

# KNOW YOUR JUDGE

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Name, Designation, Company Name

Mr. MANOJ BAGADE is a Senior Director Engineering at Western Digital. He manages multiple programs in India, which include:

- Qualification of Embedded Memory (iNAND) devices
- Qualification of Removable Retail Products like SD cards, microSD cards, USB devices, CF Cards, Passport drive etc.
- Qualification of Personal Cloud Storage solutions like My-Cloud, My-Cloud Mirror etc
- Overall Management of Lab Infrastructure in India

Short Description of your duties and overall work experience.

I have over 22 years of experience in the IT field. I am Masters from IIT Kharagpur and have also done certification program from IIM Bangalore. Before joining Western Digital, I worked for Samsung for more than 11 years and prior to that for Wipro-Nortel for 5 years.

It's been more than 6 years in Western Digital and I enjoy immensely taking care of product qualification of Embedded Memory as well as all the Retail Client Products in India. It gives me huge satisfaction in making sure that these Western Digital products are qualified in state-of-the-art labs in Bangalore by highly qualified engineering team. The labs are is constantly upgraded with innovative solutions to make sure that the Western Digital products are tested and validated for all the different use-cases under stringent extreme environmental conditions for the data reliability and retention to give that unique user experience to the end user.

Who is a good Innovator?

A good innovator is one who identifies the problems in services, process and products and solves it to improve the quality of life.