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Profile Summary

- Over 20 years of experience and expertise in Manufacturing, Planning, Supply chain, Costing, People management and Business development.
- Served in **Toshiba JSW, L&T, BHEL**, Thermax and Rane TRW.
- Attended Management program in Mitsubishi Heavy Industry (MHI), Japan in 2010.
- Received Young innovator award & Republic Day award at BHEL for improving the manufacturing process.
- Alumnus of **IIM**, Bangalore and **PSG college of technology**, Coimbatore.
- Qualified in GATE'93 Received Government of India Scholarship during Masters in Engineering.

Experience`

Toshiba – JSW Power Systems General Manager – Operations Management, April 2012 – Mar 2019 & GM – Strategy & Business Development April 2019 – Mar 2021

Plant Manufactures & services Turbine and Generator for 250 MW/660 MW/800 MW power plants.

Head – Operations & Delivery Manager for Chennai. Managed operations of 4,50,000 Man-hours/ annum with 500 people.

Directed the Company's manufacturing business arm as an Anchor person, below the board.

Developed Market strategy. Brought 15 prospective customers to marketing funnel. Leveraged existing resources and capabilities.

Roles handled: Manufacturing, Planning, costing, SCM & logistics, and Strategy

Manufacturing, Planning, Customer Management

- Successfully managed delivery of Turbine & Generator components of four Power projects as per EPC needs.
 Connected Engineering inputs, SCM, Manufacturing and logistics, by continuous interaction with all stakeholders. Made procurement plan based on manufacturing need, vendor risk matrix and transportation window constraints.
- Delivered annually INR 500 Crore value of products for over five years.
- Answerable to board of directors for On Time Delivery, Manhours generation, and WIP.
- Managed key KPI's above 90 % in On Time Delivery, man-hour generation, vendor development and outsourcing for over seven years.
- Implemented lean principles,
 - Improved the output from 1.5 units to 2.5 units per annum by productivity improvement/de-bottle necking and DMAIC initiatives.
 - Reduced working capital by 7 %, by just before time purchase of items, based on past risks & vendor performances.
 - o **Improved working efficiency to 60 %** from 48 % by data driven approach, by eliminating non-value-added process/losses.
 - O Improved Takt time of the Nozzle and Casing shop by 20%.
- Created planning systems in Toshiba with Monthly, Quarterly, Annual and mid-term planning cycles.
- **Prepared multi skill training** plan and trained, 200 people in two/three competencies and improved man power loading from 60 to 80 %. Improved top line by Rs 40 Crores.
- Oracle E-Business suite Analyzed and controlled WIP, Inventory ageing, COGS, man our utilization/loss.
- On Time Delivered more than 90 % percentage products in 10 out of 12 in half years. Made recovery plans/deliveries against many odds/uncertain times including 2015'Chennai floods.
- **Disaster Recovery Expert** designed & executed recovery post 2015 Chennai floods. Recovered 70 % and 95% operations in 3 and 6 months respectively.
- Created focused **ISO 9001** organization objectives linking production, engineering and planning objectives and matrixes. Played important role in implementation OHS standard **ISO 45001** and environmental standard **ISO 14001**.
- Added significant value during RCA of quality deviations and safety incidents/accidents in Generator and Turbine.
- Prepared and reported monthly, quarterly and annual Plan and Plan Vs actual with catchup plan.
- Reviewed plan Vs actual and resolved competing demands. Advised management on resource allocation. Integrated and channelized the company resources including the Parent organization inputs.

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• New products Development – manufactured earth moving equipment, and non-OEM turbine rotors.

Supply Chain Management - Procurement-Outsourcing, Export management & Logistics

- Identified and developed 15 vendors in two years. Transferred the technology, negotiated, made contract, and controlled delivery. Managed Rs 100 Crores of procurement/contracts per year. Estimated cost by "should cost" for bench marking.
- Quantified, drafted, made and executed rate contracts for shop manufacturing services.
- Developed four suppliers for vendors in large machining and reduced lead time of Turbine components by 3 months by unclogging critical path & reducing waiting time for assembly.
- Refined and Systemized **new vendor development** for critical machined products like moving blades, inner casings etc.
- Handled **export/ import /re-export** of engineering goods. Saved ~5M INR taxes & duties by obtaining permits in 5 days. Annual exports handled 700 MINR.
- Completed **innovation project** and reduced time the shipping of finished goods to three days from 10 days by closely interlinking production plan, packing, customer approval and logistics.

Costing

- Estimated cost of main equipment power plant for bid. Achieved 3 % cost reduction, by optimizing material cutting/usage plan and man-hour reduction on work studies. Saved 30 MN INR per Project.
- Evaluated risk in service orders from the cost and execution angle. Transferred such risks to customers or vendors and mitigated them pre and post order continuously. Saved about 20 MN INR.

