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Career summary

A highly accomplished Supply Chain and operations Manager, veteran officer, with 22 years of experience in leadership roles in strategic planning, sustainable procurement and operations of strategic assets. In-depth expertise in working collaboratively with cross functional team on complex project in a multi-culture large organisation. Motivated and highly adaptable leader with capability to undertake different roles across the globe from tactical to strategic level.

Educational Qualifications

- MSc. in International Logistics and SCM, Plymouth university, Jan 2022 - Jan 2023
- MBA (Strategy and Leadership), FMS (Delhi University), Jul 2019 - Apr 2021
- MSc. (Defence and Strategic studies), Madras university, Jun 2013 - Apr 2014
- BSc. (Physics, Mathematics & Chemistry), Jawaharlal Nehru university, Jul 1995 - Jun 1998

Work Experience

Internship / Volunteer work, Plymouth University, Jan 2022 onwards

- Achieved distinction in Sustainable Supply Chain Management module at Plymouth University.
- Sustainability Risk Identification and Mitigation for 03 Procurement categories as per ISO 20400 guidelines at Plymouth University.
- Volunteered for project "Communities of the Soil" to reduce carbon footprint and plastic waste via urban farming and social sustainability.
- Learnt and utilised Power BI tool to improve students experience at university by analysing various surveys feedback during internship.

Joint Director (Supply Chain Planning & Procurement), Indian Navy, Nov 2017 – Dec 2021

- Directed and presented business cases (power point) for procurement of strategic assets including sustainable projects worth 12 billion £ for modernisation of Indian Navy.
- Slashed procurement time by 40% by stakeholders' management, coordinating projects, and standardising processes of 25 department without comprising on scope, budget & quality.
- Optimised procurement of 24 Helicopters resulting in saving of 100 M £ through analytical rigour and risk mitigation using the amended Global Sourcing Process (GSP).
- Steered complex negotiations in respect of critical national level strategic project with concurrent 7% savings.

Senior Operations Manager, Indian Navy, Feb 2012 – Oct 2017

- Invited by Govt of Vietnam to conceptualise and implement strategic India-Vietnam project from beginning to end for undertaking flying operations from ships for 120 personnel of Navy.

- Conducted workshop for mentoring of project managers and created an enhanced pool of 140 select, high-performing management cadres in capital procurement.
- Demonstrated performance in demanding and dynamic environment by saving the life of 9 aircrew as Captain of the Aircraft.
- Led a team of 130 personnel to enhance partnership with navy of Mauritius, Seychelles and Maldives for efficient conduct of operations and subsequently award by Commander-in-Chief.
- Effectively supervised team of aviation experts to operationalise an airfield within 24 hours post Cyclone for expeditious Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR).

Project Manager, Indian Navy, Jul 2007 – Jan 2012

- Reduced 25% training time for Air Operations Managers resulting in saving of 300, 000 £ per year without comprising on quality and subsequently award of commendation by Commander-in-Chief.
- Designed and implemented university-level certification course leading to successful completion of Air Operations Management course by 240 Operations managers.
- Undertook capacity expansion project (6x) for largest Naval Academy in Asia by actively leading, supporting and managing suppliers resulting in training of 1200 cadets per year.

Operations Manager, Indian Navy, Jul 1999 – Jun 2007

- Planned, Coordinated and executed complex multi-level exercises involving various platforms i.e., Aircraft, Helicopters and ships with Japan, South Korea and Singapore to audit joint operational effectiveness.
- Managed multi-cultural and multi-linguistic teams of size of 300 personnel as an empathetic Team Leader and as an involved Team Member.
- Recognised by Commander-in-Chief through award of flight safety and operations trophies in multiple categories for undertaking accident-free operations during complex operations and live weapon firing.

Professional certifications

- Microsoft Power BI, 2022
- Executive programme in business management, Management Development Institute, 2022
- Excel Essential Training (Office 365/Microsoft 365), LinkedIn, 2021
- Project management professional, PMI (USA), 2020
- System design for SCM and Logistics, edX, 2020
- Lean Six Sigma Green Belt, Udemy, 2020
- Capital Procurement, College of Defence Management (CDM), 2017
- Qualified Navigation Instructor (Aviation Instructor), Navigation Training School, India, 2007
- Observer Course (Air Operations Management), Observer School, India, 2002

(for full career history – see LinkedIn profile)