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He was a Scientist–G, from ADA (Aeronautical Development Agency), DRDO, Ministry of Defence, Bangalore.

He was the Director (Technology Interface) at the President Secretariat, when Dr Kalam was the 11th President of India from 2003-2007.

He had worked with Dr APJ Abdul Kalam as an Advisor on Science and Technology and Public Policy till his death for over 20 years.

He had worked on various missions pioneered by Dr Kalam for more than a decade such as Developed India Vision 2020, PURA, Energy Independence by 2030, Aerospace Vision 2050, Kalam-NSS Space based Solar Power Initiative, National Smart Waterways GRID and Lead India 2020 missions. He was the architect of Pan African e-Network, which backed the “Hermes Price for Innovation 2010” for Govt. of India. He has also worked with Dr Kalam in evolving the Missions for Developed States for 15 State Assemblies in India and worked with state and central government authorities and some of the Chief Ministers in evolving a development plan and manifesto for the states. He is an expert in ICT in the domains such as Aeronautics, Simulation, Virtual Reality, Networking, Software Development and e-Governance, Education and Healthcare and public policy.



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He has co-authored thousands of speeches, lectures and books with Dr Kalam and travelled more than 45 countries as a part of the official delegation along with Dr Kalam and as well as represented India individually and delivered lectures in Educational institutions, Universities and various youth forums. He is presently doing Ph.D. under the guidance of Dr APJ Abdul Kalam in Sri Ramachandra University, Chennai. He is an expert member of Shyama Prakash Mukherjee RURBAN Mission of Govt. of India under the Ministry of Rural Development.

He has co-authored a book “A Manifesto for Change” – a sequel to India 2020 with Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam. This is book is for practicing development politics from Panchayat to Parliament. Currently he is in the process of completing the book coauthored with Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam on “Freeze after Strom – a Development Vision for Tamilnadu”.

He is also an Mentor and advisor to “Abdul Kalam Vision India Movement” – to realize the vision of Dr APJ Abdul Kalam.