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Summary

PMP®-certified operations leader with 10 years' Indian Navy experience managing 24/7 high-risk, large-scale programs. Proven track record driving continuous improvement, operational analytics, and stakeholder management in mission-critical settings.

Professional Experience

PROJECT HEAD (Coastal Operations, Maharashtra)| Indian Navy|Mumbai

- **Budget Management:** Managed ₹100 Cr budget, optimizing resource allocation, and achieving 50% increase in process efficiency.
- **Audit Compliance:** Achieved Nil Observations in CAG Audit, demonstrating operational resilience and regulatory compliance.
- **Project Management:** Conducted vendor onboarding, documentation review, and benchmarking for high-value contracts, ensuring compliance with institutional governance, audit readiness, and operational standards.
- **Coastal Security Exercises:** Coordinated 7 national-level exercises and 10 security/ Internal audits with 1500+ personnel, contributing to policy formulation and crisis management plans.
- **Team Management :** Led a team of 150 personnel and was responsible for deployment, training, high morale and welfare of the team responsible for 24X7 patrolling of Maharashtra coastline.

BASE COMMANDER (Androth Island)|Indian Navy| Lakshadweep

- **Risk Management:** Led a 24x7 operational command center with a team of 60 for coastal security surveillance, incident response, machinery defect management, SOS calls from fishermen, and public grievance resolution.
- **Project Management:** Implemented Kaizen and continuous improvement methodologies to manage dynamic operational demands, reduce defect resolution times, and improve public issue management outcomes.
- Delivered ₹50 Cr infrastructure modernization projects using operational dashboards, risk tracking tools and internal audits to ensure timely, cost-effective project completion.
- **Strategic Partnership:** Fostered strategic partnerships with local administration, healthcare authorities, and community representatives to support operational continuity and public engagement programs

NAVIGATION & OPERATIONS OFFICER| Indian Navy| IN Ships Suvarna & Mumbai

- **Operations Planning:** Planned and executed high-stakes deployments to 4 countries, coordinating complex operations at sea with a crew of 140.
- Successfully executed 3 strategic missile testing deployments with DRDO, showcasing expertise in high-risk operational planning.
- **Stakeholder Engagement:** Managed diplomatic protocols and engagements with foreign delegates and diplomats during ship visits.
- **Crisis Management:** Oversaw operation of 3 quarantine facilities catering to 1200 personnel during COVID-19, ensuring crew safety and preventing virus spread whilst ensuring operational continuity.
- **Operational enhancement:** Oversaw the upgradation of navigation equipment enhancing operational efficiency

Education

- **Bachelor of Engineering (Civil),** MS Ramaiah Institute of Technology, Bangalore
- **Sub Lieutenant Executive Technical Course,** CELABS, Kochi

Accomplishments and Awards

- Awarded SSM for successful completion of Operational Tasking and revamping of Supply Chain Management to the Islands, providing a foundation to achieve its strategic objectives

License & Certifications

- Project Management Professional (**PMP®**)

Co/Extra-curricular

- Won Gold Medal in District level Hockey tournament, post which, represented Mysore District in state level Hockey tournament
- As captain of the College Hockey team, secured second position in the hockey tournament as part of national level cultural and sports festival organized by Manipal Institute of Technology