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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Distinguished academic leader with over three decades of experience in management education, institutional administration, and academic governance. Former Director of PSG Institute of Management and Xavier Institute of Management and Entrepreneurship (Kochi), and Director General of Sree Saraswathi Thyagaraja College. Past President of the Association of Indian Management Schools, Coimbatore Management Association, and Coimbatore Productivity Council. Holds a Ph.D. in Finance from the University of Madras and completed the Advanced Management Programme at the University of Leeds, UK, as a British Council Scholar. Author/editor of 20 books, over 100 research publications, and guide to 22 doctoral scholars. Long-standing association with national and international accreditation and regulatory bodies including AICTE, NAAC, NBA, and ACBSP, along with extensive board-level involvement across leading Indian universities and management institutions.

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Qualification	Year	University	Specialisation
Advanced Management Programme	1988	University of Leeds, UK	Management (British Council Scholar)
Ph.D.	1986	University of Madras	Finance (Commended)
M.Phil.	1981	University of Madras	Finance (Class I)
M.Com.	1980	University of Madras	Commerce / Finance ('O' Grade)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **Director General** — Sree Saraswathi Thyagaraja College (2021 – Present)
- **Director** — Xavier Institute of Management and Entrepreneurship, Kochi (2018 – 2019)
- **Director** — PSG Institute of Management (2000 – 2018)
- **Professor** — PSG Institute of Management (1999 – 2000)
- **Associate Professor** — PSG Institute of Management (1995 – 1999)
- **Assistant Professor** — PSG Institute of Management (1992 – 1995)

ACADEMIC GOVERNANCE & INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Board of Studies — Chairman / Member

- Chairman: Anna University (Faculty of Technology, Management Sciences, Coimbatore), Periyar University, PSG Institute of Management / PSG College of Technology
- Member: Tamil Nadu Open University, Bharathidasan University, Bharathiar University, Osmania University, Anna University, Madurai Kamaraj University, PSG College of Arts & Science, GRG Institute of Management, SNS and Sons College, Karpagam Institute of Technology, GRD Institute of Management

Academic Council & Governing Council — Member

- Kongu Engineering College, SNS College of Technology, We School (Mumbai), ICBM (Hyderabad), Indus Business Academy (Bangalore), Lead College of Management (Kerala), Bishop Heber College, Firebird Institute of Management, Viswa Viswani Institute of Management (Hyderabad), Vignana Jyothi Institute of Management (Hyderabad)

Executive & Advisory Councils — Member

- Tamil Nadu Open University Planning Board; Anna University Distance Education Council; Tamil Nadu State Council for Technical Education

Professional Bodies — Leadership Positions

- President, Coimbatore Management Association (2009–2018); President, Coimbatore Productivity Council (2012)
- President, Association of Indian Management Schools (2022–2023); Vice President–South, AIMS (2014–2018); Executive Board Member, AIMS (2008–2014)
- Board of Commission Member and Chairman (South Asian Region), Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs, ACBSP, USA (2010–2018)
- Secretary, Association of BRICS B-Schools (2007–2018); Governing Council Member, All India Management Association (2008–2011); Life Member, AIMA
- Convener, Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Educational Panel, Coimbatore Zone (2008–2011); Governing Council Member, CII Coimbatore (2008–2017)
- Chairman, Indian Society for Training and Development, Coimbatore Chapter (2016–2018); Executive Board Member, National HRD Network
- Consultative Committee Member, FCI – Tamil Nadu Zone; Governing Council Member, Kovai Bharathiar Science Park

Regulatory & Accreditation Bodies — Expert Member / Reviewer

- AICTE — Institutional Inspection for Programme Approval (2004–2014)
- NAAC — Accreditation Review (2008–2010)
- NBA — Accreditation Review (2011)
- ACBSP — Accreditation Review (2012); Currently serving as Board Member, ACBSP
- Anna University & Bharathiar University — Institutional Inspection for Programme Approval (2010–2018)
- Currently serving as Member, All India Management Studies Board and All India Council for Technical Education

INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC COLLABORATION

Formulated and led institutional MoUs and academic partnerships with over 25 universities across the USA, UK, Germany, Malaysia, Singapore, and Australia, encompassing faculty and student exchange, joint degree programmes, and collaborative research.

- University of Toledo, Ohio, USA — 1+1 Master's programme (15 cohorts graduated); reciprocal visiting faculty arrangement
- San Diego State University, USA — Academic and research collaboration; established Centre for Supply Chain Management
- Hof University of Applied Sciences, Germany — German-Indian MBA (1+3 semesters), 6 cohorts graduated
- University of Hull, UK — 2+1 top-up programme for B.A. (Hons)
- Sunway University, Berjaya University (Malaysia); AIMST, Penang — Student immersion programmes across MBA, PGDM, and allied disciplines
- Florida International University, Miami; Gardner-Webb University, USA — Faculty exchange and academic collaboration

Engaged in academic delegations and conferences across the USA (annually since 2003), UK, Germany, Australia, Singapore, Malaysia, Luxembourg, and China.

RESEARCH, SCHOLARSHIP & PUBLICATIONS

- Guided 22 Ph.D. scholars to completion across Finance, Marketing, HRD, and General Management specialisations
- Authored and edited 20 books, including "Occupational Stress in Indian ITES Industry" (Allied Publishers, 2014) and "Indian Ethos and Values in Management" (Tata McGraw-Hill, 2011)
- Published over 100 research articles across peer-reviewed national and international journals, including Economic and Political Weekly and IIMB Management Review
- Presented 46 papers at international conferences (21 abroad, 25 in India); delivered over 150 plenary lectures and invited talks nationally and internationally

- Principal/Co-Principal Investigator on 10 sponsored research projects funded by AICTE, UGC, the Finance Commission, and the Planning Commission of India, cumulatively exceeding ₹90 lakh
- Editor-in-Chief, Journal of Contemporary Research in Management (2006–2018)

HONORS, AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

- Best B-School Director & Innovative Teaching Practice Award, Association of Indian Management Schools (2019)
- Teaching Excellence Award, ACBSP, Chicago (2014)
- Best Management Teacher Award, Institute of Logistics Management (2009)
- Honorary Citizenship of Toledo, USA, conferred by Toledo Sister Cities International (Honorary Chairman: President Barack Obama)
- British Council Fellowship, Advanced Management Programme, University of Leeds, UK (1988)
- Fellow Member, All India Management Association (2004); Honorary Member, Delta Mu Delta Honor Society, USA (2017)
- Academic Leader Award, Higher Education Forum (2016); Professor Y.K. Bhushan Memorial Award, Higher Education Forum (2022)