Strategy & Business Development

- Researched, analyzed, identified, and developed new markets based on saleable market potential, aligned with organization resources and capabilities. **Created a new growth platform/product** in space and aerospace sector by using existing resources, and borrowing some capabilities from partners.
- Handled four key customer accounts and improved customer engagement. Improved accounts by 20%.
- Received orders worth 100 MINR thro' business development in the space sector.
- Developed close relationships with fifteen customers, were in different stages of the marketing funnel. Developed market with 300 MINR business potential based on existing resources and capabilities.
- Analyzed the market feasibility of expansion into the supply of Core parts for Generator OEM's. Recommended further
 cost reductions to achieve 5% gross margins based on market analysis.
- Experienced in costing, P & L preparation, Pricing, negotiations, and contract finalization.

L&T – MHPS Boilers private Limited DGM – Business establishment & Planning Aug 2007 – Mar 2012

Establish Factory and transfer technology. Establish planning and project management business processes. Delivery of boiler components as per erection site schedule, dynamically allocate priority of manufacturing.

Planning & costing (Jan 2010-Mar 2012)

- Achieved 4200 T of manufacturing through coordinated effort in very first year. In second year, **capacity utilization** increased to 72 % by coordinated training and planning.
- Prepared, tested and implemented Manufacturing to Deliver (MTD) module in SAP. Identified & developed
 customized developments according to business requirements in SAP. Assisted in making the dashboard in SAP for
 factory head.
- In **SAP**, Defined and made WBS structure, Delivery units (DU), Procurement BOM, Manufacturing BOM. Links between all of them for Boiler components.
- Worked with Accenture Consulting team for process mapping and capacity balancing assignment. Raised the capacity to 4GW from 3 GW.
- Reduced the Inventory plus WIP to 100 days in two years of operation. Conducted time studies improved
 /established capacity of critical machines.
- Collaborated with finance on **conversion cost working**. Changed product mix of make & buy ratio from 80:20 to 70:30.
- Prepared operational L2, L3 plan and procurement plan based on L1 plan and Business plan. Controlled inventory and spares for seven projects.

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Plant Engineering, CAPEX Procurement, Training & Technical transfer management (Aug 2007-Dec 09)

- Worked capacity charts, CAPEX requirements, man power requirements, Shop floor plans and outsourcing plans for 3 GW, 4 GW, and 5 GW business plans. Created scenario plans for sliding business loads.
- Prepared & implemented CAPEX plan from 3 to 4 GW/annum in discussion with Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Japan. Obtained board approval for additional **CAPEX of 35 M INR.**
- Prepared technical specifications of machines & facilities. Negotiated with suppliers for 20 critical machines/ facilities in one year. **Saved 150 M INR** vendor selection, negotiation, and indigenization.
- Prepared & implemented manpower recruitment, training, confirmation plan in line with business plan to adequately respond to the fluctuating business scenarios. Assisted in recruitment of more than 300 people.
- Transferred technical knowhow from MHI by organizing receipt of drawings, technical documents, training, and mock components manufacturing. Visited MHI, Japan for hands on training, prepared tooling & trained 35 engineers.

<u>Dy. Manger – Production at Thermax</u> (Dec 2006 – Aug 2007), <u>Sr. Engineer – Production Engineer at BHEL</u> (Jan 1998 — Nov 2006) and <u>Process Engineer at RANE TRW POWER steering</u> (1997-1996) <u>Manufacturing</u>

- BHEL, Lead 300+ team in shop floor. Responsible for maintaining safe working environment and its indices.
- Responsible for value addition of 400 MINR per annum and maintaining safe working environment & its indices.
- Delivered 18000 T/annuum of products in boiler shop. Erected and commissioned ten machines and systems.
- Improved RH & SH coil shop throughput from 250 T to 325 T per month by de-bottle necking, productivity improvements and elimination of Muda activities.
- Received management appreciation on process development for Aircraft carrier boiler retrofit.
- Improved the quality of Orbital TIG butt welding process from 3.0 σ to 3.8 σ .
- Reduced customer complaints on punctures & damages by improved material handling and welding practices.
- Improved RH coil shop **throughput from 250 T to 325 T** per month by de-bottle necking, productivity improvements and elimination of Muda activities. Achieved 15% improvement in **OEE on critical machine**.
- Experienced in **SMAW, TIG, orbital TIG** welding. Inspected and commissioned a mechanized MIG cum TIG welding systems. Exposure to Real time Radiography (RTR) and RT.
- Part of the team product development Super heater coil made of 347H, and avoided Solution annealing as per ASME Sec I. Applied **Design for manufacturability** concepts, reduced product to Market time, by 60 days.
- Thermax, monitored on time & quality execution of civil works and machine erection & commissioning. Set up training center and trained 50 IBR welders.
- Rane TRW, Developed and established process plan for Cielo and Ford car power steering components.

Education		
Master of Business Administration	IIM, Bangalore	2019
Master of Engineering	PSG college of Technology, Coimbatore	1995
Bachelor of Engineering	Thiagarajar College of Engineering, Madurai	1993
Extra-curricular Achievements		

Link development in political space with Business and economy. Anticipate and bring changes in business strategy and management thinking based such events & development.