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Rajeev Kumar is a Professor of Computer Science at **JNU** New Delhi. He holds a **Ph.D.** degree in Computer Engineering from **Univ. Sheffield**, an **M.Tech.** degree in Computer Sc. & Tech. from **Univ. Roorkee** (now IIT Roorkee), and an **M.Sc.** degree in Physics (Electronics) from **Univ. Allahabad**. His primary education was in a river-side *Gurukul*, Shri Dugdheswar Sanskrit Mahavidyalaya at Pilibhit.

He is an academician by choice. He has four decades of experience in teaching & research, which is his lifeline. He served the Indian Institutes of Technology (**IITs**) at **Kharagpur & Kanpur** and Birla Institute of Technology & Science (**BITS**) **Pilani**. Prior to his academic tenure, he worked as a Scientist in Defence R & D Organization (**DRDO**) Dehradun and the Department of Science & Technology (**DST**) Hyderabad/New Delhi. He was a Visiting **Design Engineer** at National Semiconductors (**NSC**) **Germany**. He visited several universities in USA, UK, Germany, Switzerland, Japan, S. Korea, and Singapore.

Research: His research interests include machine learning, multimedia, medical image analysis, programming language system, evolutionary optimization, and scientometrics. He has published over **250 research articles** in international journals and conferences, several in lead venues. He has supervised **fifteen doctoral and over eighty master theses** and a hundred undergraduate projects. He is currently supervising seven doctoral students. He has worked on **industrial-funded projects from Microsoft and NSC**; the NSC project was in close collaboration with their USA, Germany, and Israel units. He founded **Data to Knowledge (D2K)** Lab at JNU. He is a reviewer for journal/conference papers. He delivered several keynote, invited lectures and tutorials at conferences. His h-index, on Google Scholar is 25, which is good in his CS subareas.

Teaching: Rajeev has designed and taught several Computer Science & Engineering courses ranging from freshman to senior graduate level. He has taught programming (C/C++/C#/Java/R/Python), core and advanced (Data Struct., Algorithms, Compiler, Software Engg, Pattern Classification, Machine Learning), application (Image/Video Processing, Computer Vision, Multimedia Sys.), and specialized courses (Statistics, Evolutionary Comp, Research Method, etc.). At JNU, he introduced the *Academic Ethics* course. His teaching focuses on **active learning, thinking, creativity, and innovation** with flexible workloads/assessments.

Academic Leadership: He served as a Senator in IITs Kharagpur/Kanpur and BITS, a member of the Court and Academic Council in JNU, and several other academic bodies, e.g., Board of Studies, Statutory Comm. of Institutes/Universities. He worked for reforms in curriculum, academic structure, regulations, and ordinances. He mostly worked as a **crisis handler with out-of-box solutions for complex problems**.

Public Policy: His contribution to framing public policies for higher education is enormous. He reformed IITs admission examinations, bringing transparency and accuracy through well-defined processes. He pioneered **common examination** and **common counseling (JoSAA/CSAB) for admissions in IITs/NITs/IIITs/CFTIs**. Almost all admissions & competitive examinations in most disciplines have been reformed following this model. His proposal for an independent body led to the setting of the National Testing Agency (**NTA**). Including common examinations in **NEP 2020** is a testimony of his work, leading to **CUETs** in Central Universities. His proposal for **common counseling in CUs** and others is being worked-out. He advocated for the Research Advisory Comm. (RAC) and Ethics course for PhD Students in JNU; UGC adopted both. Recently, IITs adopted several measures from his proposal for preventing suicides. India's Hon'ble Supreme Court hailed him as *one of the many unsung heroes who helped in improving the system*.

He defined quantitative Academic Performance Indices (**APIs**) in 2009 for engineering faculty. He co-authored/authored *output-based quantifiable* ABET-guided accreditation guidelines from 2009 to 2011 for undergraduate engineering programs. These have been in public use since 2011, making the National Board of Accreditation (NBA) an autonomous body. This work led India to join the Washington Accord in June 2014 permanently. Revised guidelines are in public use now.

His initial learning at DRDO aimed at *technology transformation for end-users*, guided him towards *in-depth knowledge and simplified governance*. His academic/admin. experience of four decades spanning Univ./Insts. across India & abroad, combined with **24/7 work-ethics, reform-centric & student-oriented** leadership, **legal acumen ship**, and **wider perception** is an asset to the Institute he serves.

2-Page Brief.

