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Her career spanned a decade in the public sector with A*STAR. As head of A*STAR Enterprise's Agri-Food and Nutrition division, Aparna played a key role in supporting the scientific, business, regulatory and strategy aspects of building up Singapore's alternative protein capabilities, enabling local food production as part of the nation's food resilience agenda. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Biological Sciences from NTU, Singapore, and a PhD in immunology from the Università degli Studi di Milano Bicocca, Italy.