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Welcome to the **October 2026** edition of *Global Cover Story*.

This edition brings together entrepreneurs, business leaders, professionals and changemakers whose journeys reflect vision, dedication and a commitment to creating positive change in their communities and industries.

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This edition showcases inspiring stories from diverse fields, offering insights into leadership, resilience, social responsibility and the pursuit of excellence.

We hope these stories provide fresh perspectives, motivation and a deeper understanding of the individuals and ideas shaping a better tomorrow.

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PROF. DR. SRINIBAS MAHAPATRO

Not every lasting contribution can be measured by a title or an award. Some are seen in the confidence of students, the institutions that continue to serve them and the opportunities created for communities. For Prof. Dr. Srinibas Mahapatro, these measures have guided a professional journey spanning more than 35 years.

An academician, management educator, researcher, author and institution builder, Prof. Mahapatro is the Founder Chairman of Presidency Group of Institutions in Berhampur, Odisha. His work reflects a commitment to career-oriented education while connecting professional achievement with social responsibility.

His academic path brought together commerce, management, research, law and professional administration. He holds **M.Com., M.Phil., MBA, Ph.D., LL.B., AMD** from **Germany**, **PGDBA** and **PGDMM qualifications**. Over the years, he has worked as Lecturer, Reader, Professor and Principal at management institutions across India, gaining an understanding of students' changing needs and the demands of academic leadership.

In 2008, he became a **Nationally Accredited Management Professor (AMT)**, an important recognition of his professional standing. Yet his approach has remained anchored in a belief that the role of an educator extends beyond delivering lessons. Knowledge becomes valuable when students learn to communicate, think independently, act ethically and apply what they know.

Alongside his academic responsibilities, he has invested considerable time in **Rotary International, research, professional writing and cultural service**. These commitments reveal a common thread in his life: the desire to build people and institutions capable of creating meaningful change long after any individual milestone has passed.





PROF. DR. SRINIBAS MAHAPATRO

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Academician | Rotary Leader | Management
Educator

While education has shaped his profession, **Rotary International** has given Prof. Mahapatro another avenue for leadership and service. His association began in **1997–98**, and nearly three decades later it remains an important part of his public life.

He helped establish the **Rotary Club of Berhampur Silkcity** as its Charter Secretary, supporting the creation of a local platform for fellowship and community-focused action. That early experience grew into wider responsibilities across Rotary Districts 3260 and 3262.

Over the years, he has served as Assistant Governor, Assistant District Trainer, Governor's Monthly Letter Editor, Conference Chairman and Assembly Convener. He has also chaired several Rotary events and programmes, coordinating people, communication and training in settings where voluntary commitment must be matched by careful organisation.

One of his notable contributions has been his work as Chairman of the **Governor's Monthly Letter Publication Committee** for District 3262. Through the **GML**, he helped document club achievements, recognise service initiatives and keep members informed about activities across the district.

He also introduced the **GML** in a **video edition** for the first time, bringing a new format to a familiar **Rotary communication platform**. The initiative drew appreciation from audiences in India and abroad, reflecting his willingness to adapt organisational communication to changing habits without losing its purpose.

Training and leadership development have been especially important throughout Prof. **Mahapatro's Rotary journey**. Having spent decades in education and administration, he understands that effective service depends on people who can communicate clearly, organise responsibly and bring others together around shared objectives.

His work has included district-level training, conference organisation, assembly planning, publication and fellowship activities. These responsibilities may differ in form, but each requires cooperation across clubs and a commitment to supporting volunteers rather than simply directing them.

Rotary has also expanded his international perspective. His participation in academic and Rotary conferences and programmes across eight countries has exposed him to different approaches to professional learning, organisational leadership and community engagement.

His contributions have received several distinctions. A multiple Paul Harris Fellow, he has also been recognised with honours including **Best Club President, Outstanding Assistant Governor, Best Trainer, Best GML Editor** and awards linked to Rotary's avenues of service.



For him, these recognitions reflect shared effort as much as individual responsibility. A successful programme relies on members who contribute their time, experience and resources, often without expecting public attention.

This enduring engagement with **Rotary** reveals a principle that also guides his academic work: leadership creates the greatest value when it develops others. Whether mentoring students or supporting fellow **Rotarians**, he sees service as a continuing responsibility, not a role limited to a particular office or term.

Establishing Presidency Group of Institutions in **Berhampur** in **1998** remains one of the defining chapters of Prof. Mahapatro's career. At a time when specialised professional programmes were less accessible in parts of **South Odisha**, he saw a need for educational opportunities closer to aspiring students and their families.

Presidency became an early mover in introducing **Bachelor of Business Administration** and **Bachelor of Computer Applications** programmes in Odisha. These courses reflected the growing relevance of management and computing skills to a changing economy.

Over time, the group expanded its academic offerings at undergraduate and postgraduate levels, responding to changing educational requirements and professional expectations. For Prof. Mahapatro, however, the achievement of founding an institution was only the beginning. He believed its enduring value would depend on academic culture, discipline and the quality of guidance available to students.

Building an institution requires resources and planning; sustaining it requires consistent attention to teaching, administration and student progress. His leadership has therefore emphasised practical learning alongside classroom knowledge, encouraging students to develop the competence and confidence needed to pursue meaningful careers.

He also views education as an important part of regional development. When professional learning becomes more accessible, students are better equipped to explore opportunities in business, technology and public life. The wider contribution of an institution, in his view, is measured in the possibilities it creates beyond its campus.

Prof. Mahapatro has consistently argued that education should prepare young people for life, not simply for examinations. Academic knowledge matters, but so do communication, teamwork, ethical judgement and the ability to respond intelligently when circumstances change.

Across his work as **Lecturer, Reader, Professor** and **Principal**, he has encouraged students to connect theory with practical situations. In management education, that connection is especially important: decisions taken within an organisation affect not only its performance, but also employees, customers and communities.

His interest in entrepreneurship development reflects a similar philosophy. Rather than limiting aspirations to conventional employment, he has encouraged students and emerging professionals to recognise opportunities, develop initiative and consider creating enterprises of their own.

He has participated in **Entrepreneurship Awareness** Camps supported by the Government of India, along with Entrepreneurship Development Programmes designed to strengthen practical understanding and self-reliance. These engagements connect his classroom experience with broader efforts to promote economic participation.

Behind these activities is a belief that professional success should be supported by personal values. Confidence without integrity can be fragile, just as knowledge without application can remain incomplete. He therefore places character and competence alongside one another when discussing the purpose of education.

For Prof. Mahapatro, a meaningful educational environment is one in which students are challenged to think independently and encouraged to use their abilities responsibly. That belief has guided both his teaching and his institution-building work.

Research and professional writing have allowed Prof. Mahapatro to contribute to academic discussion beyond his institutions. His record includes seventeen research articles and more than fifty developmental articles published in national and international journals and magazines.

His interests span entrepreneurship development, leadership strategy, human values, ethics, financial inclusion and sustainable development. These areas reflect a concern with how management knowledge can respond to economic and social needs, rather than remain confined to theoretical frameworks.

He has presented papers and joined discussions at academic conferences and professional forums, including the International Conference on Value Added Education in 2008. Other engagements have addressed water resource management, corporate coordination, sustainable microfinancing and leadership strategy in the twenty-first century.

He was also associated with a national conference on human values and ethics held in **Hyderabad** in **2023**. Across these meetings, the recurring questions have concerned responsible decision-making, educational relevance and the relationship between institutions and society.

His academic service includes advisory roles on the editorial boards of **The Silk Line**, **Brahma Chakra** and **PJM**. These responsibilities add another dimension to his work by supporting the exchange of ideas through professional publications.

Prof. Mahapatro regards research, writing and dialogue as extensions of an educator's responsibility. They offer ways to share experience, test assumptions and continue learning alongside other professionals.

His commitment to knowledge-sharing is also evident in the three books he has authored: **Entrepreneurship Development**, **Consumer Behaviour** and **Leadership**. Together, they address distinct yet connected dimensions of management: creating ventures, understanding markets and guiding people towards common objectives.

Entrepreneurship Development examines the ideas and skills that support enterprise creation and self-reliance. **Consumer Behaviour** turns attention to customers, purchasing decisions and changing market preferences, while **Leadership** explores the responsibilities involved in motivating teams and managing organisations.

A memorable milestone came in May 2026, when his 300-page textbook **Entrepreneurship Development** was unveiled by Cabinet Minister Sri Suresh Pujari. The occasion recognised years of engagement with a subject he considers particularly important for students and aspiring entrepreneurs.

His work has also received honours from professional and educational bodies. These include the Best Management Educator Award from the World Management Congress in 2009, Outstanding Management Professor recognition from CEGR in New Delhi and a Special Professional Contribution Award from Berhampur University.

Other distinctions have acknowledged his training and social-service contributions, including recognition from the **NSS Bureau** in Bhubaneswar, **Nehru Yuva Kendra** and **NIHRD** in Chennai for human resource planning training.

Although such awards hold personal meaning, he places particular value on the opportunities created through teaching, authorship and mentoring. Books and educational institutions can continue reaching people long after a ceremony has ended.

Prof. Mahapatro's institution-building responsibilities extend well beyond the **Presidency Group**. He has served as President of the Governing Body of the National Institute for Advanced Studies and the College of **Business Administration**, contributing to academic oversight and organisational direction.

He has also held the roles of **Founder President of Model College** for Women and Founder Secretary of **Nrsinghnath College**. These engagements reflect an interest in supporting educational institutions at different stages of development and with different communities in mind.

His involvement in professional associations has included serving as Working President of the South **Orissa Management Association** and **Executive Secretary** of the Management Professionals Association. He has additionally been associated with the Indian Society for Rural Development as its Founding Director.

Taken together, these roles illustrate a belief that good governance requires more than an appointed office. Institutions need dependable structures, active participation and leaders willing to take responsibility for long-term development.

Years of administrative work have reinforced his understanding that progress depends on cooperation between teachers, governing bodies, professional partners and the communities they serve. Where individual efforts can begin a project, sustained collective responsibility is often what allows it to grow. Prof. Mahapatro's leadership across these organisations reflects his continuing interest in creating environments where knowledge and opportunity can be shared across generations.

Another enduring influence on Prof. Mahapatro's life is his connection to **Sri Jagannath culture**. Alongside his academic and service commitments, he has written on Jagannath traditions and remained associated with **Sri Jagannath Ashram** at **Buxipalli, Gopalpur**. His participation in activities related to service, preaching and the promotion of cultural values reflects a personal understanding of compassion, humility and responsibility. These are principles he also considers relevant to education and professional life.

Looking back across more than 35 years, the different parts of his journey appear closely connected. The educator has sought to develop capable students; the founder has worked to create learning opportunities; the researcher and author have contributed to knowledge; and the Rotarian has helped strengthen fellowship and collective service.

He has also seen educational expectations, management practices and communication methods change. His continuing involvement in entrepreneurship education and Rotary initiatives, including video-based communication, illustrates a willingness to adapt while preserving the values that first shaped his career.

Ultimately, his legacy is not defined only by qualifications, publications or recognition. It is also found in the people encouraged to learn, the institutions supported through patient leadership and the opportunities that remain available to others.

For Prof. **Dr. Srinibas Mahapatro**, purposeful leadership is measured by what it enables beyond the leader: stronger institutions, more confident individuals and a culture of knowledge, responsibility and service that can continue into the future.



Beyond the milestones of a career spanning more than thirty-five years, Prof. Mahapatro's work offers a closer look at what it takes to sustain an educational vision. Establishing an institution may begin with an idea, but its continued relevance depends on decisions made year after year, responding to students' needs, strengthening academic practices and keeping learning connected to the world beyond classrooms.

His experience as a teacher, professor, principal and institutional leader has brought him into contact with different generations of learners and professionals. Across these roles, he has emphasised the importance of developing both competence and confidence. Academic knowledge, he believes, becomes most valuable when accompanied by sound judgement, clear communication and responsibility towards others.

This perspective also explains his continuing interest in entrepreneurship development. Encouraging students to consider enterprise creation and self-employment is part of preparing them to recognise opportunities, exercise initiative and develop independent thinking.

His books on entrepreneurship, consumer behaviour and leadership extend that educational purpose beyond a single institution. Each explores a different dimension of professional life, while collectively encouraging readers to understand business, people and organisational responsibilities.

For Prof. Mahapatro, the true strength of education lies in its ability to prepare individuals for changing circumstances without compromising the values that guide their decisions.

A similar philosophy can be seen in **Prof. Mahapatro's** longstanding association with Rotary International. His responsibilities across clubs, committees and district programmes have allowed him to apply professional experience to leadership development, communication and collective service.

His introduction of a video edition of the Governor's Monthly Letter illustrates an understanding that organisations must adapt their methods to engage changing audiences. While communication formats evolve, their underlying purpose remains the same: connecting people, recognising contributions and encouraging meaningful participation.