▪ Education:

- **Ph.D. (Computer Engg.), Univ. Sheffield**, England. The thesis was nominated for the Distinguished Computer Science thesis award in U.K.
- **M.Tech. (Computer Sc. & Tech.), Univ. Roorkee** (now, IIT Roorkee). Awarded the Univ. Medal for being the first ranker.
- **M.Sc. (Physics - Electronics), Univ. of Allahabad**. 3rd ranker.

▪ Experience: Teaching, Research & Development: Four Decades.

- **Professor:** BITS Pilani, IIT Kharagpur, IIT Kanpur, and JNU New Delhi.
- **Scientist:** Survey of India (DST), Hyd'bad/New Delhi; DRDO (DEAL), Dehradun.
- **Design Engineer:** National Semiconductors (NSC), Germany (Visiting).

▪ Teaching

- Cover fundamentals with emerging technologies to keep the subject material relevant and employable.
- Focus on student engagement for *active* learning, thinking, creativity, and innovation with enjoyment.
- Introduced a variety of assignments, e.g., tiny (few sentences), 2-pages, and large – covering different aspects, incl. hands-on experiences of course contents at different paces spread throughout semester.
- Introduced parallel evaluation in which students also self-evaluate, followed by closeness match.
- Taught, developed and restructured core and advanced courses for U.G. and P.G. students.
- Introduced new courses, incl. a pan-university course on Academic Ethics at JNU.
- Comfortable in teaching smaller to large classes of a few hundred students.

▪ Research: Research interests include machine learning, multimedia, medical image analysis, programming language, evolutionary optimization, and scientometrics.

- Published over 250 research articles in international journals and conf. proc. Reviewer.
- Presented papers in lead international conf. in USA, UK, Germany, Canada, Japan, S. Korea, etc.
- Invited/research talks in universities abroad, international conferences, FDPs, STCs, etc.
- Program Chair, Publication Chair, Publicity Chair, etc. in several international conferences.
- Supervised 15 doctoral, 80 master theses. Currently supervising seven doctoral students.
- Worked on industrial-funded projects from Microsoft and National Semiconductors (NSC).
- Awarded *Test of Time* award in ISCE 2022 for the paper presented in ISEC 2011.
- Founded *Data to Knowledge* (D2K) Lab in School of Computer & Systems Sciences, JNU. The D2K Lab produced quality research papers in decent Journals and conf. proceedings.
- *h-index*, on Google Scholar (from incomplete data), is 25, which is good in sub-fields of C.S.

▪ Industry Collaboration: R & D

- Member, IT Strategy & I.T. Advisory Comm., Canara Bank (2022 - Present)
- Core Design Engineer, National Semiconductors Team with members from Germany, Israel & U.S. for developing System S.W. tools, simulators, compilers, etc. for their CR16X series of processors. In this work, Prof. Richard Brown, Univ. Michigan USA was another collaborator. We made per week deliveries for their design engineers, which were regularly used by many categories of stakeholders, from system designers to application users. (2001 – 2006)

▪ Industry Collaboration: Teaching

- Developed courseware for .NET/C# as an emerging technology (Microsoft Inc. USA). (2004-07)
- Faculty, Multimedia & Object-Oriented System Courses for Wipro/S.W. Industries employees @ Bangalore/Hyderabad under BITS Industry Off-Campus Collaboration Program. (1997- 2000)

Academic Leadership & Administration

▪ National level:

- C.S. Expert: Faculty Selection; NTA (2023), ASRB (2022), DRDO (2016-18), UPSC (2014), etc.
- Chair/Member, NBA UG/PG Accreditation Teams (2006 – 2018).
- Chair, NBA UG Engineering Accreditation Guidelines Draft Comm. (2010 – 11).
- Chief Examiner, GATE Computer Science, IITs (2005).
- Professor-In-Charge, JEE Examination Centre(s), IIT Kharagpur (2001 – 04).

▪ Institute/University level: BITS Pilani, IIT Kharagpur & JNU New Delhi

- JNU: Member, University Court, and Academic Council (2022 - Present).
- JNU: Member, Intellectual Property Management Comm. (2017)
- JNU: Co-opted Member, Anti-Plagiarism Policy Draft Comm. (2016 - 17).
- JNU: Conceptualized Dual-degree program combining Comp Sc with Social Sc (2016-17).
- IIT Kharagpur: Senator (2007 – 2015)
- IIT Kharagpur: Member, UG Prog. Eval. Senate Sub-Comm. (UGPEC) (2001-05, 2007-11)
- BITS Pilani: Senator (1997 – 2000).
- BITS Pilani: Resource Faculty, Intensive Teaching Workshop (1997 – 2000)
- BITS Pilani: Member, Research & Consultancy Board (1997 - 1999).
- BITS Pilani: Member, Library Comm. (1997 – 1999).

