



BRIEF PROFILE OF KUMAR BISWAS, PROFESSOR, INDUSTRY EXPERT

Kumar Biswas was born on the day of an auspicious Saraswati (Goddess of knowledge, learning, and wisdom) puja in the little Indian town of Bhagalpur, Bihar. He attended a Christian convent run by the Patna Diocese when he was younger, and the Ramakrishna Mission at Narendrapur, West Bengal, India, was where he eventually finished his undergraduate studies. Under the guidance of two missionaries, he has been instilled with traits such as punctuality, ethics, rigorous discipline, and altruism.

Kumar Biswas holds two bachelor's degree: a B.Sc. with Chemistry Honours, followed by a B.Tech in Chemical Engineering from the University of Calcutta. He completed his MBA in International Business from the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, Delhi, under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry and has undergone a logistics and supply chain management course at Oxford, U.K.

His time spent residing in and providing services for seven Indian states - Bihar, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Odisha, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, and West Bengal, has given him a unique perspective on the nation's rich cultural legacy.

He has worked with Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. for nearly a quarter of a century. In between, he was on deputation to the Oil Coordination Committee and subsequently to the Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Government of India, as Joint Director (Operations), for seven years. Later, he worked in the private petroleum sector in India and Africa.

He gained rich international exposure to logistics and supply chain management of oil and gas businesses in East African countries, viz., Burundi, Congo, Kenya, Mozambique, Rwanda, Tanzania, Zambia, etc. In connection with the petroleum business, he has travelled widely all over the country and across the world: Abu Dhabi and Dubai, Bhutan, France, Kenya, London and Oxford, Tanzania, Zanzibar, etc.

Presently, he is actively working on the academia-industry interface and building future industry managers. Some of the subjects he teaches are International Business, Strategic Management, Logistics and Supply Chain Management, Luxury Brand Management etc. He has presented several research papers at international conferences. Besides, he is a much sought-after speaker in the corporate world.

He has attended several international conferences and often invited as chief guest, eminent speaker as well as a delegate. A few of the international conferences which he has attended and presented papers:

1. The International Conference on Globalization 5.0: Innovations, Entrepreneurship & Sustainable Development, (April 24-25, 2025), ITS Ghaziabad, India - has presented a research paper on "Chabahar Port: A Fulcrum of Changing International Business Dynamics"
2. International Energy Week, Delhi (February 11-14, 2025) under the aegis of Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Government of India – Presented his unique collection of world-wide energy themed postage stamps under 'Energy Philately'
3. International Conference on 3Ps (People, Planet & Prosperity): Creating a Sustainable Global Business Model' (May 3-4, 2024), ITS Ghaziabad, India - has presented two research papers "De-dollarization and Rupee-nization: Changing Global Business Models" and "India's Rising Defence Exports: A Critical Analysis."
4. International Conference on 'Innovation, Agility and Sustainability in Global Business Environment' (April 28-29, 2023), ITS Ghaziabad, India - has presented two research papers on "Indian petroleum supply chain to Sri Lanka: A geopolitical business perspective" and "Innovations and Indian Railways: A Case Study of T-18 (Vande Bharat Express)"
5. 3rd Offshore India Congress 2019 (September 19-20, 2019), Organized by SZ&W Group, Shanghai
6. 13th International Petroleum Conference & exhibition - PETROTECH 2019 (February 10-12, 2019), Greater Noida, India
7. 2nd Tanzania Oil & Gas Suppliers Conference (June 19-20, 2014), Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania, Africa
8. International seminar on 'Future of Gas business in Africa' (October 13-15, 2013), Nairobi, Kenya
9. 9th International Petroleum Conference & Exhibition - PETROTECH 2010 (31 October - 03 November 2010), Delhi, India
10. 8th International Petroleum Conference & Exhibition - PETROTECH 2009 (January 11-15, 2009), Delhi, India

Kumar Biswas has multi-cultural experience in cross-functional activities in the hydrocarbon (oil and gas) sector, with exposure to the entire value chain of sales and marketing, business development, business strategy, customer relationships, oil terminal operations, automation, inventory control, logistics and supply chain management, energy management, project management, quality management, and infrastructure.

To sum up, he has three decades of industry experience in India and Africa (including 25 years with Indian Oil Corporation Ltd.) and a decade of experience in the industry-academia interface.

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Hobbies:

He is a passionate Energy Philatelist. He collects postage stamps and allied materials on the theme of Energy (oil & gas and renewable energy) from all over the world. His amazing stamp collection is exhibited in various national and international exhibitions.