His involvement in educational governance, professional associations and **Sri Jagannath** cultural activities adds further depth to this outlook. Across academic, voluntary and cultural spaces, he has consistently valued discipline, cooperation, ethical conduct and responsibility. For younger professionals, his journey offers a perspective on success that extends beyond qualifications and designations. Education can open opportunities, but continuous learning, adaptability and a willingness to serve others help determine the value of those opportunities.

His professional life demonstrates how knowledge can find expression in many forms, through institutions established, books written, students guided and organisations supported.

As he continues his journey, the significance of his contributions rests not only in what he has achieved personally, but also in the opportunities his work has helped create for others.

Prof. Dr. Srinibas Mahapatro's enduring legacy is a reminder that the greatest contribution of leadership is not simply achieving success, but enabling others to learn, grow and build a meaningful future.



Mr. Arya Kakollu
FOUNDER & CEO

EARTH LEAVES

One of the hardest parts of replacing plastic is creating an alternative that people can use just as easily. A bottle must be sturdy, convenient to handle and suitable for the product it holds. That everyday challenge lies at the centre of Earth Leaves, a Hyderabad-based venture developing biodegradable bottles from moulded paper pulp.

Registered as **ARK LEAFORA EARTH LEAVES INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED**, the company approaches sustainable packaging as an engineering challenge rather than simply a design trend. Its work involves developing materials, manufacturing methods and internal barrier technology that could make paper-based bottles suitable for liquid products.

Founder and CEO Arya Kakollu, an aeronautical engineer, leads the venture alongside Sravan Kumar Siluveru, who oversees finance and business development, and COO Sudharshan Reddy Gundra, who manages operations and strategy. Their different professional backgrounds bring technical understanding, financial planning and practical execution into one shared vision.

Earth Leaves is developing bottles in 350 ml, 500 ml and 1 litre formats, with the flexibility to adapt designs for specific commercial requirements.

Yet creating a promising prototype is only the beginning. For a sustainable alternative to become practical, it must also perform reliably during manufacturing, storage and transportation.

The founders' larger ambition is to develop this capability in India and eventually introduce their packaging solutions to international markets.



Mr. Sravan Kumar Siluveru
BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT & CFO



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EARTH LEAVES

Turning a concept into a production-ready bottle requires careful attention to materials and manufacturing. Earth Leaves is working on pulp formulations, moulding techniques, structural strength and internal barriers intended to support liquid packaging.

Each stage presents challenges. The bottles must retain their shape, withstand handling and meet the practical expectations of manufacturers and consumers.

The company is planning a manufacturing facility with a target capacity of approximately 60,000 to 1,00,000 bottles per day once fully operational.

Achieving that scale will require suitable machinery, consistent raw materials, testing procedures and dependable quality systems. Arya's engineering background guides the technical vision, while Sravan's financial expertise supports business development. Sudharshan brings operational experience from his earlier work in civil contracting.

Together, the three are working towards transforming a sustainable packaging idea into a commercially practical manufacturing venture.

EARTH LEAVES

SUSTAINABLE PACKAGING & MATERIAL INNOVATION

Paper-Pulp Bottles | Sustainable Manufacturing
| Made in India

For Earth Leaves, building a product in India is an important part of its identity. The leadership team wants to develop technology and manufacturing capabilities that can serve both domestic and international markets.

Its long-term vision includes establishing a market presence across 42 countries, followed by the ambition of expanding manufacturing operations internationally.

The journey, however, remains focused on the essential groundwork: product development, testing, production planning and understanding what businesses need from packaging alternatives.

What makes the Earth Leaves story interesting is its practical approach to an environmental challenge. The founders recognise that a sustainable product must also be reliable, accessible and commercially viable.

Their venture is still developing, but its direction is clear. Rather than treating sustainability as a marketing statement, Earth Leaves is attempting to make it part of everyday manufacturing. If the company succeeds in moving from development to large-scale production, its work could contribute to a wider shift towards responsibly designed packaging.

For Earth Leaves, that journey begins with a simple ambition: creating better packaging solutions in India, with the potential to reach the world.

DR. KUMAR VASIST

Some careers begin with a clear destination. Others take shape through years of unexpected turns, personal challenges and a growing sense of purpose. For Bengaluru-based astrologer Dr. Kumar Vasist, the journey into ancient Indian sciences was shaped by all three.

Known for his work in astrology, palmistry, Vastu Shastra and Vedic studies, Dr. Vasist has devoted 36 years to learning and practising traditional disciplines. Yet his professional life did not begin in this field.

After completing his Bachelor of Commerce and pursuing studies in Company Secretaryship, he followed a conventional career path. He worked as a Sales Manager in a multinational company for two years and later served as a Development Officer with the Life Insurance Corporation of India from 1993 until November 1995.

Alongside these responsibilities, another interest was steadily developing. In 1990, he contributed as an assistant writer to a Kannada book on Vastu Shastra. He began studying astrology in 1992, followed by palmistry and Vedic learning in 1993 and gemology in 1994.

Life became particularly difficult after his marriage in 1996, when he faced financial challenges that continued until January 1997. It was a period that tested his patience and determination.

Rather than abandoning his interests, he continued studying subjects that had gradually become central to his life. Those years of uncertainty formed an important chapter in a journey that would eventually take him from corporate employment to a career devoted to traditional knowledge.





DR. KUMAR VASIST

ASTROLOGER, PALMIST & VASTU CONSULTANT

Vedic Sciences | Numerology | Gemology |
Spiritual Guidance

Over the years, Dr. Vasist's studies expanded beyond astrology and palmistry into several branches of ancient Indian knowledge. In 2000, he explored Agama Shastra and undertook the study of Tantra Shastra in Kerala.

His areas of learning include Rigveda, Yajurveda, Atharva Veda, Shaiva Agama, Vaishnava Agama and Shilpashastra. He has also pursued numerology, Nadi astrology, gemology, face reading, graphology, signature analysis and Ashta Mangala Prashna.

What distinguishes his professional interests is their remarkable breadth. Rather than limiting himself to one discipline, he continued exploring subjects connected through traditional literature, philosophy, rituals and methods of interpretation.

His curiosity also extends to Indian languages and historical scripts. His profile describes familiarity with Kannada, English, Tamil, Malayalam, Gujarati, Bengali, Marathi, Hindi, Sanskrit, Prakrit and Pali, along with traditional scripts including Brahmi and Nandi Nagari.

Such interests reflect the importance he places on studying knowledge in its traditional forms. For Dr. Vasist, learning has remained an ongoing process, one that has continued alongside his professional responsibilities and public recognition.

According to his professional account, Dr. Vasist has completed more than one lakh consultations for individuals in India and abroad. His work involves traditional astrological interpretation, palmistry, Vastu consultation and spiritual guidance for people seeking direction during significant moments in their lives. Alongside individual consultations, he has maintained a strong association with religious and ceremonial traditions.

He reports having performed 359 Naga Prathishtaapana ceremonies and 16 Devaalaya Prathishtaapana, or temple consecrations, under his Acharyatva.

These responsibilities form an important part of his engagement with the Vedic and Agama traditions he has studied for decades.

His professional practice has also brought together several areas of expertise. In addition to being an astrologer and palmist, he identifies himself as a Vastu consultant, gemologist, Nadi reader, numerologist and Purohit.

From his early contribution to a Kannada publication in 1990 to decades of consultations and ceremonial work, his journey reflects a sustained involvement with India's traditional sciences.

For him, the significance of this path lies not only in professional recognition, but also in the opportunity to continue engaging with knowledge that has been preserved and passed down through generations.



Doing Palm Reading with Foreign Clients

Recognition has become a prominent part of Dr. Kumar Vasist's professional journey. According to his latest submitted record, he has received 2,260 awards across various fields associated with astrology and traditional sciences.

His profile also reports recognition in **480** books of world records and a total of 482 world-record achievements. He identifies himself as a Guinness World Records and Limca Book of Records holder. Among the additional honours listed in his professional record are 17 honorary doctorates across different fields of astrology and related disciplines, 24 government awards, two gold medals, two silver medals and an AIFA Award.

He also reports receiving Golden Crown achievements in 2015 and 2016.

His recognition includes Man of the Year honours for 2017, 2018, 2025 and 2026, along with the title Man of the Century in 2026.

These distinctions represent an extensive record of recognition in his chosen field. However, his professional story reaches much further back than the years in which those honours were received.

Behind the awards are decades of study, changes in career direction and the personal difficulties he encountered while establishing himself in traditional practices.

The year 2026 has been particularly significant in Dr. Vasist's record of achievements.

According to the monthly figures he provided, he received 74 awards in January and 79 in February. March brought 161 recognitions, followed by 136 in April and 220 in May.

The sequence continued with 118 awards in June, 158 in July and 231 in August. September recorded the highest monthly figure, with 379 awards, while October accounted for another 201 at the time of reporting.

Together, these figures represent 1,757 reported awards between January and October 2026.

Dr. Vasist describes this monthly progression through an interesting comparison with cricket scores: two half-centuries, four centuries, three double centuries and one triple century.

It is an unusual way of looking at professional milestones, but one that captures the scale of recognition he reports receiving throughout the year. Even so, the numbers are only one part of his larger story. The years spent learning ancient texts, exploring different disciplines and developing his professional practice remain equally important.

His journey demonstrates how a long-standing personal interest can gradually develop into a recognised professional identity through persistence, study and continued involvement.



Beyond consultations, ceremonial responsibilities and recognition, Dr. Vasist has also contributed to written discussions on astrology and traditional Indian knowledge.

His involvement in publishing began with his contribution to a Kannada book on Vastu Shastra in 1990. Since then, he has written articles on astrology for various books, magazines and journals, sharing perspectives developed through years of learning and practice.

His interest in ancient languages, scripts and different branches of Vedic knowledge adds another dimension to his work.

From studying the Vedas and Agama Shastra to exploring palmistry, numerology and traditional systems of interpretation, his professional interests reflect a continuing curiosity about India's intellectual and spiritual heritage.

The contrast between his early career and his present work is particularly striking.

A commerce graduate who once worked in multinational sales and insurance eventually chose a path centred on subjects he had been studying alongside his professional responsibilities.

The financial difficulties he experienced during 1996 and early 1997 remain part of that story. His later achievements cannot erase those experiences, but they offer a broader perspective on how his life and career developed over time.

Awards may celebrate a lifetime of achievements, but it is the years of struggle, unwavering faith, and endless pursuit of knowledge that truly define an extraordinary journey.

Today, Dr. Kumar Vasist continues his association with astrology, palmistry, Vastu Shastra and related traditional disciplines from Bengaluru, Karnataka. His professional account brings together 36 years of dedication, more than one lakh consultations, extensive ceremonial contributions and a substantial record of awards and honorary recognitions.

Yet the most compelling part of his journey may be the willingness to remain a learner throughout those years.

From his early interest in Vastu Shastra to the study of astrology, Vedic literature, Agama and Tantra traditions, each stage opened the door to another area of knowledge.

His life has moved through different responsibilities, financial uncertainties and changing professional directions. What remained consistent was his determination to continue exploring the subjects that interested him.

For Dr. Vasist, ancient Indian sciences have become more than an occupation. They represent a lifelong pursuit shaped by personal experience, years of study and continued engagement with traditional practices. His story offers a reminder that success is rarely built through recognition alone. Often, it is the quieter years of patience, curiosity and perseverance that provide the foundation for everything that follows.

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DR. ASIF HOSSAIN

Every doctor remembers the beginning of their professional journey, when years of medical education gradually become a responsibility towards real people and their lives. For Dr. Asif Hossain, a General Surgeon, Assistant Professor and Visiting Surgeon from Kolkata, that journey began with a determination to build a career centred on patient care, continuous learning and service to society.

His medical journey took shape through years of academic dedication. After completing his MBBS in 2006, he pursued postgraduate specialisation and earned his MS in General Surgery in 2011. These years of training prepared him for a profession where knowledge, precision and sound judgement are equally important.

A significant milestone came on 11 July 2011, when he began his first outpatient department practice at Paharpur Nursing Home in Kolkata. It marked the beginning of his independent professional responsibilities and brought him closer to the everyday realities of patient care.

For a young surgeon, treating patients involves much more than understanding medical conditions. It also requires listening carefully, explaining treatment options and recognising the concerns of families who place their trust in a doctor's decisions.

Over the years, Dr. Hossain continued developing his surgical knowledge while gaining practical experience in clinical care. His professional journey gradually expanded beyond general surgery to include advanced training in minimally invasive surgical techniques.

Today, his career brings together three important responsibilities: treating patients, sharing medical knowledge with future doctors and participating in healthcare initiatives that extend beyond the hospital.



DR. ASIF HOSSAIN

GENERAL & LAPAROSCOPIC SURGEON

Assistant Professor | Visiting Surgeon | FMAS |
FIAGES

Growing Through Surgical Experience

Surgery is a field where learning never truly comes to an end. New techniques, medical research and technological developments continually change how procedures are performed, making ongoing education an essential part of a surgeon's professional life.