▪ Faculty/Department/School level:

- JNU: Founder Director, *Data to Knowledge* (D2K) Lab, SC&SS (2016 - Present)
- JNU: Member, Special Comm. (a.k.a. Board of Studies), School Comp. Sys. Sc. (2015 - Present)
- JNU: Member, Student - Faculty Comm., School Comp. & Sys. Sci. (2015 – 2019)
- JNU: Chair, AICTE's M.Tech. Prog. Approval Comm., School Comp. & Sys. Sci. (2015 – 2016)
- IIT Kharagpur: CSE Academic Comm, (2001-15)
- IIT Kharagpur: CSE Administrative Comm., (2004-05, 2006-10)
- IIT Kharagpur: Doctoral Scrutiny Committees: Assorted (2001 – 2011)
- IIT Kharagpur: Faculty Advisor/Counselor/Mentor and Faculty PGDIT and PGDST (2001-08)
- IIT Kharagpur: Professor-in-Charge, CSE Library & Liaison with Central Library (2006 – 08)
- BITS Pilani: Member, C.S. & I.S. Group (1997 – 2000).
- Ext. Member, Faculty of Maths & Computing, Banasthali Univ. (2019 - 22)
- Ext. Member, Board of Studies, Dept. CSE & Dept. CS Applications, Poorvanchal Univ. (2018 - 20)

Public Policies-in-Practice @ National Level

Actively involved in drafting policies for HEIs, maintaining a delicate balance between stakeholders: Government and academicians while developing impact-driven public policies. **Most are in Public Use:**

- Pioneered transparency, common examination (JEE), common counselling (JoSAA/CSAB), and systematic reforms in Engg. admissions for IITs/NITs/IIITs/CFTIs. The proposal led to institution of National Testing Agency (NTA). These concepts have been adopted for admissions in most disciplines in the country. (2006 – 2015)
- Authored NBA Accreditation ABET Compliance, Guidelines for U.G. Engg. Programs. Conducted National Awareness Workshops (Public use: July 2009 to Jan. 2013). This led India to join Washington Accord in June 2014 permanently. (2008 – 11)
- Proposal for Common Examinations in Central Univ. (C.U.s) led to **CUET**. Including common examinations in **NEP 2020** is a testimony of this work. My proposal for Common Counselling in CUs and other Univ. is being worked out. (2019 – 2023)
- Proposed measures and processes for mental well-beings, early alert generations with the involvement of several stakeholders, and grievance redressals (GR) for preventing unfortunate incidences in IITs. Most of these measures have been adopted by IITs for the prevention of suicides. (2022 - 23) This proposal was an extension of my Grievance Redressal Proposal for CFTIs. (2019)

Articles, Opinion, & News: In Media

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<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/left-behind-syndrome-student-suicides-young-peoples-isolation-8936623/>
- [2] Rajeev Kumar. Student suicides: Despite complaint mechanisms in place in higher educational institutions, many suffer in silence. *Indian Express*, Mar 16, 2023.
<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/student-suicide-complaint-mechanisms-higher-educational-institutions-8501477/>
- [3] AI can further reform the admission process in IITs (Interview) CXO TV. Dec. 13, 2019.
<https://cxotv.techplusmedia.com/insights/ai-can-further-reform-the-admission-process-in-iits/>
- [4] This professor's campaign reformed the opaque IIT admissions (Interview) *Scroll-In*. Aug. 10, 2018.
<https://scroll.in/article/888239/people-were-afraid-to-be-seen-with-me-professor-whose-campaign-reformed-iit-admission-system>
- [5] Know Your Rights (Interview). *The Scholars' Avenue*. IIT Kharagpur. Mar 17, 2010.

