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WORK EXPERIENCE

- 37 Years of teaching, research, and professional service in portfolios in business schools of high repute in the United States: Purdue University, Case Western Reserve University, and Grand Valley State University
- 14 Years of distinguished industrial experience as Quality Engineer and senior quality executive at Hindustan Aeronautics, Limited, Bangalore and Nasik, India.
- 18 months of Management Trainee at Hindustan Aeronautics, Limited, Bangalore and Nasik, India
- One -year of company sponsored study at University of Birmingham, UK for master's degree in Quality and Reliability Engineering
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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. in Operations Management. Purdue has consistently ranked in top five in OM. (1990)
- M.S. (University of Birmingham, U.K. in Quality & Reliability Engineering) (1978)
- B. Tech. (Indian Institute of Technology – Mech. Engineering). IITs are consistently ranks in top five Engineering Schools in the India. (1970)
- B.Sc. Math, Physics, Chemistry – (Agra University)

HIGH POINTS OF PROFESSOR ASHOK KUMAR'S CAREER

- Foreword author *for Environmental Renaissance*, by Niranjan Dev Bharadwaj, publisher: Book Trust of India, January 20
- Special Guest Invitation as Eminent Dignitary; and International Chair, World Environment Summit, Environment and Social Development Association, Academic. August 2021; 700+ delegates; New Delhi, India.
- Special Guest Invitation as Eminent Dignitary; International Chair, Head of Plenary Session, World Environment Summit, Environment and Social Development Association, Academic. January 2020; 700+ delegates; New Delhi, India.
- Special Guest Invitation as Eminent Dignitary; International Chair, Head of Plenary Session, and Keynote Speaker," International Conference on Sustainability Education, September 2019; 500+ delegates; New Delhi, India.
- Best Research Paper Award in eBusiness (3rd ranked International conference (AMCIS); 900 delegates, 2017)
- Sustainability Champion Award, (2014); Grand Valley State University

- Among top 10% of the authors in the world for # of articles download, (Source: SSRN, the largest research network)
- Lifetime Achievement Award as Operations Management Scholar (2012) by Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi. (An esteemed, top-ranking institution for operations and supply chain management in India)
- Travel-funded invitee for talk on Sustainable Development by United Nations 2014, 15.
- Fulbright-Nehru Fellowship, Distinguished Chair Fall (2012) by Council of International Exchange Scholars, State Department, USA. The Fulbright proposal was designed to impact the strategic mindset of Indian business executives and academia leaders to adopt Triple Bottom Line strategies that promote environmentally and socially better products and services while improving profits simultaneously.
- National Chair, Fulbright Selection Committee, United States India Education Foundation India.
- Glenn E Niemeyer Outstanding Faculty (Professor of the Year) Award (2012) by Grand Valley state University
- E Seidman Endowed Chair (Jan 2011- May 2013) at Grand Valley state University. Goal Focus: Supply Chains Sustainability
- Editor (Sustainability) – Operations Management Education Review journal, Neilson J
- Editor, Special Issue (Business Sustainability) – Operations Management Education Review journal, Neilson journals (2011-2013)
- Editor– Three special issues on Mass customization for profit sustainability The International Journal of Flexible manufacturing systems, Springer journals.
- Eight Keynote Speeches in International Conferences
- Association of Indian Management Scholars (AIMS) Distinguished Service to Management (2009)
- Distinguished Contributions to Discipline (2008) by Grand Valley state University
- Best Student Paper Award (2005), Midwest Business Association Conference
- Outstanding Seidman Faculty (2003)
- Highest Quality Paper Awards (1997, 98), Amber Journals Hall of Fame,
- Who's Who in American Teachers (2002-2006)
- Best Dissertation Award, Runners up (1991)
- Outstanding Contributions to Quality Activities in India (1983) by National Institute of Quality Assurance.
- 100% Sponsorship for Masters' degree in Quality and Reliability Engineering at the University of Birmingham, U.K. by Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd.
- Faculty Advisor, Michigan State University U/G Supply Chain Challenge; winning 1st and 2nd ranks in two years.
- Two papers on mass customization included in the Encyclopedia of Operations Research/Management Science in Flexible Manufacturing Systems -2010.
- One paper, co-authored with Dr. Frank Piller of MIT, published in a journal that has all its lead articles contributed by Nobel laureates only.
- India Link Award for Leadership, Dedication, and Commitment to Community Service
- Five Distinguished Lectures as Chief Guest, Inaugural Speaker, Keynote speaker, Workshop Provider, etc., as Fulbright-Nehru Scholar (2012)

