

Vikas is in the powerful team of National Innovation Council (NInC), New Delhi, constituted by Prime Minister, for creating a road map for innovations, earlier chaired by Dr. Sam Pitroda. Playing a national role, he has taken up key initiatives for fostering innovations under “India Grand Vision 2020”.

As a secretary and founding member of Vadodara Innovation Council (VIC), he played a pivotal role in shaping VIC to be the first and the only city based Innovation Council in India. Since inception in May 2011, VIC initiated many innovation-drives e.g. trained 13000 students in 40+ schools on Creativity, organizing 35 public talks, reaching to universities, industries, common people etc. VIC vision is to make “Vadodara – an Innovative City”.

In July 2014 at Chita, Russia, representing Team India, won Innovation Award for India, presenting Education & Social Innovation Model among 14 participating countries including China and Russia. 3000 delegates participated in this 5 days long event. This was organized by Govt. of Russia and SCO countries.

He was a Jury for prestigious Kutch Business Excellence Awards 2013 by Federation of Kutch Industries Association. Ernest & Young was a Process Advisor and a Knowledge Partner. 100+ industries were evaluated on Innovation in 13 categories. Gujarat Chief Minister conferred awards to winners on 03.08.14.

He is a Mentor at Global Cleantech Open, US, world’s largest accelerator for cleantech start-ups, entrepreneurship and innovation – in a joint initiative of UNIDO (United Nations Industrial Development Organization) and FICCI for energy environment and economic sustainability. He is also a Mentor, Speaker and Panellist at CEO Mentoring Clinic with a membership of 100+ CEOs at Cyber Media and at SME Connect.

He was part of “Shodh-Yatra” lead by Prof. Anil Gupta, IIM-A and Vice Chair National Innovation Foundation in Dec 2013 – Jan 2014. In this Shodh-Yatra walked 80 kms in 5 days visiting 35 villages in Punjab to track, felicitate and facilitate Grass-root, rural and agricultural innovations with 80 Shodh-Yatris (6 foreigners).

He is now part of Gujarat State Innovation Council (GSInC), Department of Science & Technology (DST) initiative on ‘World Innovation Symposium’ during Vibrant Gujarat 2015. Government of Gujarat recently invited him in ‘Chintan Shibir’ for expert talk on ‘Innovation and Next Governance Practices’ attended by ministers, secretaries, dist. collector and 100+ top govt officials.

Rajasthan State Innovation Council invited Vikas as a speaker in their Seminar cum Exhibition on Innovation at Science Park, Jaipur in September 2013. Karnataka State Innovation Council invited him for training Tod-Fod-Jod (TFJ) Mentors, conducting TFJ workshop and School programs on Innovation at Advanced Institute of Science, Bangalore in December 2012 on behalf of NInC.

Vikas was invited to conduct TFJ workshop for school students during 39th Jawaharlal Nehru National Science Maths & Environment Exhibition (JNNSMEE) at Silvassa in December 2012 on behalf of NInC. He conducted TFJ Mentor workshop for 150 teachers and principals of 60 schools from Vadodara, Bharuch and Kutch Dist.

During VCCI 2013 & 2014 Exhibition, he lead initiatives like dedicated innovation dome with 60 stalls showcasing 100+ innovations, conferences and roundtables on innovations, designed and executed ‘i-Explore’ and ‘i-Innovate’ contest, Mega TFJ, ‘Socho Hatke’ programs. Over 5 lakh visitors visited these 5 days exhibition.

Vikas was invited as a Mentor and a Jury for Start-up 20-20 Competition for innovative Business Start-ups jointly organized by GESIA, NASSCOM, Devang Mehta Foundation US and Faculty of Management M S University in August 2013. Many MOUs signed and few start-ups successfully launched in the market.

On behalf of VIC and ‘i-Create’ team, conceptualized, designed and conducted 2-Day workshop for 60 professors on Mentoring Students to go for Innovative Projects. 4 –Days workshop was conducted for 100 final year students on “How to Select and Execute Innovative Projects” at ITM University Vadodara in July 2014.

Designed manuals on “Creating City based Innovation Council” and “Innovative School Programs” for National Innovation Council. Conceptualized & designed nationwide workshops on TFJ for National Innovation Council.

He has conducted 300+ workshops training 15000 professionals on innovation, sales & marketing, soft skills, strategy, leadership, MDPs at leading corporate e.g. ABB, ACC, Adani, Reliance, L&T, Torrent, ITT Corp, ERDA, SPIPA, GETRI, BMA, BDMA etc. He is a consultant to many companies on 'institutionalizing a culture of innovation'. He has been regularly invited to deliver Talk, as a jury and on the panel by Govt, corporate, industry, various associations, NGOs and universities. He is mentoring few faculties and students.

At Ahmedabad Management Association (AMA), he has conducted 9 Full-Day workshops on Innovation, Out of Box Thinking and Sales & Marketing Strategy for Corporate, MSME professionals.

He was invited as a key note speaker and as a panellist in National Innovation Symposium "Synnovation" at Pune in Feb. 2014, 600 professionals, academicians and students participated.

He was part of Doctors-Engineers team who successfully executed Laparoscopy Surgery Innovation for the operation theatre during 2010 and 2011.

His articles on innovation are published in magazines and at various web-portals.

Career Snapshot:

Vikas has over 23 years of experience and he is a founder of Quantum Leap, a Management Consultancy Firm. A Trainer, Mentor, Coach, Educator, Business Consultant and Entrepreneur, INNOVATION is Vikas's passion. Born in 1968, married, blessed with two children, he lives in Vadodara, India.

Academics: A Graduate Mechanical Engineer from India's premier institute REC/ NIT with merit scholarship and MBA in Marketing with distinction; he was a visiting faculty for PG Management students at MS University, WLC College of UK and IGNOU. He is now on the Board of Studies at CK Shah Institute of Management, on the Board of Entrepreneurship Development Cell at ITM University and a member of Entrepreneurial MBA Advisory Group at Ahmedabad University.

He worked with Top Ranked US, German and Indian MNCs for 16 years till 2007, in sales & marketing, service, quality assurance, planning, projects, manufacturing and training field in diverse industry verticals like oil, gas, refining, chemical, petrochemical, engineering, steel, pharma, power, food, dairy, fertilizer etc.

He represented at Global Emerson strategic marketing conference at Thailand and was also a special invitee in training program at ITT Richter, Germany.

He was the first project manager - converting bio-gas into electric power at Surat Municipal Corporation - first ever unique concept in India initiated by dept. of non-conventional energy, Govt. of India and United Nations.

He won numerous awards, recognition for his outstanding performance and contribution during his career.

Since 2010, he is an Elected Managing Committee member at Baroda Management Association (BMA), leading various initiatives and currently a Chairman (RTC - Innovation). He is also a secretary at Doctors - Engineers forum. He is in executive committee at National HRD Network, Baroda chapter and ex-secretary at KVT. He is also actively associated with other reputed professional, social, NGO and spiritual organizations.

Vikas is a lead Actor in an innovative drama – a unique corporate comedy - exposing management blunders, strategy goof-ups, and organization behaviour, applauded by 150+ audience in 5 different performances at L&T, Reliance, BMA, VIC and recently at Indian Institute of Management – IIM –A.

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