

## **Curriculum Vitae**



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### **Education**

- Ph. D. from Department of Management Studies, Hamdard University, New Delhi, INDIA,
- Master of Marketing Management, Pondicherry University, Pondicherry, INDIA,
- M.Tech (IT), Karnataka State Open University, Bangaluru, INDIA
- B.Sc. Engg. (Mechanical), Jamia Millia Islamia Central University, New Delhi, INDIA

### **Professional Summary:**

Prof. (Dr.) Rihan Khan Suri is a distinguished academic leader renowned for his expertise in innovation, entrepreneurship, and skill development. He has total 33 years of academic and Industry experience. Currently He is serving as the Director of the Centre for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (CIE) at Jamia Millia Islamia Central University, Dr. Suri has transformed CIE into a vibrant hub for fostering entrepreneurial talent and driving innovation. Prior to the current role He has served as Pro-Vice Chancellor of DSEU (Govt. of Delhi). His tenure as Pro Vice Chancellor at Delhi Skill & Entrepreneurship University (DSEU) underscores his commitment to advancing skill development and industry integration. With a career spanning over three decades, Dr. Suri has pioneered initiatives to enhance academic programs, establish industry partnerships, and facilitate job placements, empowering students with the practical skills needed for success. He has founded many institutions and established various departments in Industry and academic Institutions. He has held key leadership positions, including Hon. Advisor to UP State Institute of Forensic Sciences, Training & Placement Officer at Jamia Millia Islamia Central University, and Chairman of the Governing Board of Gargi College, University of Delhi. He has published papers in National and International Journals and presented papers in various National and International conferences. Dr. Suri's

contributions extend beyond academia, with active involvement in research, advocacy, and industry outreach, earning him recognition through various awards and accolades. His dedication to fostering innovation-driven entrepreneurship and skill development has made a profound impact on India's educational landscape.

## **Current Position:**

Director- Centre for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Jamia Millia Islamia Central University, New Delhi, INDIA. In this role, I serve as the Director of the Centre for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (CIE) at Jamia Millia Islamia, a prestigious central university in India renowned for its academic excellence and rich history spanning over a century. Under his leadership, CIE has emerged as a dynamic hub for fostering innovation and entrepreneurial talent among students. Comprising two departments, the Design Innovation Centre and the Livelihood Business Incubator, CIE offers a diverse range of programs and initiatives aimed at nurturing creativity, problem-solving skills, and entrepreneurial mindset among students.

The Design Innovation Centre at CIE plays a pivotal role in promoting innovation and design thinking among students, offering a PG Diploma in Entrepreneurship, Innovation, and Design Thinking. Meanwhile, the Livelihood Business Incubator provides practical training and skill development through 42 short-term courses spanning various disciplines such as bakery, cutting & tailoring, digital marketing, and Python programming, among others. Furthermore, the incubator supports student-led ventures, providing them with resources, mentorship, and a conducive co-working space to foster their growth and success.

CIE has emerged as a thriving ecosystem for startups, incubating 18 ventures across diverse sectors including drone technology, robotics, electric vehicles, mental health, and education technology. With a strong commitment to supporting student innovation and entrepreneurship, CIE annually serves over 5000 students, empowering them to pursue their entrepreneurial aspirations and contribute to India's innovation ecosystem. Under my visionary leadership, CIE continues to catalyze innovation-driven entrepreneurship and make significant strides in shaping the future of India's entrepreneurial landscape.

## **Past Experiences**

### **Role of Pro Vice Chancellor at Delhi Skill & Entrepreneurship University (DSEU), Govt. of Delhi (June 2021 - July 2023)**

As the Pro Vice Chancellor of Delhi Skill & Entrepreneurship University (DSEU) from June 2021 to July 2023, I assumed a pivotal role in advancing the institution's mission of fostering skill development and entrepreneurship education. Through strategic initiatives and tireless efforts, I spearheaded various transformative measures to enhance the educational landscape of DSEU.