Recognising the importance of these developments, Dr. Hossain pursued further surgical training after completing his postgraduate degree.

In 2015, he earned the Fellowship in Minimal Access Surgery (FMAS), strengthening his knowledge of laparoscopic procedures. Two years later, in 2017, he completed the Fellowship of the Indian Association of Gastrointestinal Endo Surgeons (FIAGES), further expanding his training in gastrointestinal and minimally invasive surgery.

These qualifications marked important stages in his professional development and reflected his commitment to improving his surgical capabilities.

Unlike traditional open surgery, laparoscopic techniques allow certain procedures to be performed through smaller incisions using specialised instruments and camera guidance. For appropriately selected patients, these approaches can offer advantages in postoperative recovery.

However, successful surgical care also depends on careful diagnosis, appropriate treatment selection and an understanding of each patient's individual circumstances.

Through his work as a General Surgeon and Visiting Surgeon, Dr. Hossain continues to apply his medical training while recognising the importance of responsible decision-making and compassionate communication.

Beyond the Hospital Walls

An important part of Dr. Hossain's professional journey has been his involvement in medical camps, patient-support activities and community healthcare initiatives.

Such efforts create opportunities for people to receive medical guidance and become more aware of health concerns that might otherwise remain unattended.

His association with community healthcare reflects an understanding that medical responsibility extends beyond consultations and surgical procedures. Awareness, timely guidance and access to professional advice are also important aspects of patient well-being. Alongside his clinical responsibilities, Dr. Hossain serves as an Assistant Professor, contributing to the education and development of future medical professionals.

Teaching allows him to share practical knowledge gained through years of medical practice while encouraging younger doctors to approach their responsibilities with discipline, patience and care.

His roles as a surgeon and educator complement each other. While clinical practice brings direct experience of patient needs, teaching encourages reflection, discussion and the continued development of medical knowledge.

Looking back at his journey, from completing his MBBS in 2006 to establishing his surgical practice in 2011 and pursuing specialised fellowships, each stage has contributed to his professional growth.

What makes his story meaningful is the balance between technical learning and human responsibility.

Through surgery, medical education and community service, Dr. Asif Hossain continues a professional journey shaped by dedication, perseverance and a commitment to patient care.

His story reminds us that the value of a medical career is found not only in the qualifications earned, but also in the responsibility carried and the lives touched along the way.



ROHIT AGARWAL

Banking and creative writing may seem like two entirely different worlds. One requires structure, financial understanding and careful decision-making, while the other depends on imagination and storytelling. For Rohit Agarwal, both have become meaningful parts of his life.

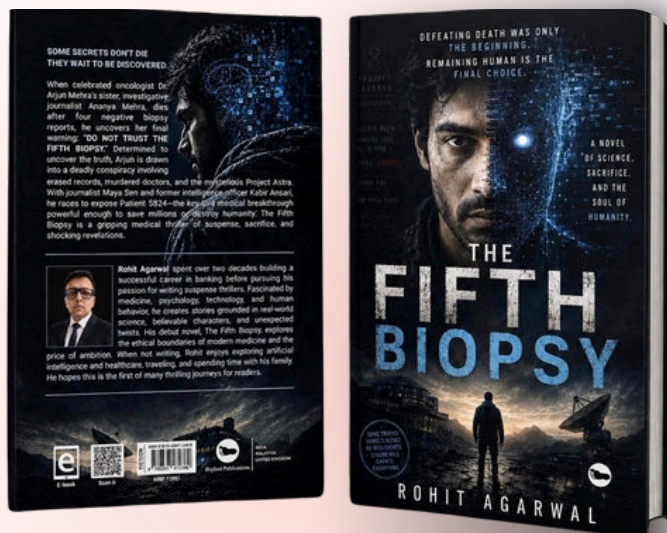
With more than two decades of experience in banking and financial services, Rohit has built a career through various leadership responsibilities. Today, he serves as Area Head – Branch Banking at Kotak Mahindra Bank, while also pursuing his interest in fiction writing.

His professional journey began in September 2004 at ICICI Bank, where he worked as a Branch Manager. Those early years introduced him to customer relationships, branch operations and the everyday responsibilities of managing financial services.

In 2009, he joined Kotak Mahindra Bank as Branch Head and Associate Vice President. Over the following years, he progressed into larger responsibilities, becoming Vice President in 2021 and later taking on regional sales leadership as Senior Vice President in 2025.

In August 2026, he assumed his current position as Area Head – Branch Banking. Alongside his professional experience, Rohit pursued education in business administration, international business and finance at the Institute of Management Studies, Ghaziabad. He also undertook executive education at IIM Calcutta in 2024.

His journey reflects a gradual progression built through experience, changing responsibilities and a willingness to continue learning.



ROHIT AGARWAL

BANKING LEADER & AUTHOR

Area Head – Branch Banking, Kotak Mahindra Bank | Author of The Fifth Biopsy

Over the years, Rohit's responsibilities in banking have extended far beyond managing individual branches.

His experience includes business development, customer acquisition, deposit mobilisation, investment products, relationship management and regional sales performance.

Moving from branch-level responsibilities to senior leadership required him to develop a broader understanding of business operations and the people who contribute to their success.

Managing teams, maintaining service standards and meeting organisational goals became important parts of his professional development.

His career progression also brought experience in branch profitability, employee productivity and operational processes.

These responsibilities demanded consistency, adaptability and the ability to make decisions in changing business environments.

For Rohit, professional growth has been closely connected with continuous learning. His education and long banking career reflect an interest in developing new skills while strengthening existing knowledge.

Yet beyond the structured responsibilities of banking, another interest was quietly taking shape. His curiosity about mysteries, human behaviour, scientific discoveries and unexpected events eventually encouraged him to explore creative writing.

What began as a personal interest gradually developed into a literary pursuit, bringing a completely different dimension to his professional identity.

Rohit's interest in storytelling eventually resulted in his debut thriller novel, *The Fifth Biopsy*.

The book brings together mystery, science, suspense and human drama, exploring how ambition, discoveries and individual decisions can influence the course of events.

Writing a novel while managing a demanding banking career required considerable patience.

Unlike the structured targets and responsibilities of financial services, fiction writing involved developing characters, connecting different parts of a story and repeatedly refining the manuscript. Although the two fields appear different, Rohit discovered something common between them: the importance of discipline and persistence.

His experience demonstrates that professional responsibilities do not necessarily have to limit personal interests.

Even after building a long career in banking, he remained willing to explore a creative ambition and develop it into a published work.

He encourages young professionals to continue learning, maintain humility and build meaningful relationships while pursuing their goals.

His personal philosophy reflects this outlook: "Dream big, but stay rooted in your values and humble throughout the journey."

Today, Rohit Agarwal continues to balance his responsibilities in banking with his interest in literature.

His journey offers a reminder that a successful professional life need not follow only one direction. Sometimes, the most fulfilling achievements emerge when people allow their curiosity to grow alongside their careers.



DR. GAURAV SAGAR BHASKAR

An educational institution, a community radio station, journalism, a charitable foundation and a hospitality venture may seem like unrelated pursuits. For **Dr. Gaurav Sagar Bhaskar**, they are connected by a belief that meaningful leadership begins with responsibility towards people.

Based in **Ferozepur, Punjab**, Dr. Bhaskar is an educationist, entrepreneur, journalist and social reformer. As Chairman of **Vivekananda World School**, he sees education as a means of developing confidence, curiosity and character, not simply preparing students for examinations.

Under his leadership, the institution encourages academic learning alongside sports, technology, scientific thinking and personal development. His aim is to prepare young people to adapt to a changing world while remaining mindful of the values that shape their communities.

That commitment extends to **VWS Radio**, the community radio station associated with Vivekananda World School. A distinctive initiative in Ferozepur district, it offers space for educational discussions, cultural expression and local voices. By taking learning beyond the classroom, the station brings the institution closer to the people it serves.

Communication has also been part of his professional life through journalism. Dr. Bhaskar has been associated with Hindustan Times as a correspondent for the past 25 years, an experience that has strengthened his interest in public affairs and community concerns.



DR. GAURAV SAGAR BHASKAR

EDUCATIONIST & SOCIAL REFORMER

Chairman, Vivekananda World School |
Journalist | Entrepreneur

His concern for community welfare takes another form through the **Mohan Lal Bhaskar Foundation**, where he serves as General Secretary. The foundation seeks to raise awareness about the dignity of senior citizens and encourage families and communities to treat older generations with care and respect.

The organisation's work includes **medical camps, blood donation drives** and other **outreach activities**. For Dr. Bhaskar, these efforts are not separate from education: both involve recognising needs and responding with practical support. Through these initiatives, he hopes to encourage younger generations to listen more carefully to their elders, recognise their contributions and make respect a meaningful and visible part of everyday family life.

Cultural engagement has a place in this work too. The foundation organises the All India Mushaira in memory of his late father, **Shri Mohan Lal Bhaskar**. The gathering brings poets and audiences together, preserving a literary tradition while creating opportunities for dialogue across generations.

His respect for elders also shapes his maiden book, *Sarmaya – हमारे बुजुर्ग*. Through reflections on family, memories, sacrifice and wisdom, the book invites readers to recognise the emotional wealth older generations bring into their lives.

Its message is simple: affection and attention matter most when they are offered in the present, not remembered too late.

Writing *Sarmaya* gave Dr. Bhaskar another way to address a concern that runs through his social work: the need to preserve relationships even as modern life changes how families live and communicate.

He hopes the book encourages readers to listen more closely to the people whose experiences helped shape their lives.

His entrepreneurial interests also extend into **hospitality**. As one of the Managing Directors of **Barbados – A Resort** in Ferozepur, he has contributed to a business focused on guest experience, quality cuisine and welcoming spaces for gatherings and celebrations.

Although hospitality differs from education or community service, Dr. Bhaskar approaches it with the same attention to people.

His work across these fields reflects a belief that every organisation, whether educational, charitable or commercial, has the ability to strengthen the community through thoughtful decisions and genuine human connection.

Whether guiding students, supporting local voices, advocating respect for elders or welcoming guests, he believes the **lasting value** of an institution lies in how it treats those it serves.

Across these responsibilities, his journey remains grounded in a practical idea: progress should create opportunities for younger generations without overlooking the wisdom and dignity of older ones.

For Dr. Gaurav Sagar Bhaskar, that balance continues to give his work its purpose.



DR. PARTHA NARAYAN JOARDAR

Healthcare has changed considerably over the past three decades, but one question continues to shape its future: how can traditional knowledge and modern medical science work together for better health? For **Dr. Partha Narayan Joardar**, this question has become an important part of a professional journey spanning more than 35 years across the pharmaceutical, healthcare and Ayurveda sectors.

Beginning his career in healthcare sales at a junior level, Dr. Joardar gradually progressed into senior leadership positions through years of experience in sales, marketing and business development. His professional responsibilities eventually included serving as Vice President in Healthcare Sales and Marketing. Working across both Allopathy and Ayurveda gave him an opportunity to understand the strengths, challenges and changing expectations surrounding different healthcare approaches.

Today, he serves as **Chief Manager Marketing** at **Arya Vaidya Sala Kottakkal**, Kerala, an institution with a history extending beyond a century in traditional Ayurvedic healthcare. His association with the organisation reflects his longstanding interest in promoting Ayurveda while recognising the importance of modern medicine.

With academic exposure to **IIM Calcutta** and **XLRI Jamshedpur**, he has combined management knowledge with practical industry experience. Over the years, his work has increasingly focused on healthcare awareness, responsible wellness practices and the growing relevance of India's traditional systems of medicine.

For Dr. Joardar, the future of healthcare is not about choosing between two systems. It is about understanding where each can contribute and encouraging a more informed approach to long-term well-being.



DR. PARTHA NARAYAN JOARDAR

HEALTHCARE SALES & MARKETING LEADER

Ayurveda | Healthcare Strategy | Integrative
Wellness

Having worked closely with the pharmaceutical and **Ayurveda industries**, **Dr. Joardar** has witnessed a noticeable change in public attitudes towards preventive healthcare. He believes the years following the **COVID-19** pandemic encouraged more people to think about immunity, daily routines, nutrition, stress and overall well-being.

His perspective places particular importance on integrating traditional wellness practices with contemporary healthcare. While recognising modern medicine as essential for emergency treatment, surgery and acute conditions, he advocates exploring Ayurveda's role in lifestyle management and long-term wellness under appropriate professional guidance.

Panchakarma, a classical Ayurvedic system involving five traditional therapeutic procedures, is another area of his interest. He emphasises that such treatments require individual assessment by qualified Ayurvedic practitioners rather than being approached as ordinary spa or relaxation services. He also considers meditation, yoga and mindful living important elements of a balanced lifestyle. In his view, emotional well-being and physical health deserve attention together, particularly in a world where professional pressures and daily stress have become common experiences.

Through these interests, Dr. Joardar continues to encourage conversations about responsible Ayurvedic practices, public awareness and the possibilities of cooperation between traditional healthcare knowledge and modern medical approaches.