Comments / Opinion

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- [9] IIT panel rules out caste bias. Telegraph: March 07, 2023.
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- [11] Academia split over UGC decision to award PhD without published papers. Telegraph: Nov 14, 2022.
- [12] IIT plan diploma as a valve for stress: exit option after 2 years. Telegraph: Nov 01, 2022.
- [13] Temple crops up inside university of Hyderabad: Telegraph: April 13, 2022.
- [14] UGC backs education tech for online courses. Telegraph: April 03, 2022.
- [15] Masters and PhD courses face vacancies in IITs. Telegraph: Feb. 10, 2022.
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- [18] External affairs ministry withdraws widely criticised int. webinar order. Telegraph: Feb. 26, 2021.
- [19] IIT Guwahati makes permission mandatory for all webinars. Telegraph: Feb. 25, 2021.
- [20] Academics raise quality questions, virtual varsity plan worry. Telegraph: Jan. 31, 2021.
- [21] Central varsity teacher hiring frozen. Telegraph: Aug. 28, 2020.
- [22] Humanities, social sciences to be included in GATE. Telegraph: July 27, 2020.
- [23] IITs crowd-fund to bridge digital divide. Telegraph: July 25, 2020.
- [24] Academic question UGC exam order. Telegraph: July 08, 2020.
- [25] Pitfalls of JNU online classes. Telegraph: June 22, 2020.
- [26] PMR Fellowship bar lowered. Telegraph: May 08, 2020.
- [27] Seven IITs Times ranking. Telegraph: April 19, 2020.
- [28] Varsities mull innovative online tests. Telegraph: April 18, 2020.
- [29] IIT appeal to recruiters. Telegraph: April 06, 2020.
- [30] Home-truth question for JNU VC: 2 official accommodations for the past 4y. Telegraph: Jan. 13, 2020.
- [31] JNU springs email examination. Telegraph: Dec. 22, 2019.
... many more.

News (selected few)

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- [33] High court allows JNU scholars to keep current supervisor. Times of India: May 11, 2022.

- [34] Whistleblower professor's student gets PhD from IIT Kharagpur after 6 years. PTI: Mar 01, 2021
- [35] PhD denial to whistleblower professor's student: IITKgp to examine revised thesis. PTI: July 05, 2020
- [36] Whistleblower alleges victimization of PhD scholar: At President door again. Telegraph: Mar 17, 2020.
- [37] Denial of PhD to whistleblower prof's student: Put issue before BoG, IIT Kharagpur. PTI: Feb. 15, 2020.
- [38] Whistleblower ex-IIT Kharagpur professor gets posting at JNU. Hindustan Times: Aug. 27, 2017
- [39] Before demitting office, Pranab Mukherjee quashed IIT Kharagpur's penalty on whistleblower Professor. Indian Express: Aug. 11, 2017
- [40] IIT proposed compulsory retirement penalty for Prof. Rajeev Kumar. NDTV TV & News. Sep. 05, 2014
- [41] For unsung hero behind IIT JEE transparency, some reprieve after years of torment. Hindustan Times. April 30, 2013
- [42] IIT Kharagpur suspends whistleblower professor. Times of India: May 14, 2011.

Blogs

- [43] Eklavya JEE 2006: <https://eklavyajee06.blogspot.com/>

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Education & Professional Experience

Personal Information

- Nationality : Indian
- Date of birth : March 12, 1959
- Marital Status : Widower with two children:
Son (S.W. Engg: Microsoft, Google, etc.); Daughter (Faculty, GaTech)

Education

- **Ph.D. in Computer Engineering (1997)**
University of Sheffield, UK
Thesis: Feature Selection, Representation & Classification.
Thesis nominated for best Thesis award in UK.
- **M.Tech. in Computer Science & Technology (1992)**
University of Roorkee (now, IIT Roorkee), India
Dissertation: *Performance Study of Simulated Multiprocessor for Functional Programs.*
University Medalist being the first ranker
- **M.Sc. in Physics (Electronics) (1979)**
University of Allahabad, India
Third Rank in the University

Research Scholar

- **University of Sheffield, UK:** Commonwealth Research Scholar: March 1994 – March 1997.
- **University of Allahabad, India:** UGC Research Scholar: July 1980 – Dec 1983.

Employment

- **Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi, India**
School of Computer & Systems Sciences (SC&SS)
Professor: June 2015 – Present.
- **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kharagpur, India**
Department of Computer Science & Engineering (CSE)
Professor: April 2007 – June 2017; Assoc. Professor: Dec 2000 – April 2007.
- **Birla Institute of Technology & Science (BITS), Pilani, India**
Department of Computer Science & Information Systems (CSIS)
Professor: Feb 2000 – Dec 2000; Assoc. Professor: April 1997 – Jan 2000.
- **Defense R & D Organization (DRDO), India**
Defense Electronics Applications Lab (DEAL), Dehradun, India
Scientist C: July 1989 – April 1995; Scientist B: June 1986 – June 1989.
R&D: Image Processing, Computer Vision, Machine Learning, Military Intelligence.
- **Department of Science & Technology (DST), India**
Survey of India, Hyderabad / New Delhi, India
Deputy Superintending Surveyor: Dec 1983 – June 1986.

Visiting Positions

- **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kanpur, India**
Department of Computer Science & Engineering,
Visiting Professor: July 2013 – May 2014; Visiting Assoc. Professor: June 2005 – May 2006.
- **National Semiconductors GmbH, Germany.**
Oct. 2001, May – July 2002: Visiting Design Engineer.