#### **1. Establishment of Skilling and Entrepreneurship Education:**

- Led initiatives to develop and implement robust skilling and entrepreneurship education programs across DSEU's 20 campuses.
- Collaborated with stakeholders to design curricula tailored to industry needs, ensuring students are equipped with practical skills for the Industry readiness.

#### **2. Industry Integration and Collaboration:**

- Successfully established partnerships with over 100 industries through Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs), facilitating industry-relevant training, internships, and placements for students.

- Worked closely with industry leaders to co-create and introduce 16 undergraduate programs aligned with emerging market demands.

### 3. Enhancement of Academic Programs:

- Formulation of academic programmes
- Responsible for Academic Matters of Delhi Skill & Entrepreneurship University, Involved in introducing 16 Skill based UG programmes, 3 PG programmes and Ph.D Programmes in the University.
- Involved in introducing Entrepreneurship Development programme for all the students.
- Involved in introducing Socio Emotional Learning Course for all the students.
- Involved in introducing Face The World Skills Course in all the programmes.
- Involved in introducing a unique Skill based Residential Advance Diploma Programme for under privileged girls.
- Involved in rolling out the spoken English project for Delhi residents.
- Involved in starting Community Skill development training courses with counselling in the slums of Delhi.
- Involved in rolling out Women Entrepreneurship development Project with Women and Child Department of Delhi Govt.
- Involved in collaborating with IIT Delhi for the use of Labs by our students
- Revamped diploma engineering programs across all campuses, modernizing the curriculum to meet industry standards and technological advancements.
- Pioneered the introduction of Ph.D. programs in engineering disciplines, fostering research and innovation within the institution.

### 4. Establishment of Examination Cell and Placement System:

- Played a pivotal role in setting up a centralized examination cell, ensuring fair and transparent evaluation processes across all campuses.
- Instituted a robust placement system, forging partnerships with companies to facilitate job placements for graduates, thereby enhancing their employability.

### 5. Community Outreach Initiatives:

- Initiated various community projects, including an English-speaking program benefiting to target over 1 lakh students, empowering them with language proficiency crucial for employment.
- Championed initiatives supporting women entrepreneurship and employment, contributing to gender inclusivity and socioeconomic development.

Throughout my tenure, I remained dedicated to fostering a culture of innovation, industry relevance, and community engagement at DSEU. By leveraging partnerships, introducing progressive academic programs, and prioritizing student success, I endeavoured to position DSEU as a premier institution for skill development and entrepreneurship education in Delhi and beyond.

### **Professor (Training & Placement Officer), Jamia Millia Islamia Central University, New Delhi, INDIA (Sep 2006 to June 2021)**

As the first Training & Placement Officer at the University level, I pioneered the establishment of the Centralised Placement Cell, creating a robust framework to enhance students' employability and foster strong ties with the industry. This involved leading a team of over 40 Teacher Placement Coordinators and 200 student Placement Coordinators across various university departments.

To facilitate seamless placement activities, I introduced a range of initiatives such as Career Fairs, Job Fairs, Start-up Internship and Job Fairs, Employability Enhancement Trainings, Pre-Placement Trainings, and Industry Readiness Workshops. These events aimed to provide students with valuable opportunities to interact with potential employers, develop essential skills, and gain insights into industry trends.

Recognizing the importance of infrastructure, I oversaw the establishment of a state-of-the-art office spanning 5000 sq ft, equipped with modern facilities including Audio-Visual Training Room, Board Room, Group Discussion Rooms, Students' Activity Hall, Exclusive Interview Rooms, HR Control Room, and offices for staff. This facility received accolades from the NAAC Team during their visit in 2015.

During my tenure, the university witnessed a significant increase in recruitment processes, job offers, internships, and industry engagements. Through strategic initiatives such as industry-supported tech fests, TED talks, Model United Nations (MUN), Entrepreneurs Meets, and Business Competitions, we provided students with platforms to showcase their talents and network with industry professionals.