Dr. Joardar's professional engagement has also taken him beyond India. He represented Indian traditional medicine at the India-Korea Meeting on Traditional Medicine, held in connection with the Yeongdeok International Wellness Festa. The event provided an opportunity for exchanging perspectives on established traditional healthcare systems and their place in contemporary wellness.

His contributions to healthcare and Ayurveda have received recognition from various organisations. Among the honours reported in his professional profile are the **Maha AYUSH Purashkar**, **AYUSH Gaurav Sammaan**, **Ayurveda Bhushan Award**, **Banga Gaurav Sammaan** and **Bharat Gaurav Ratna Shri Sammaan**. He has also received an honorary doctorate in healthcare and has been featured in several business and lifestyle publications.

Beyond professional recognition, he maintains an interest in promoting authentic Ayurveda education, quality standards and greater awareness of traditional wellness practices. He believes that trust, responsible communication and proper guidance are essential for the sustainable development of the sector.

His journey, from an early career in pharmaceutical sales to a senior position at a respected Ayurvedic institution, reflects decades of learning, adaptability and professional commitment.

For **Dr. Partha Narayan Joardar**, meaningful progress in healthcare lies not in replacing established medical systems, but in encouraging thoughtful dialogue, responsible practice and a wider understanding of human well-being.



DR. ISHA KAUR

Life rarely follows the path we first imagine for ourselves. Sometimes, the experiences that seem unrelated eventually come together to reveal a deeper purpose. For Dr. Isha Kaur, founder of Sacred Spreads by Isha, this has been the story of her life. From fashion designing and professional baking to tarot, Reiki and spiritual mentoring, her journey reflects the courage to explore new possibilities and begin again.

Her professional life began in the creative world. After studying fashion design at NIFT Delhi, she established herself as a bridal trousseau designer in Mumbai. Her work demanded patience, attention to detail and an understanding of individual preferences. When motherhood brought new responsibilities, she decided to step away from fashion, but her interest in creating something meaningful remained.

She found another opportunity in professional baking. Over the next ten years, she developed her skills in sugarcraft and earned recognition among the top 25 home bakers in Delhi NCR. Her creations were featured in sugarcraft publications in India and abroad. What began as another creative pursuit became a successful chapter in its own right.

Yet spirituality had always held a special place in her interests. Over time, that curiosity developed into a serious pursuit of learning and practice. She studied Tarot Science, earning a PhD gold medal, and pursued master's qualifications in Vastu and Numerology. She also attained Grand Master level in Reiki healing.

These experiences eventually led to the creation of Sacred Spreads by Isha, a platform through which she now shares her knowledge of spiritual practices, personal reflection and self-discovery.



DR. ISHA KAURR

TAROT & SPIRITUAL WELLNESS EXPERT
Founder, Sacred Spreads by Isha | Reiki Grand Master | Life Coach

For Dr. Kaurr, tarot and Reiki serve different yet connected purposes. She describes her approach through a simple personal philosophy: “Tarot gives me answers” and Reiki lets me heal.

Her practice includes seven-chakra balancing, meditation, crystal healing, numerology, Vastu, angel blessings, Vedic switch words and Lal Kitab remedies. As a life coach and mentor, she works with people seeking clarity during difficult personal transitions, encouraging them to reflect on their emotions, relationships and recurring patterns.

Her professional associations have included AstroSage and Astrotalk. She has also participated in astrology and occult science events as a guest of honour, keynote speaker and panellist. Publications including She Inspire and Personalities of India have featured her journey.

Another distinctive part of her work is her collection of handcrafted spiritual oils. Prepared over approximately 20 to 21 days, these formulations combine essential oils, crystals, dried botanicals, chanting and Reiki practices.

Her offerings include Rise and Shine, associated with prosperity intentions; Calm Within Potion, created around relaxation; Love Magnet, focused on self-love; and Aura Protector, intended for spiritual protection. Each product reflects her belief in intention, mindfulness and the personal meaning people attach to their daily rituals.

Dr. Kaurr has also expressed her experiences and understanding of personal transformation through her book, *The Soul in Motion*, available on Amazon and Flipkart.

Rather than presenting itself as a conventional guide to tarot card interpretations, the book explores self-worth, emotional experiences, the subconscious mind and the changes people undergo throughout life. Its central message is that self-understanding often begins when individuals recognise the strength and awareness already within them.

Her podcast provides another space for sharing ideas, conversations and reflections on life's experiences. Together with her mentoring sessions, spiritual products and writing, it has become part of the growing work she continues to develop through Sacred Spreads by Isha.

Looking back at her journey, what stands out is not simply the variety of professions she has explored, but her willingness to adapt whenever life presented a different direction.

Fashion taught her creativity and precision. Baking required patience and persistence. Her spiritual studies introduced another way of understanding personal experiences and connecting with others.

Today, Dr. Isha Kaurr continues to bring these different chapters together through her work. Her story offers a thoughtful reminder that changing direction does not necessarily mean starting from nothing. Sometimes, the experiences gathered along the way become the very foundation of what comes next.

MARGO DIGITECH

Building a successful brand today involves much more than creating advertisements or maintaining a social media presence. People discover businesses through search engines, videos, online platforms and, increasingly, artificial intelligence. For companies trying to reach the right audience, keeping pace with these changes can be a challenge.

Margo Digitech, a New Delhi-based marketing and technology consultancy founded by Kshitij Goel and Nandini Marwah, was established to address this changing business environment. Their idea was straightforward: creativity, marketing and technology should work together rather than function as separate departments.

Today, the company works with businesses across India, North America and the Middle East, offering services that connect brand communication with modern technology. Its work spans search engine optimization, generative engine optimization, website and application development, video production, content creation and multilingual localization. As artificial intelligence continues to influence how people search for information, Margo Digitech is also helping businesses rethink their digital visibility. The focus is on creating content and experiences that remain relevant across both conventional search engines and emerging AI platforms.

The company's portfolio includes associations with brands such as PolicyBazaar, Tata Capital, Swiggy, CultFit, ClickUp and Mercer. Working across different industries has helped the team understand that every business requires its own approach to communication, technology and growth.

Behind Margo Digitech is a partnership built on shared ambitions and entrepreneurial experience. Both founders attended Delhi Public School, Dwarka, long before their professional journeys brought them together to build businesses.





Kshitij Goel, an IIT Delhi graduate, brings more than seven years of entrepreneurial experience. Before establishing Margo Digitech, he co-founded **TechCurators** and **TransCurators**, ventures that collectively grew to a workforce of more than 500 people.

Those experiences gave him firsthand knowledge of building teams, understanding client requirements and managing growing businesses.

Nandini Marwah, a Delhi University graduate, brings six years of entrepreneurial experience and a professional background with **Big Four firms**. Having previously co-founded TransCurators alongside Kshitij, she developed a strong understanding of client relationships, business operations and the importance of consistent execution.

Their complementary experiences have shaped Margo Digitech's approach.

“We started Margo Digitech with a simple belief that marketing and technology should not operate in silos,” says Kshitij.

That philosophy can be seen in the company's services, where creative storytelling is supported by digital development, technology integration and data-informed strategies.

For Nandini, understanding a brand's audience is equally important. She believes every business has a story worth telling, but communicating it effectively requires the right language, platform and approach. Together, the founders are working to build a consultancy that combines practical business understanding with the flexibility to adapt to an evolving digital world.

MARGO DIGITECH

MARKETING & TECHNOLOGY CONSULTANCY

Founded by Kshitij Goel & Nandini Marwah

Beyond marketing and technology, Kshitij and Nandini have also expanded their entrepreneurial interests into education through Margo Learning, a venture focused on creating learning content for academic institutions, businesses and training organisations.

With a network of more than 25,000 subject matter experts and over 500 completed projects, Margo Learning develops curriculum materials, digital courses, assessments, educational animations and localized learning solutions.

Its client portfolio includes organisations such as **upGrad**, **Simplilearn**, **Unacademy**, **Vedantu** and **McGraw Hill**.

Margo Digitech's founders, Kshitij Goel and Nandini Marwah, received the Iconic Business Award, organised by **SRC Entertainments** and presented by **Gaurav Khanna**.

Nandini Marwah was also honoured by **Diva Planet Magazine** as part of the **Top 50 Remarkable Women Awards 2026** (Season 4), receiving **Top Founder Award** recognition for Margo Digitech as Leading Digital Marketing Agency of the Year.

Yet the company's ambitions extend beyond awards and business milestones. Kshitij and Nandini continue to focus on building dependable client relationships, improving the quality of their work and developing solutions that address genuine business needs.

Their journey demonstrates how different professional experiences can come together to create something meaningful. Kshitij's experience in scaling ventures and Nandini's understanding of operations and client relationships have provided a foundation for their shared enterprise.

As technology continues to change how brands communicate, Margo Digitech aims to remain a partner for businesses navigating that transformation. At its heart, the story of Margo Digitech is about two entrepreneurs who believe creativity and technology can achieve more when they work together, guided by a clear understanding of people, businesses and their changing needs.



DR. SUNIL THAMAN

Some professionals build their careers within one industry, while others discover their strengths through different experiences. Dr. Sunil Thaman belongs to the latter group. His journey from industrial manufacturing to international quality auditing, consulting and training reflects more than three decades of learning, adaptation and professional commitment.

Today, as Chief Learning and Development Officer at SANTULIT, Dr. Thaman works in a field where organisations must continuously improve their processes, strengthen their people and maintain dependable standards. His understanding of quality, however, began long before he entered the world of management systems auditing.

His career started at Delta Hamlin Limited, where he worked as a Senior Technical Executive in the manufacturing of mercury-wetted switches and relays used in radar applications. He later joined MIT-India, gaining experience in specialised glass-bonding technology used to manufacture magnetic recording heads for floppy disk drives.

One of his significant early assignments involved transferring a floppy disk manufacturing plant from West Germany to Rajasthan. The project subsequently supplied one million floppy disks to Electronorgtechnika in the former Soviet Union through ET&T. He also participated in transferring technology from Japan's TEAC Corporation to Hyderabad for manufacturing 3.5-inch micro-floppy disks.

These experiences introduced him to the practical challenges of industrial operations, where technical precision, teamwork and well-managed processes determine outcomes.

After nearly eighteen years in manufacturing and industrial quality, Dr. Thaman gradually moved towards management systems auditing, carrying with him an understanding that quality begins with the people and processes behind every organisation.



DR. SUNIL THAMAN

QUALITY MANAGEMENT & LEARNING DEVELOPMENT EXPERT

Chief Learning and Development Officer,
SANTULIT

From Manufacturing to Global Quality Leadership

Dr. Thaman's transition into management systems auditing opened a new chapter in his professional life. His experience on the manufacturing floor gave him a practical perspective on organisational processes, allowing him to look beyond documentation and understand how systems function in everyday operations.

Over the years, his auditing assignments have taken him across 28 countries and more than 8,000 organisations, ranging from smaller businesses to multinational enterprises.

He is an internationally accredited Management Systems Lead Auditor and an IRCA-approved Lead Trainer, with expertise covering quality management, environmental management, information security and occupational health and safety.

Among his notable assignments was a Total Quality Management System project for Tamkeen in Bahrain during 2017–2018. The organisation employed more than 1,100 people across 12 departments, requiring careful coordination and a structured approach to implementation.

Under his project management, the system was completed ahead of schedule, and Tamkeen achieved ISO 9001 certification with zero non-conformities.

For Dr. Thaman, such assignments have reinforced the importance of employee involvement, leadership commitment and continuous improvement.

His professional associations also include life membership of the Quality Council of India and membership of the American Society for Quality in the United States.

Continuing to Learn, Continuing to Contribute

Despite decades of experience, Dr. Thaman has continued expanding his professional knowledge as industries and management standards evolve.

He is a certified Lead Auditor for Artificial Intelligence Management Systems under ISO 42001, reflecting his engagement with emerging approaches to technology governance.

He is also a certified ZED Assessor under the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Government of India. The Zero Defect Zero Effect initiative encourages manufacturing enterprises to strengthen quality practices while giving greater attention to environmental responsibility.

His professional journey has received several recognitions, including Notable Personalities of India in 2024, Top Icon of the Year in 2025 and the National Quality Award at the World Achievers Awards in February 2026.

Yet his career cannot be understood through certifications and awards alone.

From handling specialised manufacturing technology to guiding organisations through complex management systems, each stage has contributed to his understanding of how businesses operate and improve.

At SANTULIT, his present responsibilities bring together that experience with a continuing interest in professional learning and development.

Looking back, what makes Dr. Sunil Thaman's journey distinctive is his willingness to evolve with changing industries without losing sight of the fundamentals.

His story reminds us that quality is not simply a certificate or a requirement to be fulfilled. It is an ongoing responsibility, shaped by knowledge, discipline and the determination to make things better. For Dr. Thaman, that commitment remains central to a career built on learning, experience and meaningful professional contribution.



