Governance.

Mr Gupta is intricately involved in development of Goods and Service Tax as the Chairman of Central GST Committee of All India Federation of Tax Practitioners and Advisor to the Government of Uttar Pradesh. Looking to his professional expertise in Goods & Service Tax Issues, Mr Mukul Gupta was invited in June 2014 to present his views by the Standing Committee on Finance of Lok Sabha considering the 115th Constitutional Amendment Bill and was again invited in June 2015 by the Select Committee of Rajya Sabha considering the 122nd Constitutional Amendment Bill which has open the passage for implementation of Goods & Service Tax in India.



Mr Pankaj Ghiya, a senior Advocate specialises in GST, VAT, Service Tax and other Indirect Taxes in addition to Corporate Litigation and is in practice since last 30 years. He has vast experience in handling corporate matters and is currently Invitee Member of FICCI Rajasthan State Council.

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He is currently Secretary General of All India Federation of Tax Practitioners (AIFTP). In his previous capacities, he has been the Immediate Past President of Rajasthan Tax Consultants Association; Past President of Tax Consultants' Association, Jaipur; President of Jaipur Jaycees (Jaipur Junior Chamber); State Trainer of Jaycees; General Secretary of Rajasthan Tax Consultants Association; Executive Member of Federation of Rajasthan Trade and Industry (FORTI) and is currently Honorary Consultant to many Trade Organizations. He has been nominated as the Member of the GST Committee constituted by the Government of Rajasthan in 2015 and has been the Member of the VAT Committee constituted by the Rajasthan Government earlier.



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