Furthermore, I played a key role in establishing new chapters such as ENACTUS, fostering entrepreneurship and social innovation among students. University Placement Cell launched a mentorship platform with the help of alumni for enhancing career guidance and industry exposure. By nurturing strong bonds with alumni and industry partners, I ensured continued support and opportunities for students' professional growth.

Overall, my leadership and initiatives as the Training & Placement Officer have had a profound impact on enhancing the university's reputation, strengthening industry linkages, and empowering students to succeed in their careers.

**Chairman, Governing Board of Gargi College, University of Delhi, New Delhi, INDIA (March 2020 to September 2021)**

Govt. of Delhi nominated me as a member of Governing Body of Gargi College. Members of Governing Body elected me as the Chairperson of the Governing Board. During my stint as Chairperson of the supreme body, the foundation stone was laid to the construction of New Academic Block in the college. I chaired the selection committees to promote more than 80 faculty members, these promotions were due for many years. I constituted a leadership award for the outstanding performance of a student. Due to Corona tragedy, College has taken various initiatives through online mode which helped students to continue their education.

**Founding Member, Governing Board of Mewat Engineering College (Wakf), Govt. of Haryana (Feb 2008 to Sep 2011)**

Establishing an engineering college from the ground up was an incredible journey, one that I embarked on alongside Mr. Hanif Qureshi, IPS, and the Haryana Wakf Board. Our vision was to bring quality skill based engineering education to the most underserved areas, and Nuh District stood out as the perfect location for this endeavour.

From the very beginning, I was deeply involved in every aspect of the project. We started by navigating the complex process of obtaining approvals from AICTE and securing affiliation with MD University, Rohtak. This involved countless meetings, paperwork, and negotiations, but we were determined to make it happen.

Finding the right piece of land was another challenge. We scouted various locations before settling on a barren plot in Village Palla. Once the land was secured, I worked closely with

architects to develop plans for the college buildings. It was important to me that the design reflected both functionality and aesthetics, creating a welcoming environment for students and faculty alike.

Equipping the college with the necessary resources was no small feat. I spent months researching and purchasing state-of-the-art equipment for our engineering labs. From computers to machinery, every detail was carefully considered to ensure that our students had access to the best tools for their education.

Selecting the faculty members was perhaps one of the most crucial tasks. We needed passionate and dedicated individuals who shared our vision for the college. After numerous interviews and deliberations, we assembled a talented team of professors and instructors who were committed to shaping the minds of future engineers.

Despite the challenges, we were able to achieve our goal in record time - just 16 months from start to finish. Seeing the college come to life, bustling with students eager to learn, was incredibly rewarding. And knowing that it was all done voluntarily, for the betterment of the community, made it even more fulfilling.

Today, the engineering college in Nuh District stands as a beacon of hope and opportunity for the local community. It's a testament to what can be achieved when people come together with a shared purpose. And I'm proud to have played a part in making it happen.

### **Training & Placement Officer (Reader Scale), Hamdard University, New Delhi (Dec 2002 to Sep 2006)**

I embarked on a journey from the corporate world to academia, driven by a desire to steer the youth of our nation towards the right career paths. Motivated by the observed lack of career guidance and industry exposure among students in academic institutions, I made the pivotal decision to transition. As the first Training and Placement officer at the University, I initiated the establishment of the Training and Placement Cell within the Faculty of Management and IT. I initiated various employability skill enhancement programmes for the students of the university.

Establishing the integration of industry into the university environment presented a formidable challenge, given the absence of precedent. Undeterred, I assembled a team of students and personally engaged with corporate entities in Delhi, Bangalore, Hyderabad, and beyond. The outcome of these endeavours was highly rewarding, with placement opportunities commencing from 2003 onwards, marking a significant milestone for Hamdard University in achieving record placements during my tenure.

