

S. Gopalakrishnan - Practice Head

Gopalakrishnan holds a management degree Operations Research and is a graduate in the faculty of engineering from Government College of Technology Madras University. He holds two professional certifications from APICS the Association for Operations Management (formerly American Production and Inventory Control Society) which is the apex body in the field of Materials Management. He is certified in Production and Inventory Management (CPIM). Gopalakrishnan is also a Certified Supply Chain Professional (CSCP) from APICS. He holds a certification in SCM from IIT Delhi and GDMM (Graduate Diploma in Materials management) from IIMM. He is an authorized trainer for the APICS curriculum for aspiring professionals and conducts workshops for them. He is also a 5S trainer and implementer.

Gopalakrishnan has more than two decades of professional experience in the field of manufacturing comprising of procurement, vendor development, stores, materials planning and Enterprise Solutions. Earlier, he has worked in a leading enterprise solutions firm a Ford associate organization, as Regional manager in the field of Information Technology.. He was Head Supply Chain of BPL consumer electronics managing the materials planning and procurement and production function.

Gopalakrishnan has set up the Microsoft business solutions practice at ATNA. With his vast experience in the materials management field he has successfully implemented many ERP projects.

Some of his other key activities include

- Setting up the practice for Bangalore operations in the enterprise solutions space for a Ford associate company.
- Implementing the Best Business Practices in procurement and planning for Bacardi Martini a leading beverage company.
- Setting up the Supply Chain Practice for BPL's color TV Noida plant
- One of the earliest to implement Kanban systems in two manufacturing units at BPL
- Piloted many small group projects involving TEI with success.

He has piloted many consulting assignments which include post and pre ERP implementation reviews, manufacturing and materials management best practices consulting for our various clients.

Gopalakrishnan is an International member of the association of Operations Management (APICS USA) and is a regular speaker in various management institutes.