Teaching

Teaching Courses (Graduate and Undergraduate)

- Foundations of Computing (C, C++, Java, Python)
- Data Structures & Algorithms (Core & Adv.)
- Compiler Construction (Core & Adv.)
- Object-Oriented Programming (C++, Java, C#)
- Object-Oriented Analysis & Design
- Programming Methodology
- Multimedia Systems
- Machine Learning (Core & Adv.)
- Artificial Intelligence
- Academic Ethics
- Research Methodology
- Programming & Data Structures (C, C++, Java)
- Design & Analysis of Algorithms
- Software Engineering (Core & Adv.)
- Object-Oriented Language Implementation
- Object-Oriented Software Engineering
- Software Architecture
- Image & Video Processing
- Pattern Classification
- Evolutionary Computing
- (Bio-)Statistics (with R) @ Life Sciences
- Technical Writing

New Courses Developed / Restructured

- Bio-Statistics [2018] @ JNU – *bringing computation with R*
- Academic Ethics [2016] @ JNU
- Software Engineering [2006] – *bringing synergy with Trusted Computing* @ IIT Kharagpur
- O.O. Sys. Implementation [2005] – *synergy in PLI, S.E., VEE for trusted computing* @ IIT Kanpur
- Foundations of Computing [2005] – *with Java* @ IIT Kanpur
- Multimedia Systems [1998, 2001] @ BITS Pilani, IIT Kharagpur
- Evolutionary Algorithm [1999] @ BITS Pilani
- Programming Language & Compiler Construction [1998] @ BITS Pilani
- Data Structures & Algorithms [1998] @ BITS Pilani
- Computational Intelligence [1998] @ BITS Pilani

Industry Teaching Collaboration: National & International

Microsoft Research USA	Object Oriented (C#/.NET centric) Courseware	2004 – 07
Wipro & S.W. Industries	Object Oriented System Development, Systems @ BITS Multimedia Pilani	1998 – 2000

Awards & Professional Recognition

- ISEC's *Test of Time* Award for the ISEC 2011 Paper (2022)
- Karmaveer Chakra (2013)
- Hon'ble Supreme Court's *Unsung Hero* (2011)
- RTI Citizen's Runner-up Award for Public Services (2009)
- Commonwealth Scholarship (1994 – 97)
- Affiliation with Professional Bodies
 - Fellow, IETE, India
 - Fellow, ISSA, India
 - Senior Member, ACM, USA
 - Senior Member, IEEE, USA

Research

Research Interests

- Machine Learning: Generalization, Outlier Detection, and AI & Ethics.
- Multimedia: Medical Image Analysis, Multi-Modaling, and Social Networks.
- Scientometrics and Edu. Data Mining.
- Programming Language System and Software Engineering.
- Evolutionary Multiobjective Combinatorial Optimization (EMCO) and Nature Inspired Algorithms (NIA).

Publications

Book	1
Edited Books (Conf. Proceedings)	3
Chapters in Edited Books	4
Published Tutorials (USA)	3
Journal Research Articles	~80
International Conference/Workshop Research Articles	~150
National Conference/Workshop Research Articles	~20

Theses & Student Projects Supervision

	Completed	Ongoing
Doctoral	15 (6*)	7
Graduate (by research)	4	--
Graduate (M.Tech., MPhil, MSc)	~ 80 (10*)	---
Undergraduate projects	~ 120 (20*)	--

*: In joint supervision.

Visitor @ Universities Abroad

Visitor	GaTech Atlanta, US	ML, PL	Feb-Mar 2023
Visitor	NUS, Singapore	ML, PL	June, Dec. 2022
Visitor	UPenn, Rice Univ, USA	Prog. Lang., ML	May 2022
Visitor	NUS, Singapore	Multimedia, ML	July 2019
Visitor	Rice Univ., USA	Machine Learning	Mar. 2018
Visitor	Univ. Sheffield, UK	Evo. Algo. Comb. Optim.	July 2007
Visitor	GIST, S. Korea	Evo. Algo. Comb. Optim.	Mar. 2007
Visitor	TU Darmstadt, Germany	Prog. Lang., Multimedia	Sep. 2006
Visitor	Aizu Univ., Japan	Evo. Algo. Comb. Optim.	Jan.2005
Visitor	UIUC, USA	Multimedia, Evo. Algo	July 2003
Visitor	ETH Zurich Switzerland	Multi-obj. Evo. Algo.	June 2002
Visitor	MIT, CMU: USA	Machine Vision	July 1996
PhD, TA	Sheffield Univ., U.K.	Comp. Engg.	Mar 1994 to Apr 1997

