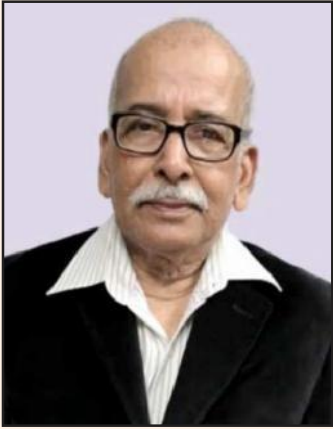


# ALL INDIA FEDERATION OF TAX PRACTITIONERS

## *Felicitates*

### CA SHRI BHAGABAN PADHI OF BRAHMAPUR, ODISHA FOR COMPLETING FIFTY YEARS OF ACTIVE TAX PRACTICE IN INDIA



Born in 1947 and raised in the vibrant city of Berhampur, CA Shri Bhagaban Padhi embodies the spirit of relentless pursuit and unwavering commitment. His journey from a young scholar to a distinguished Chartered Accountant is a testament to his passion for knowledge, independence, and social responsibility.

Shri Bhagaban Padhi's educational journey began at Khallikote Autonomous College, where he graduated in the year 1967. As the first graduate of Berhampur University, he set a precedent for academic excellence. Guided by compassionate professors, he excelled, emerging as a topper in his field.

Driven by Swami Vivekananda's ideals, CA Shri Bhagaban Padhi embarked on a challenging path - the pursuit of Chartered Accountancy. In Madras (now Chennai), he honed his skills under the guidance of renowned professionals. Completing the rigorous course, he emerged as a finance executive, discharging his duties with precision and purpose.

Shri Bhagaban Padhi's vision extended beyond corporate assignments. He sought independence - both in thought and action. With anonymous well-wishers' support, he established a successful professional consultancy firm in the name of Padhi & Co, in Madras.

Despite having a successful career at Madras, his heart remained in Odisha, his beloved Utkal. Odisha was an under developed economy, overshadowed by neighbouring states. Determined to change this narrative, Shri Bhagaban Padhi returned to Berhampur and started his consultancy firm. Gradually he became a pioneer among the twenty chartered accountants in Odisha.

Shri Bhagaban Padhi's passion extended beyond personal success. He infused knowledge into the grassroots. His lectures on taxation, auditing, and company law inspired countless students. His legacy includes successful chartered accountants across India and abroad. His pursuit of knowledge knows no bounds, and he continues to achieve more.

Shri Bhagaban Padhi's journey wasn't just about numbers, it was about integrity. He was nominated as a member to the academic council of Khallikote Autonomous College for 15 years. He was also a governing body member of SMIT, Berhampur for twenty years and three years for DAV Public School. As a Zonal advisory member representing Berhampur division of Life Insurance Corporation of India (Eastern region), he chaired the audit committee for ten years. His commitment to truth and transparency shaped his professional path.

His journey is marked by a steadfast commitment to socialistic values and a philanthropic spirit. His dedication to serving the "have nots" has been unwavering, and his actions have brought about meaningful change in countless lives.

As the founder president of a society for physically handicapped individuals, Shri Padhi has championed the cause of those facing physical challenges, striving to uplift and empower them. His leadership in forming the Rotary Club of Berhampur East, affiliated with Rotary International, further highlights his dedication to aiding the deprived.

CA Shri Bhagaban Padhi is a man known not only for his significant contributions to society but also for inspiring others to follow in his footsteps of service and compassion. His life's work continues to be a beacon of hope and a call to action for all who aspire to make a difference in the world.

The All India Federation of Tax Practitioners (AIFTP) feels honoured and privileged in felicitating you on this the 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024 for having completed more than five decades of active practice in tax laws and wishing you a great professional life ahead and be blessed with a happy and healthy life.

The Ladies and Gentlemen at The All India Federation of Tax Practitioners.