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Ankit is legally blind and wears multiple hats and has over 12 years of **experience in corporate and the disability sector. With a MBA from the prestigious FMS Delhi**, He is currently working as a marketing Advisor at NTT DATA Services where he leads global thought leadership marketing programs. He has earlier worked with Dell International Services, Wipro and Infosys in a number of avatars across marketing, HR, shared services operations and D&I.

As a youth with disability, Ankit was invited to **represent India** at the **United Nations** Headquarters in New York, USA by Disabled People International (DPI) and Global Initiative for Inclusive Information and Communication technology(G3ICT) in 2015.

As a disability rights activist, Ankit has been associated with several **unique social enterprises** which are doing path breaking work in empowering persons with disabilities.

Ankit is the founder of Friends for Inclusion - a non-profit organization that aims to foster independent living by finding innovative solutions at the intersection of technology and disability. He is also one of the founders of DEOC is an expert in Accessibility and has partnered with several corporates on integrating the disabled with their workforce.

A member of the NCPEDP's National Committee for Rights of Persons with Disability (NCRPD), he has participated in several advocacy and policy change campaigns. As an expert of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016, Ankit has taken several workshops on building awareness around the same. Further, he has analyzed the UN's Sustainable Development Goals and provided several recommendations to integrate the disabled in India's Vision 2030.

Ankit has also penned several editorials in leading publications such as Mint (by Hindustan Times), The Hindu, Healthcare India. He is also the **co-author of "A Value Route to business Success"** – an **HR manual developed for CII** which is India's first comprehensive primer on hiring persons with disability.

Ankit has been recognized as a '**National Role Model** Individual' at the NCPEDP Helen Keller Awards and received the Tata Business Leadership Awards. Ankit was featured in **CNN-IBN's Veer campaign**, and in the **bestselling title – Gifted** – 15 inspiring stories of persons with disabilities.