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PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATION:

- M.Tech in Applied Geophysics from University of Roorkee (1990), presently Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Roorkee in **First Division with Honours**.
- PhD in Geophysics from Kurukshetra University (2010) on “Estimation of Attenuation Characteristic, Site Response Functions and Ground Motions for Evaluation of Seismic Hazard in Gujarat Region, India.”

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Date of Birth	16 th Sep, 1967
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Thrust Areas of Research:

- Modelling of strong ground motions
- Probabilistic and Deterministic seismic hazard analysis
- Site-specific response studies and seismic microzonation
- Site characterization
- Shallow crustal structure
- Shallow and deep geophysical surveys for microzonation, site-specific studies for dams, power houses and faults.
- Planning, coordination and execution of all seismological, geophysical and geotechnical research and consultancy projects.

h-index: 28

i10-index: 76

Citations:2455

Total publications in peer-reviewed SCI Journals: 115

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No. of students supervised/supervising for PhD:

6 (completed), 2 (ongoing)

Honours and Awards:

- Awarded CSIR-NET in 1990.
- Awarded Certificate of Merit by Ministry of Earth Sciences, Govt. of India for outstanding contribution in Geosciences in 2015.
- Member of Research Advisory Committee of National Centre for Seismology, Ministry of Earth Sciences, Govt. of India.
- Member, Technical Committee for ground motion propagation and site amplification studies for Nuclear Power Plant Site at Gorakhpur, Haryana for AERB, BARC, Govt. of India.
- Member, Technical Committee for characterization of seismogenic zones around the site and evaluation of response of soil strata to vibratory ground motion AERB, BARC, Govt. of India.
- Member, BIS CED-39 committee for preparation of Probabilistic Seismic Hazard map of India.
- Member, Board of Studies, Changa University of Science and Technology, Anand.
- Member, Technical Committee to review research activities of Borehole Geophysics Laboratory established by Ministry of Earth Sciences, Govt. of India.
- Member to review scientific cadres at Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology, Dehradun.
- Nominated by National Green Tribunal (NGT) as an expert in seismology to review Lakhwar and Bageshwar hydro-electric projects.

Summary of Professional Experience

Designation	Organization	Duration	
		From	To
Senior Scientific Assistant (Geophysics)	Sardar Sarovar Narmada Nigam Limited	1990	2006
Scientist-D	Institute of Seismological Research	2006	2010
Scientist-E	Ministry of Earth Sciences, Govt. of India	2010	2015
Director/Scientist-G	Institute of Seismological Research	2015	2025
Director General (I/C)	Institute of Seismological Research	2020	2025

Position held prior to superannuation

(September 2015 to September 2025)

Designation : Director and Director General (In-charge)
Organization : Institute of Seismological Research
Department of Science and Technology
Government of Gujarat

Responsibilities as Director General (I/C):

- As the Chief Executive Officer of ISR, was responsible for administration of all affairs of the Institute.
- Exercised overall supervision, direction and control over all officers, staff and operations under the oversight of the Governing Council / Executive Committee.
- Oversees recruitment and appointment of staff (including temporary staff) to meet project needs and deadlines.
- Represented ISR in collaborations with national and international organizations in seismology, geophysics and related fields.
- Guided strategic direction and priorities of the Institute in alignment with its mission: earthquake monitoring, hazard assessment, seismic-hazard mitigation, research, public awareness, etc.
- Ensured smooth coordination between different divisions/groups (observational seismology, hazard assessment, tectonic/geophysical research, public outreach/training) for efficient functioning of ISR.
- Delivered keynote address, lectures at various national and international workshops/symposiums.
- Preparation of Annual Reports of the institute.

Responsibilities as Director:

- Provided leadership and oversight of all basic and applied research at ISR and headed the scientific part of the Institute.
- Managed and coordinated the work of the heads of various scientific groups and ensured research integrity, quality and timely execution.
- Reported to the Director General and assisted in routine scientific matters and research-related administration.
- Ensured continuous monitoring, data collection, analysis and reporting of seismic data (seismic network, strong-motion instruments, multi-parametric geophysical observations), and guided research output such as seismic hazard studies, site-specific assessments, tectonic/geophysical investigations aligned with ISR's mandate.
- Helped in planning, executing and supervising geophysical surveys, seismic monitoring, microzonation studies, site-characterization, earthquake-hazard and vulnerability assessment projects.
- Facilitated scientific collaborations, publications, training/internships, research visits, dissemination of research findings.
- Identified newer research issues and guided students and scientists for PhD.
- Delivered keynote address, lectures at various national and international workshops/symposiums.

