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After internship in HMT Hyderabad, he joined Ashok Leyland and has wide experience in various functions of manufacturing. As head of plant at Ashok Leyland, Ambattur, he revived the plant from loss to profit making. Thereafter, as Plant Director at Ennore, he was instrumental in merging manufacturing and quality functions as single entity. Lead a team in installation of modern and state of technology conveyor system in commercial vehicle assembly line.

Product quality was always his vision and established right manufacturing Process with automation in machining and assembly lines. His passion is Lean Manufacturing and product reliability is his target.

As a life Member of NIQR, he has contributed and shared his industrial manufacturing experience in updating quality. He is Past National Secretary of NIQR. He represented NIQR in Quality Council of India and also Co-Ordinator of ZED Programme. Taken initiative in organising awareness meetings with Industries. He has taken active roll and contributed in two of NIQR conventions.