

Brief Biography of Candidate

Neha Gupta is currently enrolled as a Full-time PhD scholar at Department of Economics and Finance, Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani campus. She has been active involved as teaching assistant in courses like Security Analysis and Portfolio Management, Principle of Economics, Financial Risk Analytics and Management. She completed her M.Sc. (Hons.) Physics and M.Sc. (Tech.) Finance as integrated graduation with dual specialization in 2015 from Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani campus. She has one- year internship experience with Credit Suisse in risk analytics and management domain as a quality analyst. Her research interests lie in domain of Financial Economics, Behavioral Finance and Financial Markets. During her PhD program, she has attended and presented at four national conferences and one Doctoral consortium at various eminent institutions like IGIDR, Bombay, IIM, Ahmedabad and IIT, Bombay.

Brief Biography of Supervisor

Prof. Arya Kumar is Professor in the area of Economics and Finance and Dean Alumni Relations at Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani. He has served as Director at Lal Bahadur Shastri Institute of Management, New Delhi between November 2014 and December 2016. Prior to this, he was Dean Student Welfare Division and Chief Entrepreneurship Development and IPR Unit BITS, Pilani. He was also coordinating the activities of Technology Business Incubator and Center of Entrepreneurial Leadership at BITS, Pilani. He did his M.A. (Hons.) Economics in first class first in the year 1977 and PhD in the area of Financial Management of Higher Education in India with an intensive study of BITS Pilani in the year 1982, both from BITS-Pilani. He carries a diversified experience for more than 39 years of serving in educational institutions, research organizations, banks and financial institutions.

His basic interests lie in Entrepreneurship, Strategic Management, Knowledge Management, Values in Management, Capital Markets and Financial Management. He has published four books in the area of Entrepreneurship, General Management, Ethics in Management, and Grassroots Entrepreneurship. He has published more than 50 research papers in national and international journals and has presented papers in international and national conferences in Indian and abroad. He has delivered more than 60 invited talks and chaired sessions in National and International conferences. Seven students have successfully completed their PhD and another two are pursuing in their advance stages. He has examined more than twelve PhD theses of various universities. He has undertaken research projects in the area of entrepreneurship development funded by National Entrepreneurship Network; Strategies to Meet Manpower Requirements for Power Sector up to 2020 funded by NSTMIS, Department of Science and Technology, Government of India; educational excellence funded by Aditya Birla Group and successfully got grants for setting up

Technology Business Incubator at BITS, Pilani and for extending seed fund support to start-ups under Technology Incubation and Development of Entrepreneurs (TIDE) in the areas of Electronics and ICT.

He has served as Nominee Director on the Boards of a number of companies; expert member Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC), Department of Biotechnology Government of India; expert member of UPSC, member of Governing body of STIDE of Central University of Rajasthan, member of committees for selection of faculty in different institutions, member of Boards of Studies of different universities. He is a member of the National Entrepreneurship Network (NEN) Indian Faculty Advisory Board. He has been honored with distinguishes faculty award in recognition and appreciation of his dedication, interest, enthusiasm and attitude in accomplishing his assigned mission of teaching by BITSAA International in 2011, Global excellence award for outstanding contribution to management education-2012 by Management Teachers Consortium (MTC) and conferred with Entrepreneurship Educator and Mentor Special Jury Award for promotion of Entrepreneurship Education by NEN in collaboration with Ministry of Skill and Entrepreneurship Development, British Council and Intel.