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Rudra Pandey is a Partner at Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co. He has 20 years' experience in corporate commercial transactions, general corporate advisory and advising on corporate governance matters. Rudra has been very actively involved in various national and international deals.

His areas of expertise include corporate structuring, mergers & acquisitions, takeovers, delisting, private equity investments, joint ventures, real estate, banking and finance, project finance, establishment, and management of funds (onshore and offshore). Rudra's breadth of experience encompasses key industry sectors that include manufacturing, automobile, media & entertainment, telecommunications, banking, Non-Banking Finance Companies (NBFCs), IT, Special Economic Zones (SEZs), trading, cement, coal, pharmaceuticals, real estate, industrial parks, retail, and insurance.

Rudra is the Head of the Japan Desk of the Firm and supports other International Desks of the Firm.

He has been actively involved with the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India in discussing and actively taking up trade issues under the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) and other bilateral arrangements with Asian countries including Japan. Under the aegis of (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI), he interacted with the committee constituted on *ease of doing business in India and to review the existing regime on labour laws, licenses and approvals and related law reforms*, by the Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion, Government of India (DIPP) (now known as the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade), under the chairmanship of Mr. Ajay Shankar. Rudra is a member of *CII Task Force on Ease of Doing Business, CII National Committee on Regulatory Affairs, CII Task Force on the Insolvency and Bankruptcy, FICCI Corporate Law Committee and FICCI Stressed Assets Committee*. Rudra was also involved in providing inputs to a report prepared by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) - "Improving Investment Attractiveness: Redesigning G2B Relations" in relation to steps taken by the Indian government to ease doing of business in India. Rudra was also involved in preparing a report titled - 'India-Japan Roadmap Towards Realising Vision 2025' which was released by FICCI in January 2018. Rudra has been actively involved in ease of doing business in India initiatives of the Government of India while working with CII and FICCI and has assisted CII and FICCI in preparing several reports and write-up on policy reforms on ease of doing business in India.

Location

- Delhi

Education

- B. Com (Hons.)
- LL.B, Delhi University

Practices

- General Corporate

Professional Membership

- Bar Council of Delhi
- Institute of Company Secretaries of India

Awards & Recognitions

- **Notable Practitioner** for M&A and Private Equity by IFLR1000, 2018-23
- Among IBLJ's A-List of India's **Top 100 Lawyers**, 2022-23
- Recognised by ALB in their '**India Super 50 Lawyers**' list for the year 2022
- Among the **Top 100 Lawyers in the Forbes**, India, Legal Powerlist, 2021
- Among '**Top 50 Lawyers**' by ALB India 2021 - 22 Super Lawyers





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He has also been part of working group constituted by DIPP, in relation to *new Industrial Policy (2017)* of the Government of India. He is also working with *sub-committees under India-Japan CEPA and India-Korea CEPA and supply chain initiatives*.

Rudra has been actively working with CII, FICCI, and directly with government and non-government organisations on *various policy issues including the Companies Act, 2013, FDI Policy issues, and other regulatory / legal enactments*. His recent engagements include *working with the Expert Committee* constituted by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India on the *cost audit scenario in India, and on the recent proposed amendments to the Companies Act, 2013, decriminalization of offences under the Companies Act, 2013 and LLP, Act, 2008*.

Rudra has been a guest faculty at the *Indian Business School, Hyderabad, India*, a prominent business school of India. He has also been a regular speaker at the conference organised by CII, FICCI, and several other institutions. Rudra regularly contributes to corporate law and regulatory publications and has co-authored leading guides on the market intelligence in M&A on India as part of the *Getting the Deal Through*, which is a key global reference material and *Getting the Deal Through's 2018 Edition of Corporate Governance as well as the 2019 Edition*. He has also co-authored *Practical Law Company's Corporate Governance and Director's Duties*. Rudra is a regular author of several articles on Corporate Law and Regulatory issues in the *India Business Law Journal* published by *VantageAsia*.

Rudra has also authored: (a) *Investing in India Guide 2019* which was published on the Practical Law Company website; (b) *Doing Business in India Guide* which was released by the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs, Government of India and Overseas Indian Facilitation Centre (OIFC) in October 2014; (c) Guide titled "India-Japan: An overview of the trade, economic and investment relations", which was published by FICCI and our firm jointly in 2015; (d) Guide titled "An Overview of India-Japan Bilateral Relations: Initiatives and Opportunities Ahead, which was jointly published by FICCI and our Firm in 2019; and (e) Guide titled "India-Japan: Time to Seize New Opportunities", which was jointly published by FICCI and our Firm in 2020.

He has also contributed: (a) an article titled 'Companies Ordinance: More Transparency, more speed' which was published in IBLJ in February 2019; (b) an article titled 'New regime for valuation under the Companies Act, 2013' which was published in IBLJ in November 2015; and (c) an article titled 'Class actions suits under the 2013 Act' for the June 2016 edition of IBLJ.

Rudra has also provided his comments and reviewed *M C Bhandari's Guide to Company Law, 2016 Edition*, published by Lexis Nexis. Rudra has authored several articles on specific sector issues with key highlights. He has also been part of several industry and government delegations to different countries.

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- Recognised among India's 'Future Legal Leaders' for the year 2022 by **India Business Law Journal**