VIKRAM SENGAR

Not every entrepreneur begins with an investment, a business background or a carefully prepared plan. Some build their future through years of ordinary work, learning from experiences that others might overlook. Vikram Sengar, founder of Chemilinx, is one such entrepreneur whose journey began at an invoicing desk in the aromatic intermediates industry.

Born into a hardworking family, Vikram grew up understanding the importance of discipline and responsibility. His father, Mahendra Singh Sengar, worked as a tiles fitting contractor, while his mother, Geeta Devi, managed their home. Together with his siblings, Dhawal and Varsha, he learned to approach life's challenges with patience and determination.

After graduating in Computer Science, Vikram pursued an Import-Export certification and later completed a Master's in Business Management, specialising in International Marketing. His professional journey began with the everyday responsibilities of an Invoicing Clerk, where paperwork, customer orders and documentation became his introduction to international trade.

Rather than limiting himself to his assigned responsibilities, he gradually developed an understanding of logistics, client relationships and export operations. Within six years, he progressed to become Head of International Marketing – Exports.

After spending twelve years gaining industry experience, Vikram was ready to take the next step. In October 2020, he founded Chemilinx, beginning a new chapter as an entrepreneur.



VIKRAM SENGAR

FOUNDER & ENTREPRENEUR

Chemilinx | Aromatic Intermediates |
International Marketing & Exports

Starting a business is rarely as straightforward as the decision to establish one. For Vikram, the early days of Chemilinx came with the responsibility of building everything independently.

He had no outside investors or inherited business to support his venture. What he carried forward was twelve years of industry knowledge, an understanding of international markets and professional relationships developed throughout his career.

Chemilinx was established with the idea of connecting businesses through chemistry and international trade. Its philosophy, expressed through the words "Linking Chemistry with Lives," reflects the purpose behind the company's identity.

Building the venture required consistency. Every new relationship, business discussion and successful transaction contributed to its gradual development. The experience Vikram had gained while working in exports helped him understand customer expectations and the importance of maintaining trust in business.

Today, Chemilinx reports approximately ₹5 crore in annual business, with an ambitious target of reaching ₹11 crore during the 2026-27 financial year.

For Vikram, these figures represent more than commercial growth. They reflect the journey from managing invoices for another organisation to taking responsibility for a business of his own.

Behind Vikram's professional achievements is a family that has remained important throughout his journey.

He married Akansha Sengar in November 2019, shortly before beginning his entrepreneurial chapter. In February 2021, the couple welcomed their daughter, Geetanjali, bringing another meaningful change into his life.

Vikram acknowledges the support of his parents, siblings, wife and daughter, particularly during the uncertain early stages of establishing Chemilinx. Their encouragement helped him remain focused while managing the responsibilities of building a business.

Looking back, his journey has been shaped by a series of gradual changes rather than one extraordinary opportunity.

His early education gave him a foundation for learning. His years in the aromatic intermediates industry taught him how international business operates. His progression into export leadership gave him experience in handling responsibilities, relationships and commercial decisions.

Eventually, those lessons became the foundation of Chemilinx.

What makes Vikram's story meaningful is the distance between where he began and where he stands today. An employee who once handled invoices now leads a company with growing business ambitions and a vision for the years ahead.

His journey is still unfolding, with new challenges and opportunities likely to accompany the company's next stage of growth.



FLUX-FREE CONTINUOUS ROTARY-KILN SYNTHESIS OF CRISTOBALITE-RICH SILICA FROM NATURAL QUARTZ

I.V. SUBBA RAO

Industrial progress often begins with someone questioning whether an existing process can be improved. For **I.V. Subba Rao**, that question has led to technical work exploring a different approach to producing cristobalite silica, an important material used in several modern industries.

Working in association with Raghuvamsi Technologies, India, his work focuses on **Flux-Free Continuous Rotary-Kiln Synthesis of Cristobalite-Rich Silica from Natural Quartz**. The innovation, identified as Synthetic Cristobalite — CRISTASIL, explores an advanced approach to producing crystalline silica without conventional chemical fluxes.

Cristobalite is a crystalline form of silica valued for its properties in specialised industrial applications. It is used in ceramics, refractories, glass, coatings, dental materials and other advanced products. Producing it consistently, however, requires careful control of temperature, material quality and processing conditions.

The approach associated with Subba Rao relies on thermal treatment rather than chemical additives to support the transformation of quartz into cristobalite.

At temperatures of approximately 1700 to 1750 degrees Celsius, the material undergoes a structural change that can produce a highly crystalline silica product.

What makes this work interesting is its attention to practical manufacturing. Developing a promising material in a laboratory is one challenge; creating a process that can deliver consistent results on a larger scale is another.

Through this work, Subba Rao and the associated technical team are exploring how established industrial methods can be adapted to produce higher-value materials with greater process control.



I.V. SUBBA RAO

INDUSTRIAL MATERIALS & SILICA TECHNOLOGY INNOVATOR

CRISTASIL - Synthetic Cristobalite

ACST - Advanced Crystalline Silica Technology

The work is described under the technical title **"Flux-Free Sintered Synthetic Cristobalite Technology for Advanced Applications."**

The production process begins with high-purity natural quartz or silica-rich material, generally measuring between 3 and 30 millimetres. Where necessary, the raw material undergoes preparation to reduce impurities before entering the rotary kiln.

Inside the kiln, carefully managed heating stages gradually transform the quartz structure. Temperature, heating duration and material movement must work together to achieve consistent results.

One significant finding came from X-ray diffraction analysis of the processed material. According to the submitted technical study, the sample contained approximately 90 percent alpha cristobalite and 10 percent residual low quartz. The analysis also reported no significant detectable amorphous phase or tridymite, indicating a largely crystalline product.

These findings are important because industrial buyers require materials with dependable properties and consistent quality.

For Subba Rao, the technical challenge goes beyond achieving a particular laboratory result. It also involves understanding how the same process might be repeated reliably under practical manufacturing conditions.

The potential applications of this technology extend across several industries, including advanced ceramics, refractories, specialty glass, dental materials, electronics and high-temperature manufacturing.

Cristobalite-rich silica produced through a controlled process may also find applications in coatings, thermal insulation, casting materials and specialised industrial components.

An important feature of the proposed approach is its use of a continuous rotary kiln. Such a system could provide a practical foundation for larger-scale production while avoiding the need for conventional chemical fluxes.

However, the study also recognises opportunities for improvement. The remaining quartz content indicates that further work on heat transfer and complete particle transformation could help achieve greater material uniformity.

This willingness to examine limitations is an important part of technical progress. A successful industrial process must demonstrate not only promising results but also reliability, efficiency and repeatability.

Subba Rao's work reflects the possibilities that emerge when mineral science and process engineering are brought together.

Rather than pursuing innovation for its own sake, the development addresses a practical manufacturing challenge: turning an abundant natural material into a more specialised industrial product.

His contribution offers an example of how thoughtful engineering and continued experimentation can open new possibilities for India's advanced materials sector.



DR. VIJAY MANIKOTH

Thirty-five years in the Gulf can change the way a person sees business, people and opportunity. For Dr. Vijay Manikoth, those years became the foundation of a career that moved through advertising, publishing, entrepreneurship and public engagement. He also holds an MBA in Marketing, complementing his extensive professional experience in advertising, media and business leadership

His professional journey in the Gulf began in Bahrain, where he served as General Manager at EPIC Advertising Agency. He later joined Khaleej Times in Abu Dhabi as Area Manager, took on the Branch Manager role in Bahrain and eventually moved to the newspaper's Dubai head office.

Over two decades with Khaleej Times, he rose through marketing and advertising leadership positions to become Director – International Advertising. His work included developing special country-focused magazine supplements in collaboration with embassies, an experience that brought commercial communication and editorial publishing closer together.

Working across Bahrain, Abu Dhabi and Dubai gave him an understanding of international markets, cultural differences and the importance of maintaining professional relationships. After twenty years with the publication, Dr. Manikoth decided to build something of his own.

He established **Winning Edge Advertising FZE** in Dubai Media City Free Zone, beginning a new chapter that combined his industry knowledge with entrepreneurial ambition.

The transition was not a departure from media, but another way of contributing to an industry he had known for much of his professional life.

He has also attained the coveted **Black Belt** (Ni Dan) in the **Kyokushinkai** style of **Japanese Karate**.



DR. VIJAY MANIKOTH

MEDIA & ADVERTISING LEADERSHIP PROFESSIONAL

Founder & Chairman, Winning Edge Group |
President – Media & Public Engagement

Winning Edge Advertising gradually developed into the Winning Edge Group of Companies, built around a principle Dr. Manikoth considers essential to business: a successful relationship should benefit everyone involved.

His approach combines creative ideas, modern technology, dependable service and ethical business practices.

Alongside his entrepreneurial responsibilities, he served as Group Managing Editor of PROBIZ Magazine, published by the Indian Business & Professional Council in Dubai. The assignment allowed him to remain connected with publishing while managing his own business interests.

In 2026, his professional journey entered another phase when he was appointed President – Media & Public Engagement at the BRISEC Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

The role involves strengthening public communication, building stakeholder relationships and supporting the chamber's international engagement initiatives.

For someone who had spent decades connecting businesses with audiences, the responsibility represented a natural continuation of his experience.

His appointment was also reported by Khaleej Times in June 2026, bringing his professional story back to the newspaper where he had spent twenty significant years.

Dr. Manikoth's interest in journalism has continued alongside his advertising career. In 2026, he received Lifetime Membership from the Indian Press Union and was empanelled for freelance reporting assignments as District Reporter – Bangalore South.

His professional profile also records several recognitions, including the Bharath Gaurav Award, an honorary doctorate and a Lifetime Achievement Award from Chicago Open University. He has been listed in the Marquis Who's Who in the World directory.

Dr. Manikoth is also the Founder President of **UAE Toastmasters**. He played a pioneering role in establishing Toastmasters clubs in **Abu Dhabi** and **Dubai**, helping introduce the movement to the UAE. Today, the country has **207** Toastmasters clubs, according to his latest account. During his association with **Manama Toastmasters Club** in Bahrain, he also won the **Toastmasters International Speech Contest**, marking an important milestone in his public speaking journey.

He is also the Founder President of The Service Providers of India (**TSPOI**), an organisation he established more than eight years ago. Today, TSPOI has grown to 714 members, reflecting his continued involvement in professional networking and business communities.

Away from professional responsibilities, he maintains an active interest in fitness and personal development. After completing a 5-kilometre run in 2024 and a 10-kilometre run in 2025, he went on to finish a half marathon in 2026.

Now based in Bengaluru, Dr. Manikoth continues to bring together his experience in business, media and public engagement.

His journey from Bahrain's advertising industry to international media leadership and entrepreneurship has unfolded through changing responsibilities and new opportunities.

What remains consistent is his belief in professional relationships built on trust, mutual benefit and the willingness to keep learning.

For Dr. Vijay Manikoth, a meaningful career is not defined by a single position, but by the connections established and the value created along the way.



MANJIT SINGH

Punjabi cinema has always found its strength in familiar emotions, family relationships, humour, music and stories drawn from everyday life. While actors and directors often receive public recognition, bringing a film to the screen depends on the dedication of many people working behind the camera.

Manjit Singh is among those contributing to Punjabi entertainment through his association with **New Indo Musical Company** (NEW IMC) and **J J Motion** Picture. His involvement in film productions reflects an interest in regional storytelling, creative collaboration and bringing different talents together.

Every film begins with an idea, but transforming that idea into a finished production requires much more than imagination. From coordinating artists and technical teams to managing production requirements, the process demands patience, planning and a shared commitment.

Projects associated with Manjit include **Jatt Jugadi Hunday Nay**, **Mission 2017: Halla Ho** and **Dramebaaz Kalakaar**. These productions represent different aspects of Punjabi entertainment, ranging from emerging talent and engaging storytelling to films addressing social concerns.

For Manjit, filmmaking is connected to the people who make these stories possible. Each project brings together individuals with different skills, experiences and creative perspectives.

His association with regional cinema reflects the importance of this collective effort and the opportunities it creates for stories to reach audiences.



MANJIT SINGH

**FILM PRODUCER & PUNJABI CINEMA
PROFESSIONAL**

New Indo Musical Company (NEW IMC) | J J
Motion Picture

One of the important aspects of regional cinema is its ability to provide opportunities for emerging actors, writers and creative professionals.

Manjit's association with **Jatt Jugadi Hunday Nay** reflects this aspect of filmmaking. The Punjabi production received promotional attention for its fresh cast and storytelling approach, highlighting the role of new performers in bringing different perspectives to the screen.

For aspiring artists, participating in a film can become an important step towards developing experience and establishing themselves within the industry.

Punjabi cinema also has the ability to address serious subjects while remaining connected to its audience. Another project associated with Manjit, **Mission 2017: Halla Ho**, explores themes including drug abuse and political corruption.

Such productions demonstrate how cinema can move beyond entertainment and encourage conversations about concerns affecting society. His portfolio also includes **Dramebaaz Kalakaar**, adding another creative direction to the projects connected with his work.