This role has given me the opportunity to cater the need of diverse group of students from departments such as Unani Medicine, Pharmacy, Nursing, Allied Health Sciences, Rehabilitation Sciences, Physiotherapy, Bio-Technology, Toxicology, Management Studies, Computer Sciences and Federal Studies. I spearheaded the organization of various seminars, technological, and cultural events, enriching the academic experience for students under my guidance.

Along with the responsibilities of training and placement of students, I taught various subjects of Management to the students of MCA and MBA during this stint.

### **Industry Experience (11 years)**

- Worked with Association of Professionals & Engineering Xperts (APEX) as a Business Manager. Managing all the activities related with corporate training, Sales of Engg. Software and in house training for three years.
- Worked with CADD Centre Training Services as a Business Manager.
- Worked in Pepsi Cola Nepal Pvt. Ltd. Kathmandu as Executive-Marketing Equipment
- Apex Air Care Pvt. Ltd. As an Executive-Customer care
- Guest Teacher at University Polytechnic, J.M.I.
- Lecturer-Mechanical Engineer in G.B. Pant Polytechnic. (Govt. of Delhi) in Department of Production Engineering.
- Visiting faculty at Meerabai Girls Polytechnic (Part Time Classes) during session 1994-95 & 1995-96.
- Desitech Consultant as an Engineer-HVAC. Design the Project from HVAC includes heat load calculation, Duct design, Pump recommendation, insulation provision AHU's recommendation and site inspection.
- Engineer-Trainee to look after maintenance and operation of central A.C. Plant of 600 Tr. And 300 Tr. And DG Sets also.

### **Other Responsibilities:**

**President, Institution's Innovation Council of JMI,**

**Member- Education Committee 2020-21, PHDCCI**

**Founding Member - Governing Body, Mewat Engg. College, Haryana Waqf Board (Govt. of Haryana)**

**Former Member & Coordinator (Internships), Institutional Innovation Cell (IIC), JMI**

**Faculty Advisor(Founder): ENACTUS- JMI Chapter, (A Social Entrepreneurship Chapter)**

**Sr. Advisor- Mindler.com (A unit of Taxmann Publication) (An established Start up)**

**Advisor- Justlearn.com and justrojgar.com (Start-up by Alumnus of JMI)**

**Advisor- Suraasa Technologies (Startup by an Engineer)**

**Advisor- Trucard Infosolutions Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi (start up by an Alumnus of JMI)**

**Adjunct Professor-Lingaya's University, Faridabad (Haryana)**

**Adjunct Faculty- Mewat Engg. College, Haryana Waqf Board, Haryana**

**Master Trainer with Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (Ministry of Corporate Affairs) for CSR Professionals**

**Formerly:**

**External Member in Selection Committee for DRDS Assessment 2018 in DRDO for the promotions.**

**External Member in Assessment Board for Scientists in the discipline of Tech Services in DRDO in 2017**

**Treasurer, Delhi Management Association**

**President, Jamia Engineering Alumni Association**

**Member-Jury of ASSOCHAM Social Banking Awards 2013 and CSR Awards 2015, 2016 and 2017.**

**Convener, University Industry Linkages Programme**

**Coordinator-Industry Relations and Consultancy, Centre for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (2014-16)**

**Member-Sports Committee, JMI**

**President, Volleyball, Games and Sports Department, JMI**

**Nodal Officer, Jamia Millia Islamia -Lok Sabha General Elections**

#### **Global Panels**

- A panellist for preparing Global Opportunity Report 2015 prepared by The Global Compact, DNV-GL and Mondaymorning Global Institute.
- Shared Value Summit 2015
- Urdu Media engagement on RI with UNICEF, India
- University of Portsmouth,UK and British Council project 2021-22