- Numerous Awards including the national award for “Outstanding Contributions to Quality Assurance Activities in India – 1983

RESEARCH EXCELLENCE

- Among top 10% authors for article download
- Over 250 publications, over 80% first author.
- Publications in the top prestigious journals in operations and supply chain management, such as Management Science, Operations Research, European Journal of Operations Research, IEEE Transactions, etc.
- Co-authors network at top US universities: MIT, University of Michigan, Purdue, University of Illinois-UC, UT Dallas, Case Western Reserve University
- Authored one book (World Class Case Studies in Six Sigma) and 5 chapters in other books.
- 50 invited presentations on Environmental Issues, Supply Chain Management, Quality, Corporate Sustainability, and Operations Strategy in prestigious institutions.
- 62 research presentations in national/international/ regional conferences
- Two papers in Anbar Journal Hall of Fame
- Two papers in Operations Research Encyclopedia published by prestigious INFORMS
- One paper in Journal of Financial Transformation – distinguished by the fact that normally only Nobel laureates can publish in this Journal.

TEACHING EXCELLENCE

- Taught a number of courses in Operations/Supply Chain inclusive of survey course in Operations Management, Adv. Supply Chain Management, Quality Assurance, TQM, Intelligent Manufacturing, Strategic Operations Management, Evolving Paradigms Of Operations Strategy (Mass Customization, Sustainable Operations), and Six Sigma .
- Taught at world class universities: Purdue, Case Western, U of Michigan (Ph.D., MBA modules), and Indian Institute of technology, Delhi
- Taught at Ph. D /MBA, MSM/Senior/Junior levels in top management schools.
- Teaching Awards at Purdue, Grand Valley, and six Who's Who among America's Teachers.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE DISTINCTION

Editorial Service in Ranking Capacities on Journals

- Co-Editor of Operations Management Education Review journal
- Editor for a focused issue of Operations Management Education Review journal on business sustainability
- Guest Editor for three focused issues of International Journal on Flexible Manufacturing Systems on Mass Customization for sustainable profits,
- Associate Editor At Large (mass customization), POM journal – regarded as flagship journal in OM

- Associate Editor, Member Editorial Board, International Journal of Six Sigma for Competitive Advantage
- Served on editorial boards of nine journals, including M&SOM.

Distinguished Service in Ranking Capacities in Conferences (over 40 times)

- Chair, Business Sustainability Symposium, AIMT, Greater Noida, India (2014)
- International Chair, Keynote Speaker and Eminent Dignitary in three international conferences dedicated to the cause of environment
- Co-Chair, 16th Annual Society of Operations Management Conference (2012)
- Co-Chair, Sustainability symposium at IIT Delhi (2012)
- President, Vice President, and Proceedings Coordinator in Operations management conferences (1995-2012) – 40 times +
- General Program Chair of International Mass Customization Conference (2006),
- Program/Track/Cluster Chair/ Session Chair (30 times)
- Panelist (10 times)
- Proceedings Editor, MBAA and SOM –XVI (over 2000 pages).

HIGH POINTS OF INDUSTRIAL/ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Consultancy and Training: Lean manufacturing & Logistics, Quality Assurance, Six Sigma, 14 years at Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd., India (an aviation company) in Quality Engineer to Senior Quality Assurance Manager positions that employs over 100,000 employees and uses cutting-edge operations and IT technologies.
- Over 40 Significant Business Consultancy Projects resulting in significant improvements in cost, quality, and responsiveness
- Numerous Awards including national award for “Outstanding Contributions to Quality Assurance Activities in India – 1983”

COMMUNITY SERVICE CONTRIBUTIONS (details upon request)

- Founder & Chairman, Global Foundation For Advancement of Environment and Human Wellness
- President, Asian Center of West Michigan (2009-2013)
 - Amazing Asian Awards
 - Free Health Fair (Annual Event)
 - Evergreen Club for Asian elderly folks
 - Developing resources for uninsured Asians
 - Smoking Cessation program
 - Scholarship to College-bound High School Graduates
- Asian Center Board (12 years): same activities as above
- India Link Board (14 years), VP, India Link Board
- Organizing social and cultural events
- Secretary, Indian National Overseas Congress, Michigan.