

# Success Story



ISHRAE

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### Academics...

I completed BE Mechanical and MBA both from Pune University. Have been active on the allied organisations front since early days, and was the General Secretary of our Production and Mechanical Engineering Students' Association in college, and was the President of the Rotaract Club of Pune North Side as well. Undertook specialised Cold Chain training at Cemafrid, France.

### Graph with ISHRAE...

Joined ISHRAE in 2003, so would complete 15 years in 2018. Being in Pune and with a family background so entrenched in Rotary and ISHRAE, it was almost like a 'thing to do'. When I joined ISHRAE Pune, I was still living in

Mumbai, however, moved to Pune in a couple of years. Currently I am a life member of ISHRAE and am proud to be one. All my friends also know about ISHRAE, since it also has been eating up their time with me ! :p

### Benefits from ISHRAE...

I am the Past President of ISHRAE Pune Chapter, and during that year the Pune Chapter won the award for the best chapter. Further, I have had a chance to work with highly competent people of the Industry through the ISHRAE Technical Committee, of which I have been a part for two years tenure. I have been serving as the National Chair of the ISHRAE Refrigeration committee since 2016 and I will continue for another year. I have been on the ACREX NSC since 2016. Since ISHRAE believes in the 'post seeking the person and not the person seeking

the post', I feel glad to have served at various levels of chapter and HQ level.

Through ISHRAE I have gained a lot on personal development front and attribute a lot of the current ability to communicate, deal with situations, etc to ISHRAE. It has also helped professionally owing to the visibility ISHRAE helps in getting. Today I have so many friends all across the country whom I can call and meet up when I am around their side of the country. It gives a very different sense of fulfilment.

### Professional Career

Started working with Kirloskar McQuay for two years [which is now split as Kirloskar Chillers and Daikin (Who took over McQuay)], worked at Voltas Chinchpokli, Mumbai for three years, and Currently Director and CEO at ACR Project Consultants Pvt Ltd, Pune which promotes green Cold Chain at a global level. Handled various trend-setting projects like the largest CA Store in the country, the largest Multipurpose Cold Store in the country, the first DX ammonia cold store in the country, etc. Won the Bry Air Award in 2009 and Emerson Cup in 2010. I am a certified trainer with the National Horticulture Board and an ISHRAE DL. Part of 15 member US Cold Chain Study tour sponsored by Govt of USA. I am also the founder President of the International Institute of Ammonia Refrigeration (IIAR) Western India Chapter.

### About ISHRAE in one line:

ISHRAE is the organisation that helps bring the Industry together in a harmonious way.

### My words for young ISHRAE Members...

To my young ISHRAE friends : Good you've joined ISHRAE !! It's a great place to be and you will find lots of avenues of self as well as professional development, along with the possibility to grow within the fraternity through ISHRAE chapter level and HQ level work and positions.

Enjoy the camaraderie and make the most of the valuable insights from your Industry colleagues ! The HVAC&R Industry is one where you can 'see' things happen and that gives immense job satisfaction, especially for someone like me. So take the plunge and gain from the experience !



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