#### **International and National Conferences:**

- Key Speaker in the inaugural ceremony of the "International Conference and Start-up Expo-24" at East Delhi Campus, Delhi Technological University, Delhi, INDIA on 21st February 2024.
- Presented a Research paper entitled "Changing Business Practices for Sustainable Development in India: Challenges and Opportunities" in JTA Multidisciplinary International Conference (JTACON-2020) in February 2020.
- Technical Session Chair in 7<sup>th</sup> National Seminar on Architecture for Masses organised by Faculty of Architecture and Ekistics, Jamia Millia Islamia from 21-22 February 2019.
- Delegate in Internship Day 2019 organised by AICTE and Internshala
- Session Chair in the International Conference on Architecture Pedagogy 2019 organised by Faculty of Architecture and Ekistics, Jamia Millia Islamia
- Distinguished Speaker in Social Leadership Summit 2019 organised by AMP and MOEMIN.

- Delegate in Education Technology Summit 2019 organised by Indian Express Group and Amazon Web Services
- Session Chair in International Conference on Islamic Art and Architecture 2018 organised by Faculty of Architecture & Ekistics, JMI
- Presented a paper titled “ Philanthrocapitalism : Emerging CSR in India” in International Conference-2018 on CSR-Changed Social Responsibility: Mutually Inclusive & Exclusive Organised by School of Management & Business Studies Jamia Hamdard University, New Delhi, India
- Invited Speaker in National Conference on Employment Demand In India: A policy Perspective at Maulana Azad National Urdu University ( A Central University), Hyderabad, India 2018
- Convener, Consultative Workshop on Employability Enhancement at Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, India 2018
- Summit Director, National CSR Summit 2017 on Enhancing Opportunities to Change the Destiny of Sports; CSR in Indian Sports organised by Global Compact Network of India & Shikhar at New Delhi, India.
- Delegate in ASCEND-2016, Industry-Academia Summit organised by WIPRO
- Chaired a Session in International Conference on Marketing in Emerging Economies organised by Centre for Management Studies, JMI, New Delhi in Feb 2016
- Delegate in ASCEND-2015, Industry-Academia Summit organised by WIPRO
- Session Chair in 12<sup>th</sup> IEEE India International Conference INDICON 2015
- Session Chairperson in International Conference on Sustainable Technologies, ICST 2013 organised by Jamia Millia Islamia in 2013.
- Presented a paper titled “Impact Analysis of Indian CSR on Environment” in International Conference on Business, Social Responsibility and Transformation: Indian & International Perspective organised by Department of Management, Jamia Hamdard and FICCI in 2013
- Session Chair in National Conference on Management Challenges in the New Era: Strategies for Success 2014 organised by Centre for Management Studies, JMI in 2014
- Summit Director of National CSR Summit 2013 organised by Shikhar Organisation for Social Development and GCNI (A Chapter of UNGC)
- India and Sustainability Standards: International Dialogue and Conference 2015 organised by Centre for Responsible Business with Global Network of India.
- Shared Value Summit 2015 organised by Shared Value Initiative India and India Council of Competitiveness
- Innovation in Education by Education Times & Institute of Management Technology
- Edvantage 2010: Plugging the Talent Gap by The Economic Times and Galgotias Educational Institutions
- Alumni Leadership Masterclass 2011
- Workshop on Partnering for Rural development: Experience Sharing & Idea Generation organised by CII, Insitute of Rural Research and Development and Times Foundation



