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SUMMARY

Accomplished business and people manager developing skills in **Data Science and Management** through a specialized Masters' degree in **Business Analytics**, adding to an **MBA** degree and **9 years** of experience in **Supply Chain Consulting and Operations**.

EDUCATION

Emory University, Goizueta Business School Atlanta, GA
Master of Science in Business Analytics (MSBA) May 2018

- GMAT 740 (97th percentile) | Elected Class Representative | GPA 3.75 / 4.00 (1st Semester)

Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad (IIM-A) Ahmedabad, India
Post Graduate Diploma in Business Management (PDGBM) March 2008

- Common Admission Test (CAT) 99.59th percentile / Nominated member – Students Placement Committee

Calicut University, Government Engineering College, Thrissur (GECT) Thrissur, India
Bachelor of Technology (B.Tech) in Chemical Engineering June 2006

DATA SCIENCE SKILLS

Languages & Tools: R, Python, SQL, Pig, Hive, C++, AWS, Hadoop, RapidMiner, MySQL, Tableau, Excel
Techniques: Data Visualization, Classification, Regression, Decision Trees, Networks Analysis, Naïve Bayes, Principal Component Analysis, Ensembles, Nearest Neighbors, Feature Selection, Cross Validation, Clustering

EXPERIENCE

Flipkart India Pvt. Ltd. Bangalore, India
India's biggest online marketplace, and one of the most valuable startups in the world ([Forbes 2017](#))

Associate Director, Control Tower, eKart Logistics Dec '15 – May '17

- One of 2 leaders of a 20-member team responsible for overall on time fulfilment of all customer orders serviced by eKart
- Achieved less than 2% overall breach of promised service levels for an average of 350K shipments / day for over 12 months
- Headed a 7-member team that initiated and oversaw complete operations for external clients of eKart for 8 months
- Executed operations during a 6-month growth phase from 1 external client & 500 shipments/day to 9 clients & 50K shipments/day

Senior Manager, Supply Planning, Large Appliances Jan '15 – Nov '15

- Led three people in end-to-end supply chain planning for the \$200MM Large Appliance (Consumer Durables) category
- Pre-planned and monitored (24 x 7) Flipkart's biggest sale of that year – Big Billion Days – for a sales spike of 15x
- Planned for operations at 50% ideal inventory levels for 3 months in one region without noticeable drop in sales

Arvind Lifestyle Brands Ltd. Bangalore, India
The retail arm of Arvind Ltd., globally one of the top ten textile manufacturers

Senior Manager, Demand Planning & Logistics Jun '13 – Dec '14

- Led 23 team members as head of supply chain planning and operations for the \$11MM Innerwear Business of Arvind Brands
- Ensured smooth operations in a period which saw 110% increase in year-on-year revenues & 75% increase in year-on-year dispatches
- Designed and developed seasonal capacity planning framework for all six warehouses used by Arvind Brands

Miebach Consulting India Pvt. Ltd. Bangalore, India
German supply chain consulting firm whose Indian division caters to all of Asia and Australasia

Senior Consultant Jan '10 – May '13

- Optimized distribution network for a \$350MM Fast-Moving Consumer Goods entity with projected savings of \$2.8MM
- Piloted initiatives to reduce overall inventory for a \$250MM Indian textile major which resulted in inventory turns increasing from 1.7 to 2.8 turns in 12 months; delivered roadmap to achieve 4.0 turns in the next 12 months
- Developed concept for a 100,000 square foot greenfield distribution center for the \$250MM Indian aftermarket spare parts business of an international automotive giant
- Identified savings of \$1.2 million for the agribusiness division of a \$450 million Indian conglomerate, through network redesign and transportation optimization

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Mentorship – affiliated to [GoCrackIt](#) as SCM subject matter expert, mentor and speaker for executive MBA students
- International experience – worked on location in Thailand (3 months), Indonesia (2 weeks) and Germany (1 month)