Previous Positions

1. December 2010 onwards to August 2015

Designation : Scientist-E
Organization : Ministry of Earth Sciences
Government of India

Nature of Work :

- Head of Earthquake Hazard and Risk Assessment division of National Centre for Seismology (NCS), New Delhi.
- Looking after extramural funding in Geosciences and Member-Secretary for PAMC Geosciences.
- Overall coordinator from MoES for establishment of Centre for Geochronology and Centre for Geotechnology.
- Processing, analysis and interpretation of various geophysical time series collected from multi-parametric geophysical observatories.
- Seismic Microzonation of 30 cities in India.
- Establishment of Volcanological observatory at Barren Island
- Overall coordinator from MoES for Koyna deep borehole project.
- Overall coordinator from MoES for National Centre for Earth Sciences Studies (NCESS), Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.

2. February 2006 onwards to December 2010

Designation : Scientist-D
Organization : Institute of Seismological Research
Department of Science and Technology
Government of Gujarat

Nature of Work :

- Seismological Research and Applications in Gujarat
- Seismological monitoring of the Gujarat and adjoining states.
- Strong motion seismology and assessment of risk in Gujarat from future earthquakes.
- Involved in GPS network planning and installations for the study of crustal deformations in the Kutch and Saurashtra peninsula.
- Probabilistic and Deterministic Seismic Hazard Estimation for microzonation.
- Site Specific Response Studies for microzonation.

3. August 1990 to January 2006

Designation: Senior Scientific Assistant (Geophysics)
Organization: Sardar Sarovar Narmada Nigam Limited
(A Wholly Owned Govt. of Gujarat Undertaking)

Nature of Work :

- Seismological Monitoring of Asia's biggest River Valley Project.
- Computation of source parameters for all the micro-earthquakes recorded on the network.
- Monitor the variation of the seismicity pattern.
- Prepared Seismological Bulletins from 1990 to 2005.

- Prepared special report on “Bhuj earthquake of Jan 26, 2001 and its aftershock” for Govt. of Gujarat. The source parameters of more than 1000 aftershocks of magnitudes between 3.5 and 6.2 were calculated.

Projects Completed/Ongoing:

- Joint Indo-Taiwanese project entitled “Scenario Strong Motion Estimation for Gujarat, India” sponsored by DST, Govt. of India and National Science Council, Taiwan.
- DST/MoES, Govt. of India sponsored project entitled “Seismological Research and Applications in Gujarat.”
- DST/MoES, Govt. of India sponsored project entitled “Crustal Deformation Studies in Kachchh and West Narmada Region of Gujarat.”
- BARC, Govt. of India sponsored project entitled “Generation of Attenuation Correlation for ground motion based on the shear wave velocity study in Gujarat region.”
- Gujarat Infrastructure Development Board, Govt. of Gujarat sponsored project entitled “Seismic Microzonation of Dholera Special Investment Region (SIR).”
- Gujarat State Petroleum Corporation Limited, Govt. of Gujarat sponsored project entitled “Seismotectonic study of LNG-GSPC terminal site at Mundra, Gujarat.”
- MoES, Govt. of India sponsored project entitled “Seismic Microzonation of Ahmedabad, Gujarat.”
- Site-Specific Seismic Hazard Analysis for site selection for statue of unity (180 m high), highest monument in the world for Sardar Sarovar Narmada Nigam Limited, a Govt. of Gujarat Undertaking.
- Site-Specific Seismic Hazard Assessment at Kakrapar Nuclear Power Plant.
- Site-Specific Seismic Hazard Assessment at Devni Mori near Shamlaji for Gujarat Pavitra Yatra Dham Board.
- Site-Specific Seismic Hazard Assessment of Zydus Corporate House, Ahmedabad for Zydus.
- Site-Specific Seismic Hazard Assessment of Dwarka Jagat Mandir for Gujarat Pavitra Yatra Dham Board.
- Site-Specific Seismic Hazard Assessment of Sant Nagri, Sabarkantha for Gujarat Pavitra Yatra Dham Board.
- MoES, Govt. of India sponsored project entitled “Seismic Microzonation of Bhuj City, Kachchh.”
- Site specific study of LPG Terminal at Dhamra, Orissa for M/S Adani.
- Site Specific Seismic study to develop site specific Response spectrum for Cable stayed Bridge at Zuari River, Goa.
- Site-specific investigations using Multi-channel Analysis of Seismic Waves Survey (MASW) for Museum Building, Smriti Van, Bhuj for Gujarat State Disaster Management Authority (GSDMA).
- Site-specific investigations using by MASW technique for proposed 2.5m Telescopic facility site at PRL premises, Gurushikhar, Mount Abu for Physical Research Laboratory, Ahmedabad.
- Seismic Hazard Assessment of LNG Terminal at Dhamra, Orissa for M/S Adani.
- Site specific spectral analysis for LPG terminal Mundra, Kachchh for M/S Adani.
- Seismic Hazard Assessment of Dadra & Nagar Haveli for UT Administration.
- Site-specific response study for Indian Oil Corporation new facility at Bogaigaon, Assam.