Together, these productions reflect the variety of stories that regional filmmakers continue to explore, each requiring the combined efforts of creative and technical teams.

Punjabi cinema continues to reach audiences across India and among Punjabi communities living abroad. Its language, **music**, **traditions** and relatable characters remain important parts of that connection.

As digital platforms create new opportunities for regional entertainment, production companies are finding different ways to introduce their work to wider audiences.

Through his association with **NEW IMC** and **J J Motion Picture**, Manjit remains connected with this evolving creative environment.

Filmmaking, however, is rarely a straightforward process. Every production involves challenges, from bringing together the right people to managing schedules and turning creative decisions into finished scenes.

The success of a project depends on cooperation between writers, directors, performers, technicians and production teams.

Manjit's involvement in **Punjabi entertainment** reflects the importance of these contributions, many of which remain largely unseen by audiences.

His story is not simply about the projects associated with his name, but also about the collaborative work that allows regional storytelling to continue.

As Punjabi cinema develops and new talent enters the industry, the people working behind the scenes remain essential to its future.

For Manjit Singh, contributing to that process represents an opportunity to support creative expression and help meaningful stories find their place on screen.



TARANJIT SINGH

Respect | Awareness | Responsibility
WRITER | SOCIAL ISSUES COMMENTATOR

Taranjit Singh is a 25-year-old writer from a small village in **Gurdaspur, Punjab**. A physically challenged individual with a thoughtful and sensitive perspective on society, he has chosen writing as a meaningful way to express his voice and share his concerns about the world around him.

Deeply interested in social issues, Taranjit writes especially about the challenges faced by the **new generation, drawing inspiration** from his own life experiences and observations. His words reflect sincerity, emotional awareness and a desire to encourage society to think more seriously about **injustice, inequality** and **human dignity**.

For him, writing is not merely an activity of expression; it is a way to build awareness, raise important questions and connect with people through meaningful thought. This feature marks his first collaboration with Global Cover Story, and he extends heartfelt gratitude to the team for giving him this opportunity.

Among the many social concerns that deserve urgent attention, the issue of women and child safety remains one of the most serious and deeply painful. A society may speak of culture, values and progress, but those claims lose meaning when women and children cannot feel safe in everyday life.

A woman is not only the foundation of a family but also an essential part of society's emotional, social and moral fabric. Children represent innocence, trust and the promise of the future. When either women or children are made to live in fear, the damage extends far beyond individual suffering. It reflects a larger failure of society, responsibility and conscience.

In many parts of society, women are still spoken of with respect in words but denied dignity in practice. They are praised as mothers, daughters and symbols of strength, yet often face harassment, abuse, intimidation and violence in public and private spaces alike. From streets and buses to workplaces and educational institutions, many women continue to navigate the world with caution rather than freedom.

The reality becomes even more disturbing when crimes are committed against young girls and children. In such moments, the deepest concern should be justice, protection and healing. Yet, too often, the conversation shifts in the wrong direction. Instead of focusing entirely on the offender, people begin questioning the victim. They ask what she was wearing, where she was going, why she was outside, or who was with her. Such thinking is not only insensitive but dangerous, because it shifts blame away from the guilty and places an unfair burden on the innocent.

A child can never be responsible for violence committed against her. A woman returning home from work, travelling alone or simply living her daily life cannot be blamed for someone else's criminal behaviour. The responsibility always belongs to the person who chooses to violate another person's dignity, safety and freedom.

This mindset of victim blaming must change if society truly wants progress. A safer future cannot be built on judgement, silence and misplaced blame. It must be built on empathy, awareness and the courage to hold offenders accountable.



DR. DEEPAK SHARMA

ENTREPRENEUR & BUSINESS INNOVATOR

Founder, Makeway India | Multisector Business & Innovation

Not every entrepreneur begins with financial security, established connections or a carefully planned business. For **Dr. Deepak Sharma**, the journey started at the age of twelve, with experiences that taught him the importance of earning, learning and taking responsibility early in life.

Growing up in **Hisar, Haryana**, Sharma worked in the local auto market, where he once earned just **₹500** per month. Those modest beginnings shaped his understanding of hard work and the value of every opportunity.

Without depending entirely on formal education, he developed his knowledge through observation, practical experience and the challenges of everyday business. Each responsibility became another opportunity to understand how people, markets and industries operated.

The economic difficulties he encountered in 2013 marked an important turning point. As conditions in the real estate sector changed, Sharma began looking beyond conventional business boundaries, exploring opportunities in other industries rather than relying on one market.

This willingness to adapt gradually shaped **Makeway India** into a multisector enterprise with interests in manufacturing, real estate, hospitality, innovative products and lifestyle-oriented developments.

He often describes his personal transformation as a journey "from a bicycle to a Jaguar." Yet, for Sharma, the more meaningful achievement lies in the knowledge gained along the way.

His entrepreneurial philosophy centres on a simple question: rather than asking only what a business can sell, why not begin by understanding what problem it can solve?

One of the distinctive aspects of Sharma's entrepreneurial approach is his interest in transforming ideas into practical products. His work brings together research, design, development and manufacturing, with an emphasis on finding solutions to everyday challenges.

Among the concepts associated with his innovation journey is the **INJK water device**, described in his business material as a **₹15,000** product. His interests also extend to **Waterlogy**, an initiative exploring the relationship between water, traditional knowledge and emerging technologies.

An AI-powered earthen pot is another concept he has discussed, combining traditional earthenware with contemporary technological applications. His exploration of ideas such as water memory reflects his curiosity, although their scientific validity remains to be established.

His business interests also include real estate developments around Khatu Shyamji, where he hopes to create projects offering value beyond immediate commercial returns.

Sharma approaches business challenges much like the highs and lows of an **ECG**. Success provides encouragement, while difficulties create opportunities for reflection and correction.

For him, entrepreneurship is not simply about building companies. It is an ongoing process of learning, experimenting and finding new ways forward.

Sharma's belief in the power of continuous learning also finds expression in his book, *Mind is King*. Through the book, he explores how mindset, resilience and self-belief influence the way people respond to difficulties and pursue their ambitions.

Personal experiences, including challenges faced within his family, have strengthened his interest in determination and the human capacity to adapt.



DR. SREERAJ G. PAI

FINANCIAL COMPLIANCE & RISK MANAGEMENT PROFESSIONAL

Senior Inspection Officer, ICCSL | Financial
Auditing & Branch Operations

Alongside his professional responsibilities, Dr. Pai maintains an interest in financial research, capital markets and developments affecting the wider financial services industry.

Financial inspections involve much more than checking documents or reviewing figures. They require an understanding of how individual processes connect and where potential weaknesses may affect an organisation's performance.

In his current role, **Dr. Pai** examines branch operations, reviews financial records and identifies areas where stronger internal controls or corrective measures may be necessary.

His work involves assessing operational risks, monitoring regulatory compliance and supporting processes intended to maintain transparency and accountability.

Experience in different financial functions has provided him with a broader perspective on these responsibilities.

Having worked in **branch operations, customer relations, business development and insurance underwriting**, he understands how decisions made in one department can influence activities elsewhere within an organisation.

This practical knowledge is particularly important in inspection work, where identifying a concern often requires understanding the circumstances behind it.

Dr. Pai's approach places importance on consistent processes, accurate reporting and careful analysis rather than treating compliance as a responsibility limited to periodic inspections.

Through his professional experience, he has developed an understanding of how dependable financial systems are maintained through everyday discipline and attention to operational details.

His participation in professional forums such as **AIMA-KMA** and seminars focused on market trends reflects his willingness to remain informed about changing business practices and financial developments.

His technical knowledge includes financial analysis, internal auditing, risk assessment, process improvement and experience with financial software such as **TallyPro, QuickBooks** and **SAP**.

These skills complement his inspection responsibilities, where financial information must be examined carefully and operational findings communicated clearly.

For professionals working in compliance, continuous learning is especially important. Financial regulations, business practices and technological systems continue to evolve, creating new challenges for organisations and their employees.

Dr. Pai's professional experience brings together operational understanding and a continuing interest in strengthening financial processes.

From **customer-facing responsibilities** to inspection and risk assessment, each stage of his journey has contributed to his understanding of how financial institutions function.

What makes his work significant is the responsibility that comes with maintaining accuracy and identifying potential weaknesses before they develop into larger concerns.

For **Dr. Sreeraj G. Pai**, professional growth remains closely connected with learning, accountability and dependable financial practices.



DR. SAMEEN HASAN

ENTREPRENEUR | SOCIAL REFORMER

Philanthropist | Community Development
Advocate

For Dr. Sameen Hasan, success is not defined only by business growth or public recognition. It is also measured by what a person does for others. Based in Patna, Bihar, the entrepreneur, social reformer and philanthropist has built his journey around enterprise, community welfare and the belief that opportunity should extend beyond one's own family.

Much of this outlook comes from the women who shaped his early years. His great-grandmother, Mrs. Najma Shad, was an Urdu writer whose literary work included Akhri Chawanni. Her stories and poetry were also broadcast by Akashvani Patna. Yet Hasan remembers her just as strongly for the values she taught at home: courtesy, discipline and the responsibility to nurture young minds.

His maternal grandmother, Dr. Razia Tabbassum, began her career as a professor, became Principal of Magadh Mahila Training College, Patna, and later served as the first woman Chairman of the Bihar Public Service Commission. Her career demonstrated how education and determination could transform opportunities for women in public life.

His grandmother, Mrs. Ishrati Ibrahim, offered another example of strength. Despite difficult circumstances, she remained committed to securing a better future for her children. Her perseverance and warmth left Hasan with a lasting respect for quiet courage. Together, their experiences shaped his understanding of women's empowerment as something practical: access to education, confidence, dignity, good health and the freedom to make decisions.

The values Dr. Hasan admired in these women were reinforced at home. His father, Mr. Shamimul Hasan, retired from the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation, Government of India, while his mother,

Mrs. Shahnaz Shamim, served as a government-school principal in Patna. Their commitment to work and education shaped his sense of responsibility.

He also takes pride in the professional journeys of his sister, Mrs. Sheeba Ahmad, whose banking experience includes **HDFC Bank**, and his brother-in-law, **Mr. Fahad Ahmad**, a software engineer based in Hyderabad. For Hasan, these are reminders that independence is built through effort and opportunity.

His wife, **Mrs. Kainat Hasan**, has been central to that journey. An **MBA graduate** who previously worked in finance and logistics with UltraTech Cement, she has supported his entrepreneurial decisions and social initiatives. He also speaks warmly of his mother-in-law, **Mrs. Zubeda**, whose encouragement and prayers remain meaningful to him.

Professionally, Hasan is the Founder and Chairman of **Eksathi Foundation**, Managing Director of **SevenTunez Entertainment** and **SHF Enterprises**, and a business partner with **R.M. Group of Companies**. These different responsibilities reflect the range of his interests, but he considers community service an essential part of his work, particularly initiatives supporting women, girls and underserved communities.

That commitment can be seen in initiatives addressing menstrual hygiene, sanitation, healthcare awareness and education. For women and adolescent girls with limited access to reliable information and essential supplies, Hasan believes that knowledge can be as important as material support. He wants such programmes to challenge stigma and encourage confidence in everyday decisions.



JUDY SAMUEL KUMAR

**HUMAN RESOURCES PROFESSIONAL |
MRS INDIA 2026**

Leadership | Empowerment | Fitness |
Social Impact

Beyond the corporate world, Judy has always remained deeply connected to **fitness, dance, fashion** and **self-expression**. For her, fitness is not limited to physical appearance. It is equally about discipline, balance, confidence and mental well-being.

These interests gradually became more than personal passions. They encouraged her to explore a new dimension of herself, one that combined grace, individuality and the aspiration to inspire others.

That journey reached a defining milestone when she won the prestigious title of Mrs India 2026. For Judy, the pageant was never only about wearing a crown. It represented an opportunity to celebrate individuality, challenge conventional boundaries and show that women can pursue new ambitions at any stage of life.

The title gave her not only recognition, but also a platform. It allowed her to express a larger message about confidence, reinvention and the importance of believing in one's own potential.

