

PROFILE

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He has won several teaching awards from successive batches of students in both creativity and innovation. He was one among four instructors selected from all over the world by **BizEd**, the journal of the American Association for the Advancement of Collegiate Schools in Business, who have significantly contributed to innovation in management education. Current interests include creativity and innovation, spirituality and leadership. He authors a bi-monthly column on spiritual matters for the The Deccan Herald. He is part of the Editorial Board of the *Journal of Management, Spirituality and Religion*, (Edinburgh), the *International Journal on Vedic Foundations of Indian Management* (New Delhi) and the *International Journal on Spirituality and Organizational Leadership* (New Delhi) and *The International Journal of Complexity and Leadership in Management* (UK). He is also part of the Board of Governors on the Integrating Spirituality and Organizational Leadership Foundation in New Delhi.

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