Projects, Consultancy & Services

Academia Industry Research Projects

University Grants Commission	Educational Data Mining	2018 - 19	INR 500K
Min. Human Resource Dev., Government of India	Virtual Lab – Programming & Data Structure Lab	2010 – 12	INR 1500 K
Min. Human Resource Dev., Government of India	NPTEL Video Course Development – Compiler, Multimedia	2010 – 13	---
Microsoft Corp., USA	Object Oriented (C#/.NET centric) Courseware Development	2004 – 07	USD 22 K
Min. Human Resource Dev., Government of India	Multiobjective Evolutionary Algorithms for Combinatorial Optim.	2002 – 07	INR 1000 K
National Semiconductors Corp., Germany/USA	Software Tools for Embedded Systems (co-PI)	2003 – 06	USD 100 K
National Semiconductors Corp., Germany/USA	Software Tools for C.R. Processors (co-PI)	2001 – 03	USD 225 K
IIT Kharagpur	Convergence of Multiobjective Optim.	2001 – 03	INR 100 K

Industry R & D Consultancy

Advisor	IT Advisory Comm. Canara Bank India	Banking SW, Online, Data Analytics Tools, etc.	2022 - Present
Design Engineer	NSC Germany	SW System Tools: Compiler, Simulator etc.	May – July 2002 Oct. 2001

External Services: recent few

- Expert, NTA – TCS Tech. Eval. Comm. (2023)
- Expert, Tech. Comm., Agriculture Scientists Recruitment Board (ASRB), Dept. Agri. Res. Edu. (2022)
- Ext. Member, Faculty Maths & CS, Banasthali Univ. (2019 - 22),
- Ext. Member, Board of Studies, Dept. CSE and Dept. CSA, Poorvanchal Univ. (2018 - 20)
- Chairman/Expert, National Accreditation Board (NBA) Visiting Committees to Engg Instt. (2007 - 2018)
- Member, Apex Committee for DRDO Awards (2016)
- CSE Expert, UPSC, New Delhi (2014)
- Visitor, JIIT Noida (2007-10)
... (several more)

Tutorials, Seminars, FDPs & Talks

Tutorials

- Evo. Multi-criteria Optim. @ GECCO-07, London; GECCO-08, Atlanta; GECCO-09, Montréal.
- Architecture exploration for embedded system design @ HiPC-04, Bangalore.
- Multimedia system design for QoS @ HiPC-03, Hyderabad.
- Multimedia system @ ITPC-03, Kathmandu.

Invited Talks / Seminars / FDPs / STCs

Machine Learning & Data Analytics

- D2K: Machine Learning & Data Intelligence @ FDP, JIIT Noida, Jan. 2023.
- Evolution of a perceptron to massively connectionist deep learning architecture with applications @ UPES Dehradun, Dec. 2021.
- Evolving a perceptron to massively connectionist deep learning architecture with applications @ Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar, Sep. 2021
- Intro. to Prob. Theory in ML @ NIT Jalandhar, Sep. 2020
- The Pedagogy of AI for Multidisciplinary Students @ Huawei A.I. Educator Symp, Mumbai, Dec. 2019
- ML: Research Directions and Applications @ FDP, KEIT Ghaziabad, June 2019.
- AI: Issues and Current Trends @ World TelComm. & Info. Society Day, C-DoT Delhi, June 2018.
- ML: Issues & Research Directions @ ML Workshop, IMS Ghaziabad, Jan. 2018.
- Trends in Outlier Detection: Issues & Challenges @ Data Mining STC, NSIT Delhi, Nov. 2017.
- Data-mining by meta-learning @ IARCS Course, 2004.
- Meta-learning of high-dim. spaces for scaling and generalization in data mining @ IIIT-H, 2000.
- Scaling and generalization in data mining by meta learning of data patterns @ IETE Pilani, 1999.
- Hybrid computational intelligent systems @ KanGAL, IIT Kanpur, 1997.
- Hierarchical organization of intelligent models @ TIET Patiala, 1997.
- Hybrid Intelligent models @ BITS Pilani, 1997.

