



Shri Laxmi Narayan Pattanaik

State Information Commissioner

Early and Student life:

Shri Laxmi Narayan Pattanaik was born on 10th May 1954. His Father is late Gangadhar Mohanty and mother is late Bidulata Pattanaik. He matriculated from historic BJB High School, Khordha in 1971, Obtained B.A. degree from P.N. College, Khordha under Utkal University in 1975 and LL.B. degree from Lingaraj Law College, a constituent college of Berhampur University in 1978. Mr Pattanaik participated in various extra-curricular activities during his student days. He was felicitated by alumni association of P N College, Khordha.

Career in public life:

Mr Pattanaik started his career as a legal practitioner in November 1978 and dealt with cases relating to Criminal, Civil, Sessions cases and appeals and other cases such as prevention of food adulteration Act, womens' rights, forest laws, excise laws, prevention of gambling Act, migration Act and protection of civil rights Act. He was associated with different social and philanthropic groups like Lions club, Pujoyapuja Sansad.

Career in Judiciary:

Mr Pattanaik entered into the Odisha Judicial Service in 1982 and joined as Probationary Munsif at Puri and later worked at different levels of Judiciary like JMFC at Puri and Nimapara, SDJM at Talcher, Padampur and Phulbani. He has also worked as Civil Judge (Senior Division) and Asst Sessions Judge at Sonapur and Chhatrapur. He has the experience of working as Registrar, Civil Courts at Bhawanipatna. On being promoted to the cadre of OSJS (JB), he worked as Chief Judicial Magistrate at Sundargarh. On further promotion to the cadre of district judge of OSJS (SB), he worked as Additional district and session's judge at Bhanjanagar and Aska and District and Sessions Judge of undivided Koraput district.

He has also special knowledge in administration, governance and public affairs as he has worked in various capacities such as, Addl Asst Commissioner (Endowments), Berhampur, Deputy Commissioner of Endowments Odisha at Bhubaneswar. He has also worked as Member (Judicial) with Odisha Sales Tax Tribunal, Cuttack, Judge, Family Court, Rourkela, Chairman, Odisha Arbitration Tribunal, Bhubaneswar and Presiding Officer, Odisha Co-operative Tribunal, Bhubaneswar.

He has also undergone special training imparted in the National Judicial Academy, Bhopal and State Judicial Academy, Odisha several times on various subjects of which "case load and case management", "mediation" and "the struggle for equality, social change for enhancing quality of adjudication" are important few.