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A Telecom, Digital Technology, and Competition Policy & Law Expert with over 33 years of experience, Dr Gulati was previously an Indian Civil Services officer (1989 batch) and took voluntary retirement in 2021. Subsequently, she worked as a Senior Adviser on Competition Law with a law firm and was also Head of Public Policy at Google, India, till October 2022. She teaches competition law, digital regulation, and public policy at premier international and national institutions and designs and delivers higher education courses under the aegis of her firm [RxDigitalRegulation](#). She mentors professionals and students and advises leading multilateral and industry associations, think tanks, and law firms.

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Her educational qualifications include a BA Honours in Economics from Lady Sri Ram College, Delhi University, an LLM (Telecom & IT law) from the University of Strathclyde, UK, and a **Ph.D. from the Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi**.

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Dr Gulati is passionate about the positive and transformative power of Digital Communications and Technologies. She believes that regulation and business practices that foster consumer safety and trust are essential for Technology to be universally accepted, adopted, and deliver its potential.

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She has put this philosophy into practice in her various posts in the Indian Government. Most recently, these included the **Senior Deputy Director-General in the Department of Telecommunications when she served as Officer on Special Duty (OSD) to the Chairperson of the Telecom Commission of India**. She has also previously been the **Advisor and Head Combinations (M&A) Division at the Competition Commission of India**, Financial Advisor to the Vice Chairperson of India's National Disaster Management Authority, and Headed Finance as **Joint Administrator Finance of the Universal Service Fund of India**.

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Dr Gulati has served in various capacities as an expert/resource person for the **International Telecommunication Union (ITU)** since 2010. **She was Co-rapporteur of the ITU-Development sector's Study Group 1, Q6/1 (2018-21) dealing with Consumer Protection in the Digital Age**. She has represented the Asia Pacific Region as Vice-Chair of the ITU Working Group on Finance and Human Resources. She promotes women's participation in the UN through her role as the founding member of the India chapter of [RIFEN](#) a sector member of ITU-D whose aim is to encourage and mentor women to participate in the regulation and promotion of the digital economy. She is also an Oxford University Value of Competition ambassador.

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