- 2<sup>nd</sup> Women Entrepreneurship Conference on Women Entrepreneurship: Unplugged organised by Delhi Management Association
- Mega HR Conclave 2011 on “Paradigm Shift in HR strategies to Enhance Customer Value” organised by Indus Business Academy and DMA
- 38<sup>th</sup> National Management Convention 2011 organised by All India Management Association
- Urdu Editors’ Round Table on Innovate in Education organised by UNICEF
- 9<sup>th</sup> National Convention 2014 of Global Compact Network India
- National Seminar on “Productivity challenges of Infrastructure-Development of Coal, Oil, Power and Allied Sectors” organised by World Confederation of Productivity Science (India) in 2013
- National Conference on Road Map of Indian Muslims 2014
- US-India Dialogue Series DIGITAL INDIA Conclave 2014 organised by Chase India and India Inc.
- National Symposium on Human Dimensions of Supply Chain Management: Current Recession Scenario 2009 organised by SIT and T2P consultants.
- National Convention 2015 on India Transformed, What Next: Challenges and Opportunities for India Inc.
- 7<sup>th</sup> National Convention 2012 on Corporate perspective towards sustainable Development RIO+20 and Beyond organised by Global Compact Network India
- National Seminar on “Enhancing Production and Productivity in Coal, Power and allied Sectors” organised by World Confederation of Productivity Science (India) and World Academy of Productivity science in 2011
- Higher Education Summit 2014 organised by Businessworld

## **SEMINARS**

- A Panellist in the ObserveNow & D2L Roundtable Conference of Higher Education Leaders on 11th December, 2023 in The Lalit Hotel, New Delhi
- Chair the Round Table Conference on Innovation and Entrepreneurship on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2023 organised by CIE, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, India
- Seminar on Managing Projects in Multi-Cultural Environment, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi organised by Project Management Institute, North India Chapter in March 2007
- Two Day Seminar “Potential Leaders of Tomorrows” by DMA
- Conservation of Energy by PCRA with Gurgaon Industrial Association at Gurgaon.
- Stress Management Conference organized by AMU
- Participated in Seminar of SHIV Khera at New Delhi.
- Attended Seminar conducted by Management Consultants in Chennai.
- In Panel of Guest Speakers in national Small Industries Corporation for entrepreneurship development program.
- Attended territory university by Pepsicola Nepal Pvt. Ltd.
- Attended Spin counselling seminar conducted by Zeal Creative Learning.
- Attended various Placement Officers’ Meets across the country

## **Paper Publication:**

1. Exploring Alternative Funding Mechanism for Heritage Management in Delhi SHODH SARITA in October 2020 in An international peer reviewed journal UGC Care approved ( ISSN: 2348-2397)
2. An Exploratory Study of Participation of Indian Corporate Sector in the Development of Heritage, Art and Culture : Management Functions in Covid-19 Era. in 2021 in Bloomsbury India. New Delhi (ISBN 9789354355370)
3. Assessment of Status of Finance in Heritage Conservation Through Survey of Practitioners in INDIA in April 2022 in Stochastic Modeling & Applications {UGC Care Approved Journal (ISSN: 0972-3641)}
4. Changing responses of Responsiveness towards Environment: A Case Study of ITC Ltd in October 2013 in Iqra International Management Journal (ISSN: 2277-4211)

## **MEMBERSHIPS:**

- Member-IEEE
- Life Member-Indian Society of Technical Education.
- Life Member-IICC, Lodhi Road, New Delhi.
- Life Member-Delhi Management Association, New Delhi.
- Life Member-Jamia Engg. Alumni Association, New Delhi.
- Life Member-Global Jamia Alumni Network/Jamia Alumni Connect
- Founder member-Global Socio-Education Development Foundation.
- Sr. Advisor, Shikhar Organisation for Social Development
- Life Member-Delhi State Rifle Association

## **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS:**

- **Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Global Foundation Award in Vigyan Bhawan in 2023**
- **Mother Teresa Humanity Award by FACE Media Group in 2022**
- **Sitara-e-Jamia Award presented by CM, Uttar Pradesh organised by Alumni Association of JMI, Uttar Pradesh Chapter in 2016**
- **Best Faculty Award by ENACTUS INDIA for the developing Social Entrepreneurship among students**
- **Most Innovative TPO Award during Golden AIM Awards 2020, Mumbai**
- **Bharat Samaj Ratan Award 2019 organised by Media24X7 in 2020**
- **AMP Education Award 2020 by Association of Muslim Professionals, Mumbai**