- Seismic Hazard Assessment and salinity ingress monitoring of Bhadbhut project.
- Seismic Hazard Assessment of M/S Adani solar power and windmill project in Rann of Kachchh.
- Geophysical surveys for delineation of fresh water aquifer in Dang district Gujarat for GWRDC.
- Salinity ingress monitoring for the proposed Barrage across River Narmada near Bhadbhut, Distt. Bharuch.
- Low frequency passive seismic surveys in Linch, Mansa and Jotana for ONGC.
- Low frequency passive seismic surveys in Dholka and Digas for GSPC.
- Seismic microzonation of Amritsar, Meerut, Lucknow, Kanpur, Agra, Varanasi, Patna and Dhanbad in India.
- Site-specific seismic hazard assessment of PVC and Naptha plants at Mundra for M/S Adani.
- Site-specific seismic hazard assessment for LNG tanks at Dahej for M/S L & T.
- Site-specific seismic hazard assessment for IOCL-Barauni PPU Plant at Barauni, Bihar.
- Site-specific hazard assessment of Sardar Sarovar, Indira Sagar, Seti, Dharoi, Kadana, Sipu, Ukai, Machhundri, Hiren, Tapi barrage, and Shetrunji dams.
- Site-specific seismological study for National Maritime Heritage Complex, Lothal, Gujarat.
- Site-specific hazard assessment of PSP projects at Vijaynagar, Narihalla, Pane, Kandaure, Teesta, Bilaspur, Anantpur, Patgaon and Musakhand.

Research Papers Published in Scientific Citation Index Journals

1. **Sumer Chopra**, K. Madhusudhan Rao, B. Sairam, Santosh Kumar, A.K. Gupta, Hardik Patel, M.S. Gadhavi and B.K.Rastogi (2008). Earthquake Swarm Activities after Rains in Peninsular India and a Case Study from Jamnagar, *Journal of Geological Society of India*, Vol.72, 245-252.
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12. **Sumer Chopra** and Pallabee Choudhury (2011), A Study of Response Spectra for Different Geological Conditions in Gujarat, India, *Soil Dynamics and Earthquake Engineering*, Vol.31(11), 1551-1564.
13. R.B.S. Yadav, Yusuf Bayrak, J. N. Tripathi, **Sumer Chopra**, A.P. Singh and Erdem Bayrak (2012), A Probabilistic Assessment of Seismic Hazard Parameters in NW Himalaya and the Adjoining Regions, *Pure and Applied Geophysics*, Vol.169, 1619-1639.
14. R.B.S. Yadav, V.K. Gahalaut, **Sumer Chopra** and Bin Shan (2012), Tectonic Implications and Seismicity Triggering During the 2008 Baluchistan, Pakistan Earthquake Sequence, *Journal of Asian Earth Science*, Vol.45, 167-178.
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24. Babita Sharma, **Sumer Chopra**, Anup Kumar Sutar and B.K.Bansal (2013), Estimation of Strong Ground Motion from a Great Earthquake in Central Seismic Gap Region using Empirical Green's Function Technique, *Pure and Applied Geophysics*, Vol.170, 2127-2138.
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28. Sanjay K. Prajapati, Ashok Kumar, **Sumer Chopra**, and B.K. Bansal (2013), Intensity map of Mw 6.9 2011 Sikkim-Nepal border earthquake and its relationships with PGA, Distance and Magnitude, *Natural Hazards*, Vol.69, 1781-1801.
29. Jyoti Sharma, **Sumer Chopra** and Ketan Singha Roy (2013), Estimation of Source parameters, Quality factor (Qs) and Site characteristics using accelerograms: Uttarakhand Himalaya region, *Bulletin of Seismological Society of America*, Vol.104, 360-380.
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