Education, Sc. & Tech., E-Office & Governance

- Ethical Writing: Learning from experiences of day-to-day live examples @ ICARS Delhi, June 2020.
- Scientometrics and Publication Ethics @ VJTI Mumbai, Dec. 2019.
- E-Governance with AI / ML @ Refresher Course, UGC-HRDC, JNU, July 2018, Aug. 2019.
- Crisis in HEIs in India: A Technological Perspective @ Press Club of India, JNUTA, Nov. 2018.
- Evolution of Paperless PhD: A journey from stone-age to paperless age, in Seminar series on Decoding Sc. & Tech. for everyone @ JNU, Oct. 2018.
- Academy Autonomy: Gurukuls and Today's HEI @ ISSCA Workshop, Delhi Univ., Feb. 2018.
- Academic Autonomy vs. Quality in Education: from Gurukul to Today's Institutions. A plenary talk in Workshop for Growth of Science & Technology, VBS Purvanchal Univ., Sep. 2017.
- Personal Computers to Personalized Computing for Socializing and Banking: A Paradigm Shift in Computing & Comm. Research, Ind. Social Science Congress (ISSC), Andhra Univ., Mar. 2015.

Programming Languages & Software Systems

- Software Engineering and Runtime Systems @ NIT Rourkela, May 2009.
- Object oriented software engg. : concepts and practices @ NIT Durgapur, Thapar Univ., 2008.
- Virtual execution environment for trusted computing @ NIT Rourkela, October 2008.
- Object oriented software engineering: A Lecture series @ JIITU Noida, September 2008.
- Programming pearls and pitfalls @ JIITU Noida, January 2008.
- Multiple polymorphic arguments in object-oriented lang. @ IIT Delhi, TU-Darmstadt, 2006.
- Object oriented language implementation course – a working proposal @ Microsoft, 2006.

- Reusable plug-in software components for dependable systems @ EuroIndia, 2004.
- Software tools for extensible CompactRisc processors @ National, Munich, June 2002.
- Message dispatch in object-oriented systems @ IIIT Hyderabad, 2000.

Evolutionary Multiobjective Combinatorial Optimization (EMCO)

- EMCO: Issues and Research Directions @ UGC HRDC, JNU, Sep. 2015.
- EMCO: A keynote talk @ IC3, JIIT Noida, Sep. 2008.
- EMCO - solving hard problems @ Gwangju IST, S. Korea, Mar. 2007.
- Solving hard problems in EMO - a practitioner's approach @ KanGAL, IIT Kanpur, 2006.
- Convergence in multiobjective genetic optim. & combinatorial prob. @ IlliGAL UIUC, 2003.
- Convergence in multiobjective genetic optim. using rank-histograms @ ETH Zurich, June 2002.
- Population driven computational paradigm for search and optimization @ BITS Pilani, 2000.
- A practical approach to EMO @ IIT Roorkee, 1997.

Multimedia & Embedded Systems

- Video coding – history & practices: Keynote talk @ Int. Conf. S.P., SATI Vidisha (2016).
- Video transcoding: algorithms and architectures @ TU-Darmstadt, 2006.
- Networked multimedia @ DPN Conf., Kharagpur, 2004.
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Consultancy & Sponsored Projects

[1]	<i>Sponsored Project</i>	: Educational Data Mining	<i>Funded by</i>	: UGC, Govt. of India	<i>Period</i>	: 2018 – 19	<i>Amount</i>	: INR 500 K	<i>Principal Investigator</i>	: Rajeev Kumar	<i>Co-Investigator</i>	: ---
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This sponsored project was aimed at developing a framework for educational data mining for HEIs. In this work, Deep/Machine Learning (DL/ML) techniques were employed for knowledge extraction from voluminous data pertaining to HEIs. This project developed tools and techniques for Data-to-Knowledge (D2K) extraction.

[2]	<i>Sponsored Project</i>	: Programming and Data Structures Virtual Lab	<i>Funded by</i>	: MHRD, Govt. of India	<i>Period</i>	: 2010 – 12	<i>Amount</i>	: INR 1500 K	<i>Principal Investigator</i>	: Rajeev Kumar	<i>Co-Investigator</i>	: ---
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The course is the basic core course which is usually done by every engineering student of all engineering branches in their first year of study. A student is introduced to the basic concepts of programming and an algorithmic approach to problem solving. Since this is the first course in programming, the lab plays a very important role in understanding the programming concepts and problem solving using computer. In the absence of a lab, this course remains an abstract course. Through the lab, a student understands the intricacies of programming and problem solving.

For programming, the general and most versatile, C-language is being used currently. However, the next phase of Virtual Lab can have Java programming language as the medium of the problem solving.

[3]	<i>Consultancy Project</i>	: Object Oriented (C#/.NET centric) Courseware Development	<i>Funded by</i>	: Microsoft Corp., USA (<i>under Global CFP</i>)	<i>Period</i>	: 2004 – 07	<i>Amount</i>	: USD 22 K	<i>Principal Consultant</i>	: Rajeev Kumar	<i>Co-Consultant</i>	: ---
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The course is designed primarily to bring synergy and interplay among the following components – Object Oriented Technology (OOT) for better programming methodologies and code reuse, Programming Language Design and Implementation (PLDI) for better understanding of language semantics, Virtual Execution Environment (VEE) for an insight of the runtime system providing extensible and safer computing towards code certification, and Software Engineering (S.E.) for trusted and reusable system.