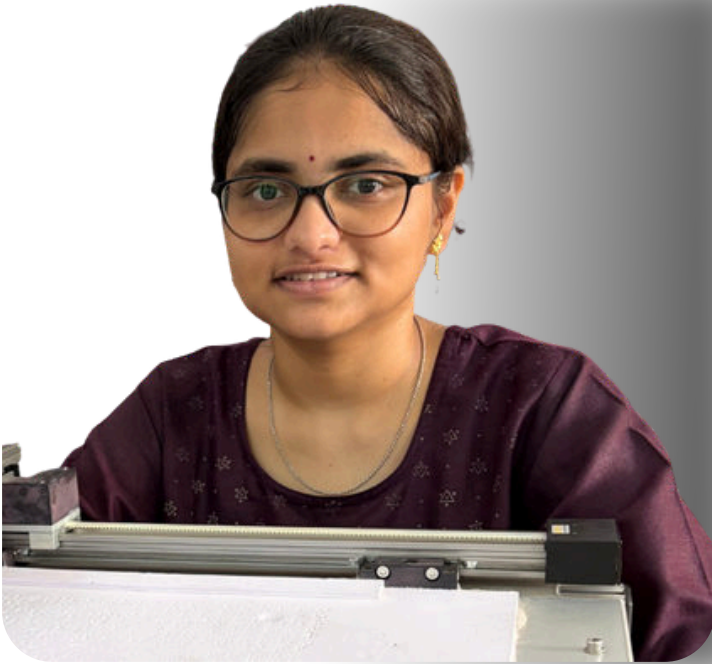
Her journey stands as a reminder that identity does not need to be limited to a single role. A woman can lead professionally, care for her family, pursue her passions and still continue discovering new possibilities within herself.

Equally important to **Judy** is her association with social causes focused on children. Through her engagement with initiatives connected to different **NGOs**, she has spent meaningful time with children from underprivileged backgrounds. These experiences strengthened her belief that every child deserves encouragement, love, education and the opportunity to build a brighter future. She hopes to continue using her voice and platform to create greater awareness and inspire more support for children who need it most.

As she steps into this new chapter, Judy aspires to inspire both women and children to believe in themselves, step outside their comfort zones and pursue their dreams fearlessly. She wants her journey to encourage others to recognise that growth often begins when we stop doubting ourselves and start trusting our abilities.

For Judy **Samuel Kumar**, the crown is not the destination. It is the beginning of a wider purpose.

Whether through her corporate leadership, personal discipline or social involvement, she wants to lead with authenticity and make a meaningful difference. Her story reflects the power of self-belief, the beauty of reinvention and the strength of a woman who continues to grow while staying true to herself.



LINGAMPALLI HIMAJA

| INNOVATOR & ENGINEERING STUDENT

An encounter at a school for visually impaired students changed the direction of Lingampalli Himaja's engineering journey. During a visit near her college in Andhra Pradesh, she watched students use a slate and stylus to write Braille. The process required careful pressure on paper and an understanding of patterns that are read from the opposite side.

Rather than accepting those difficulties as unavoidable, Himaja began looking for a simpler way to help students create their own documents.

A student of Electrical and Electronics Engineering at Shri Vishnu Engineering College for Women in Bhimavaram, she first experimented with a device that used buttons to select Braille dots. When a student suggested speaking instead of pressing buttons, she reconsidered the design.

That conversation led to **RUDHRA**, a voice-enabled Braille printer that converts spoken instructions into raised characters on paper.

The project combined her interest in electronics with a practical concern she had witnessed firsthand. What mattered most was not building a complicated machine, but reducing the effort required for students to express themselves independently.

RUDHRA uses speech recognition to turn a user's words into text, then processes that text into Braille patterns for printing. The prototype incorporates voice commands for creating and editing documents, with a mechanical system that embosses the raised dots onto paper.

Developing it involved repeated adjustments to both hardware and software. Himaja also returned to students for feedback, recognising that a useful invention should respond to the experiences of those who will use it.

Her work received national recognition in September 2026 when she won the India edition of the James Dyson Award. In October, **RUDHRA** was selected among the award's global top 20 projects.

The recognition has brought her closer to a larger ambition: refining the device so it becomes more compact, dependable and affordable for schools and individual users. Features such as automatic paper feeding remain part of her development plans.

For Himaja, the experience illustrates the value of beginning with a real problem rather than a technology in search of one.

A question raised in a classroom became the starting point of a project that could make writing and learning more accessible to people with visual impairments.



T. RAVI KIRAN

| ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY INNOVATOR

For people with visual impairments, even familiar daily activities can present unexpected challenges. Reading a signboard, recognising a person or identifying an obstacle may require additional assistance. T. Ravi Kiran, a young innovator from Telangana, began exploring how technology could help people navigate these situations with greater independence.

His interest originally lay in robotics and electronic devices. However, participating in social innovation workshops encouraged him to think differently about the purpose of technology.

Rather than building machines simply to demonstrate technical skills, Ravi started considering the everyday difficulties faced by people around him.

This change in perspective led to Blind Eye, a wearable assistive device designed to provide information about a user's surroundings through audio feedback.

The prototype combines obstacle detection, object identification, facial recognition and multilingual reading capabilities. Its purpose is to help users receive information that might otherwise be difficult to access without assistance.

Ravi's journey reflects a growing understanding that innovation becomes meaningful when technical knowledge is guided by empathy and an awareness of people's needs.

Blind Eye was developed through a youth innovation initiative supported by UNICEF's YuWaah programme in Telangana. During the process, Ravi received mentoring, technical guidance and opportunities to improve his prototype.

The device uses sensors and intelligent recognition features to identify nearby obstacles and objects. Its text-to-speech capability is also designed to read printed information aloud in different languages.

In 2023, Blind Eye was recognised among the global winners of Generation Unlimited's imaGen Ventures Youth Challenge, bringing international attention to Ravi's work.

The recognition provided encouragement, but it also introduced larger responsibilities. Developing a working prototype is one challenge; making it affordable and accessible to the people who need it is another.

Ravi has expressed interest in collaborating with government organisations, NGOs and other partners to make assistive technology available to underserved communities.

His ambition extends beyond recognition or commercial success. He wants technology to support the independence and dignity of people who encounter accessibility barriers.

Although Blind Eye remains part of an evolving innovation journey, its purpose is already meaningful.

For Ravi Kiran, the experience demonstrates how engineering can become a tool for social inclusion when it begins with understanding real human experiences.



SHALINI KUMARI

| GRASSROOTS INNOVATOR

A simple difficulty faced by her grandfather became the starting point of an extraordinary idea for Shalini Kumari, a young innovator from Patna, Bihar.

After an accident, her grandfather needed a walker for support. Although the device helped him move across flat surfaces, climbing stairs remained difficult. As a result, he could no longer visit the terrace garden where he had once enjoyed spending time.

Watching him struggle, Shalini began questioning why an ordinary walker could not be designed to handle stairs.

Still a school student, she imagined a walker with adjustable legs that could change height according to the steps ahead. The idea was straightforward, but turning it into a practical device required careful design and engineering. She submitted her concept to the National Innovation Foundation's IGNITE programme, where it received support for further development. With assistance from professional designers and engineers, her initial sketch gradually became a functional mobility aid.

What began as a granddaughter's wish to help someone she loved was developing into an innovation with the potential to assist many others facing similar challenges.

Shalini's modified walker uses adjustable legs to provide additional support while navigating stairs. The design also explored practical features such as a folding seat, lighting and an alert mechanism.

Developing the product required understanding how users balance their weight and how the walker should respond to uneven surfaces. The National Innovation Foundation helped advance the concept, and the technology was subsequently transferred to Vissco Rehabilitation Aids for commercial development.

The innovation received international recognition in December 2022, when Shalini won first prize in the Grassroots Innovation Competition at the third ASEAN-India Grassroots Innovation Forum in Cambodia.

Her achievement demonstrated that a useful invention does not always begin with advanced machinery or extensive research funding. Sometimes, an everyday problem noticed carefully can lead to an idea that experienced engineers recognise as valuable.

What makes Shalini's journey particularly touching is the reason behind her invention. She was not initially thinking about an award, a business opportunity or public recognition. She wanted her grandfather to enjoy the simple freedom of visiting his garden again.

Her story reminds us that innovation often begins with compassion, curiosity and the courage to ask why an existing solution cannot be made better.



ANIYAMMA BABY

| FARMER & AGRICULTURAL INNOVATOR

A farmer's knowledge often develops through years of working closely with the land. For Aniyamma Baby, a cashew farmer from Kannur, Kerala, that experience led to an unusual discovery that would eventually receive national recognition.

While harvesting cashews, she noticed that a branch touching the soil had developed additional roots. The new growth appeared healthy, even after the original tree was affected by damaging pests.

Rather than treating the observation as an isolated occurrence, Aniyamma began exploring whether the same process could be encouraged in other trees.

Cashew farmers frequently face challenges from ageing plantations, stem borers and strong winds. Replacing damaged mature trees requires considerable time before new plants become productive.

Aniyamma wondered whether existing trees could instead be strengthened by developing additional root systems.

She experimented with lowering branches towards the ground and encouraging roots to grow at selected points.

Her experiments gradually developed into what became known as the Multiple Rooting Propagation Method for Cashew, a practical approach shaped by observation, patience and years of farming experience.

Aniyamma's innovation uses simple materials such as soil, cow dung, stones and hollow areca nut stems to encourage new roots to develop from mature cashew branches.

These additional roots can improve access to water and nutrients while providing support against certain forms of damage.

Her work attracted the attention of the National Innovation Foundation, which helped document and support the method.

In 2020, the technology was evaluated by the ICAR Directorate of Cashew Research in Puttur and Kerala Agricultural University. Their assessments recognised its potential for restoring older plantations and improving resilience.

In 2023, Aniyamma received a National First Award at the National Biennial Grassroots Innovation Awards for her contribution.

Her achievement is particularly meaningful because the idea emerged from direct farming experience rather than a conventional research laboratory.

She observed how a tree responded to its environment and explored ways to apply that natural process more deliberately.

For farmers with ageing cashew plantations, the technique offers another approach to maintaining productive trees without depending entirely on replanting.

Aniyamma Baby's journey demonstrates the value of grassroots knowledge and the contribution farmers can make to agricultural innovation.

Her story reminds us that sometimes the most useful discoveries begin by paying closer attention to what nature is already doing.



SANTOSH PACHAR

| AGRICULTURAL INNOVATOR & FARMER

In the farming fields of Rajasthan, Santosh Pachar discovered that improving an ordinary crop could become a remarkable achievement. Her journey began not with scientific equipment, but with a farmer's curiosity and a willingness to experiment.

A resident of Sikar district, Santosh developed her interest in agriculture while helping her family during her school years. Farming eventually became an important part of her life, and she began looking for ways to improve crop quality through practical observation.

The turning point came when she obtained carrots from a farmer in a nearby village. She noticed their attractive colour, sweetness and relatively straight roots.

Rather than using the entire crop for consumption, she decided to preserve selected carrots for seed production.

Over the following four to five years, Santosh repeatedly selected plants with desirable characteristics, including length, softness, colour and taste.

Through this patient process, she developed an improved carrot variety known as Laxmangarh Selection.

Her work demonstrated how traditional farming experience, combined with careful experimentation, could produce results with wider agricultural value.

The Laxmangarh Selection carrot is recognised for its long roots, vermillion colour, sweetness and ability to grow under relatively warm conditions. According to the National Innovation Foundation, the variety matures in approximately two and a half to three months and has demonstrated promising productivity in agricultural assessments.

Santosh also explored different seed preparation and cultivation methods, paying attention to the practical challenges faced by farmers.

Her work attracted recognition through the National Innovation Foundation's seventh National Biennial Grassroots Innovation Awards in 2013.

Beyond developing the crop, Santosh has shared seeds and farming knowledge with others, helping introduce her work to growers beyond her village.

Her journey is particularly inspiring because it challenges the assumption that agricultural innovation must come only from formal scientific institutions.

Santosh's knowledge developed through years of fieldwork, observation and an understanding of what customers and farmers valued in a crop.

She noticed useful characteristics, preserved them and continued improving the results instead of settling for the first successful harvest.

Her experience also reflects the importance of family support and cooperation within farming communities.

For Santosh Pachar, innovation has remained closely connected to the land she cultivates.

Her story demonstrates that patience, curiosity and practical knowledge can turn an everyday agricultural activity into a contribution recognised far beyond the farm.



MOA SUBONG & ARENLA SUBONG

| MUSICIANS & CULTURAL INNOVATORS

Music has always been an important part of Nagaland's cultural identity, connecting generations through traditional melodies, storytelling and shared experiences.

For musicians Moa Subong and Arenla Subong, preserving that heritage became closely connected with their willingness to explore new sounds.

The couple, associated with the folk-fusion band Abiogenesis, wanted to create music that reflected their cultural roots while remaining open to contemporary influences.

Moa began experimenting with bamboo, a material widely used in traditional life across Northeast India.

His idea was to create a musical instrument that could produce an expressive sound without requiring complicated playing techniques.

After months of experimentation and unsuccessful attempts, he finally developed an instrument that transformed ordinary humming into a distinctive musical tone.

It became known as BamHum, combining the words bamboo and humming.

Arenla, a vocalist and musical collaborator, helped introduce the instrument through performances with Abiogenesis.

Their creative partnership demonstrated how familiar materials and traditional musical influences could inspire something new while remaining connected to their cultural identity.

BamHum was publicly introduced in May 2005 during the International Bamboo Festival in Shillong.

The instrument produces sound when a musician hums into its specially designed bamboo structure, creating a musical effect different from ordinary vocal humming.

Through Abiogenesis, Moa and Arenla began bringing the instrument to audiences beyond Nagaland, incorporating it into performances that combined traditional Naga influences with modern musical arrangements.

Their work became associated with a distinctive folk-fusion style known as Howey Music.

In 2017, Moa received a National Grassroots Innovation Award for developing BamHum, recognising the originality and cultural significance of his invention.

His contribution to music later earned him the Padma Shri in 2023.

However, the story of BamHum is not simply about an award-winning musical instrument.

It is about the possibilities that emerge when artists experiment with materials they know well and refuse to accept that traditional forms of expression must remain unchanged.

Arenla's contribution as a singer and performer helped give the instrument a place in the couple's musical journey.

Together, their work celebrates the relationship between innovation, cultural heritage and creative collaboration.

From a simple piece of bamboo to performances reaching international audiences, BamHum illustrates how a new invention can carry the sound and identity of an entire region.

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01 INDIA | MONETARY POLICY

RBI Raises Repo Rate to 5.50%

In its October 2026 policy review, the Reserve Bank of India raised the repo rate by 25 basis points to 5.50% and shifted its stance to calibrated tightening. The RBI projected India's GDP growth for 2026-27 at 7.1% and CPI inflation at 5.2%.



02 SPACE | INDIA

SPADEX Mission Marks Another ISRO Milestone

ISRO announced that the SPADEX satellites re-entered Earth's atmosphere on 12 October 2026 after successfully completing mission objectives. The mission demonstrated critical autonomous docking and undocking technologies, strengthening India's space capability.



03 WORLD ECONOMY

IMF Flags Uneven Global Recovery

The IMF's October 2026 World Economic Outlook projects global growth at 3.1% in 2026, improving to 3.4% in 2027. Global headline inflation is projected at 4.7% in 2026 before easing to 4.1% in 2027, with risks still tilted to the downside.



04 GLOBAL HEALTH

WHO Issues New Obesity Guidelines

The World Health Organization released its first global guidelines on child and adolescent obesity, calling for stronger prevention, earlier support, and better community-based care for young people worldwide.



05 DIPLOMACY

India Strengthens International Engagement

In October 2026, India's External Affairs Ministry highlighted a series of diplomatic engagements, including high-level meetings with UAE, Canada, and other international partners, reflecting India's expanding role in global dialogue.





In several parts of Bihar, groundwater contamination has created serious concerns about access to safe drinking water. For three young innovators, this problem became the beginning of a scientific journey that would eventually lead to their own technology venture. Arpit Kumar, Abhijeet Kumar and Shambhavi Sinha began exploring ways to address arsenic contamination through research and practical experimentation.

Their early work developed around Bihar Bal Bhawan Kilkari in Patna, where basic equipment, borrowed resources and a willingness to learn helped turn a school science project into something more ambitious. Rather than approaching the problem only as an academic exercise, the team wanted to understand how unsafe water affected families and communities.

Their interest gradually developed into research on magnetic separation techniques that could help remove arsenic from groundwater. The project eventually became the foundation of Navmarg Research & Innovation, a clean-technology venture focused on practical water treatment solutions.

For the young team, establishing a company was not the original objective. Their journey began with a question about making drinking water safer for people around them.

NAVMARG

CLEAN-TECH INNOVATORS & ENTREPRENEURS

Navmarg's technology uses specially designed magnetic separation systems to reduce arsenic contamination while limiting dependence on conventional chemical treatment methods. Its early development included a Magnetic Arsenic Removal Unit, supported by research on material properties, engineering design and water quality testing.

The team brought together complementary skills. Arpit focused on chemistry and innovation strategy, Abhijeet worked on engineering and hardware, while Shambhavi contributed to monitoring and data analysis.

Their project received support through Samsung's Solve for Tomorrow programme, which helped the young innovators strengthen their ideas and move towards practical applications.

Over time, Navmarg expanded from laboratory experimentation into field testing and water treatment installations.

According to the company's published account, its systems have been deployed at community sites, reflecting progress towards the original goal of supporting safer drinking water.

Yet the team understands that developing a technology is only part of the challenge. Water treatment systems must also remain dependable, affordable and manageable in the communities where they operate.

Their journey shows how scientific curiosity can evolve into entrepreneurship when young people remain committed to solving a problem.

What began with experiments in a modest research room is becoming a wider effort to connect innovation with public health.

For Navmarg, the purpose remains clear: using technology to make safe water more accessible.



DR. NEHA SATAK

DEEP-TECH ENTREPRENEUR & AEROSPACE
ENGINEER

For many communities, reliable internet access remains a challenge. While technology has transformed education, business and communication, extending high-speed connectivity to remote locations can still require expensive infrastructure.

Dr. Neha Satak, an aerospace engineer and entrepreneur, began exploring how advanced communication technology could help address this problem.

Her academic journey included studying aerospace engineering at the Indian Institute of Science, followed by doctoral research in the **United States**.

During her studies at IISc, she met Prasad H. L. Bhat, who would later become her business partner.

Both understood the importance of connectivity, particularly for people living beyond major urban centres.

In 2015, they established Astrome Technologies, combining their technical knowledge with the ambition of developing practical communication solutions.

Their work led to **GigaMesh**, a wireless broadband technology designed to deliver high-speed connectivity where laying traditional fibre-optic cables may be difficult or expensive.

For Neha, building Astrome represented an opportunity to move beyond academic research and develop technology capable of addressing challenges faced by businesses and communities.

GigaMesh uses advanced E-band wireless communication and electronic beam-steering technology to create high-capacity broadband connections.

The system is designed to help telecom operators expand network coverage while reducing the need for extensive physical cabling.

Astrome has developed communication solutions for different applications, including telecommunications, enterprise connectivity and specialised government requirements.

The company's innovation received recognition through the Indian Innovation Icons 2025 awards organised by Marico Innovation Foundation.

For Neha, such recognition highlights the possibilities emerging from India's growing deep-technology ecosystem.

However, building a successful technology company requires much more than developing a promising invention. Products must be tested, refined and adapted to practical operating conditions.

Astrome's journey has involved engineering development, commercial partnerships and continued work towards making advanced communication systems more accessible.

Neha's professional experience reflects the connection between scientific research and entrepreneurship.

Her work also demonstrates how sophisticated technologies can address ordinary human needs. Reliable connectivity can support education, improve access to information and help businesses operate beyond geographical limitations.



CHARA TECHNOLOGIES

ENGINEERING INNOVATORS &
ENTREPRENEURS

Electric motors are essential to modern life, powering everything from industrial machinery to electric vehicles. Yet many high-performance motors depend on rare-earth magnets, materials that can be expensive and difficult to obtain.

For three Bengaluru-based entrepreneurs, this dependence presented an engineering challenge worth exploring.

Bhaktha Keshavachar, Ravi Prasad and **Mahalingam Koushik** came together with different professional experiences and a shared ambition to develop more sustainable motor technology.

Bhaktha brought entrepreneurial experience from the technology industry, including his earlier involvement with Ezetap.

Ravi contributed decades of experience in electric motor design, having previously held senior engineering responsibilities at Kirloskar Motors. Koushik, an engineer educated at IIT Madras, brought specialised knowledge of power electronics and motor control systems.

Together, they established **Chara Technologies** with the aim of developing efficient electric motors without depending on rare-earth permanent magnets.

Their work focused on Synchronous Reluctance Motor technology, combining innovative motor design with electronic control systems. The venture reflects how different forms of professional expertise can contribute to solving a shared industrial problem.

Unlike conventional permanent-magnet motors, synchronous reluctance motors generate rotation by using differences in magnetic reluctance within the motor structure.

Chara Technologies has developed motor systems that combine this principle with specialised controllers, enabling applications in industrial equipment and electric mobility.

The technology is intended to reduce dependence on rare-earth magnetic materials while providing an alternative for industries seeking efficient and practical motor solutions.

In **2025**, Chara Technologies received recognition at the Indian Innovation Icons awards organised by **Marico Innovation Foundation**.

The achievement reflected growing interest in technologies that could strengthen India's manufacturing capabilities and reduce dependence on critical imported materials.

For the founders, however, developing an innovative motor is only one stage of the journey. Commercial success also requires consistent manufacturing quality, product reliability and the ability to meet the different demands of industrial customers.

Their experience demonstrates the value of bringing business leadership, mechanical engineering and electronics expertise into one organisation.

Through **Chara Technologies**, the team is working towards making advanced motor systems more accessible to manufacturers and mobility companies. Their story highlights an important principle of engineering innovation: progress often begins by questioning long-established methods and exploring whether familiar technologies can be made more efficient, sustainable and practical for the future.



THARUN KUMAR

ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY
ENTREPRENEUR

Sometimes, the problems we encounter in our own neighbourhood become the starting point of a larger solution. For Bengaluru-based entrepreneur Tharun Kumar, concerns about wastewater management in his residential community eventually led him towards environmental innovation.

While living in **Whitefield**, **Tharun** witnessed the difficulties associated with sewage treatment and the environmental risks created when wastewater was not managed properly.

Conventional treatment systems often require electricity, mechanical equipment and regular maintenance. He began wondering whether there was a simpler way to treat sewage while reducing dependence on energy-intensive processes. His search for an alternative led him to an unexpected source of inspiration: the **digestive system** of a cow.

The microorganisms present in a cow's stomach help break down organic material through natural biological processes.

Tharun explored whether similar principles could be adapted to wastewater treatment.

Working with a team of engineers and environmental specialists, he helped develop a treatment system using gravity and biological activity.

This idea became the foundation of ECOSTP Technologies, established in 2017 to create practical nature-inspired sewage treatment solutions.

ECOSTP's technology uses a multi-stage treatment process inspired by natural digestion, allowing microorganisms to break down organic waste while gravity moves wastewater through the system. The approach is designed to reduce electricity consumption and avoid routine chemical treatment, making it suitable for decentralised wastewater management.

Its systems serve applications such as residential communities, institutions and commercial developments, where treated water can potentially be reused for gardening and other permitted non-drinking purposes. Tharun leads **ECOSTP** as **Founder** and **CEO**, working alongside Co-Founder Lokesh Rajashekaraiah and a team of specialists.

The company's work received national recognition when ECOSTP won the Circular Economy Innovator Award at the National Startup Awards 5.0. For Tharun, the larger challenge involves changing how society thinks about wastewater.

Water entering a drain does not simply disappear. Its treatment and reuse affect communities, natural water bodies and the availability of freshwater resources. ECOSTP's journey demonstrates how observing natural systems can inspire engineering solutions to modern environmental problems.

The company continues developing treatment technologies and exploring ways to make wastewater management more sustainable. Tharun's story reflects a simple but powerful lesson: sometimes, finding a better solution begins not by inventing an entirely unfamiliar process, but by learning from systems that nature has already perfected over time.



DR. RISHABH VERMA

FOUNDER, NUTRILLION

Personalised Nutrition, Nutrigenomics and Preventive Health

Dr. Rishabh Verma's story is not a polished tale of uninterrupted growth. It is a story of starting again. His early professional life was rooted in business and finance, but a growing interest in fitness, nutrition and human health gradually pulled him towards a different path. What began as personal curiosity turned into years of study across clinical nutrition, sports nutrition, lifestyle management, nutrigenomics, gut health and precision nutrition. The deeper he went, the clearer one belief became: health cannot be treated with a one-size-fits-all formula.

Nutrillion began in 2021 as the brand under which Dr. Verma worked in private practice as a nutrition professional. It was not yet a company. The next few years were spent testing ideas, working with clients and refining the model. In March 2024, he incorporated Nutrivision Wellness and Genetics Private Limited, giving the brand a formal business structure. The company is Startup India registered, MSME registered, **ISO certified**, and incubated at **Amity Innovation Incubator, part of Amity University Noida**.

Then came the harder chapter. Dr. Verma has spoken openly about financial setbacks, uncertainty and even a period when what he had built seemed to collapse. Instead of hiding that phase, he made it part of the story.

His LinkedIn writing repeatedly returns to one idea: bounce back. He credits faith in Lord Krishna and the teachings of the Bhagavad Gita, especially the discipline of focusing on action rather than being consumed by outcomes, with helping him rebuild when the financial and emotional pressure was at its highest.

That rebuilding has now taken visible form. **Nutrillion** has entered a new phase with the **Nutrillion App** and **Nutrillion Academy**. The brand works through two connected verticals. One focuses on personalised nutrition programmes built around genetics, lifestyle, gut health and individual health needs. The other, **Nutrillion Academy**, is focused on research-oriented and science-led certification programmes for the next generation of nutrition and healthcare professionals.

Nutrillion now communicates the same direction publicly: moving healthcare away from generic diet charts and reactive treatment towards personalised, preventive and evidence-led care. The company's website highlights nutrigenomics, gut microbiome analysis and personalised health roadmaps, while its current communication places emphasis on preventive healthcare and deeper scientific education.

Dr. Verma's work has already reached more than 4,000 individuals across ten countries, and his professional profile spans DNA-based nutrition **strategy, sports nutrition** and **nutrigenomics**.

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