The course was introduced as a graduate level course at IIT Kanpur and is offered since then at IIT Kharagpur. Many research articles are the outcome of this activity.

[4]	<i>Sponsored Project</i>	: Multiobjective Evolutionary Algorithms for Combinatorial Optim.	<i>Funded by</i>	: MHRD, Govt. of India	<i>Period</i>	: 2002 – 07	<i>Amount</i>	: INR 1000 K	<i>Principal Investigator</i>	: Rajeev Kumar	<i>Co-Investigator</i>	: ---
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Most combinatorial problems are computationally *hard*. In a multiobjective setting, the major challenge is to obtain a set of many representative diverse solutions across the desired/optimal Pareto-front. In simple treatments, multiple objectives are combined in an *ad hoc* manner to yield a scalar objective. Other conventionally used optimization heuristics model the multiobjective problem in a single objective domain treating all but one of the objectives as constraints. In this project, the standard single objective problems (with or without constraints), e.g., spanning tree, 0/1 knapsack, traveling salesman, graph coloring etc., are recasted into their respective biobjective optimization problems. Empirically, it is shown that the solutions obtained with multiobjective evolutionary algorithms (MOEA) as black-box optimization tools, cover a larger range and are superior, in terms of diversity and convergence, to the deterministic heuristics.

Outcome of this sponsored research project is reflected in many research publications. Another, important spin-off of this research activity is that the tutorial on "Evolutionary

Multiobjective Combinatorial Optimization (EMCO)," which became a regular feature at ACM's GECCO till 2009, the lead conference in this area.

[5] *Consultancy Project* : Software Tools for Embedded Systems
Funded by : National Semiconductors Corp., Germany/USA
Period : 2003 – 06 *Amount:* USD 100 K
Principal Consultant : Prof. P.P. Chakrabarti *Co-Consultant* : Rajeev Kumar

[6] *Consultancy Project* : Software Tools for C.R. Family of Processors
Funded by : National Semiconductors Corp., Germany/USA
Period : 2001 – 03 *Amount:* USD 225 K
Principal Consultant : Prof. P.P. Chakrabarti *Co-Consultant* : Rajeev Kumar

These two consultancy projects were due to the collaborative research between IIT Kharagpur and the Compact RISC (C.R.) Processing groups of National Semiconductor Corporation (NSC) located at Germany and Israel. University of Michigan (UoM) was another partner in this activity looking into the hardware related aspects whereas IIT Kharagpur concentrated on software related issues.

Twin projects were focused on development of software tools for rapid reduction in the time to market a custom solution based on the C.R. family of processors. This included software development tools, architecture exploration and evaluation tools and Instruction Set Architecture (ISA) verification tools. The aim was to help NSC develop tools that would speed up the development of new architectures (like functional and performance simulators), produce systems software tools (like Debuggers, Assemblers, Linkers, Compilers) for customers and rapidly explore the design space by providing tools for extensible C.R. processors (ISA verification and software toolset for CR-X). This effort also aimed at developing the Software Quality Assurance (Q.A.) framework for the tools produced by this activity.

The project activity had three primary parts, namely tools for CR16C, extension of the toolset to handle CR16C family of processors, and development of scalable toolset concept for the extensible C.R. (CR-X). The CR-X activity also aimed at developing a mechanism so that the toolset can be automatically generated for C.R. based processors. Generation of tests and testing the software in a proper Q.A. framework was a very important goal. The platform for development was Linux. The effort aimed at maximum use of available GNU following the GNU rules/coding standards.

While working on these twin projects, the project team encountered many interesting issues and challenges, solutions to some of those culminated in several research publications.

[7] *Sponsored Project* : Convergence of Multiobjective Evolutionary Algorithms
Funded by : IIT Kharagpur
Period : 2001 – 03 *Amount:* INR 100 K
Principal Investigator : Rajeev Kumar *Co-Investigator* : ---

In multiobjective optimizations, solutions which are non-dominated at some stage in the computations, become dominated by a superior solution at some later stage. Moreover, for most of the real-world problems, the desired/optimal Pareto front is *unknown*. This project was aimed at extending the previous work (GALESIA, 1997) and to incorporate the notion of convergence in multiobjective evolutionary algorithms (MOEA).

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