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Er. Sanjay Londhe, is a Civil Engineer and Fellow Member of Institution of Engineers (India). His journey with Ashoka Buildcon Ltd. began in the year 1989 as a Site Engineer and presently he is a whole time Director and CEO (Projects) in the company.

He has been instrumental in the company's growth story which started out as a contracting firm and is today one of the leading highway developers in the country. He also holds office as Director- Quality Management Systems, Director-Design Development, Director- Plant and Machinery, and heads the research activities of Ashoka Highway Research Centre.

Er. Sanjay manages the nationwide EPC and BOT based projects of Ashoka Buildcon from design stage to commercial opening/completion. His portfolio is ornamented with successful completion of prestigious projects including Asian, National and State Highways, Institutional Campuses and Industrial Parks for multinationals such as VIP, Tata Yazaki, Hindalco, Godrej Pilsbury, Samsonite, Mahindra & Mahindra etc. He is recognised for his technical and managerial expertise which results in speedy project execution, high standards of quality control and Frugal engineering. He has a passion for highway construction projects as he believes that highways not only join cities, they connect people and pave the path to economic & social progress.

Some of the projects executed by him have been extremely challenging and seemingly impossible. His recent achievement includes the construction of two bridges across Rupnarayan River in West Bengal, India. The project posed daunting geographical and technical hurdles .For over Decade (10 yrs), no construction company was willing to test its mettle against this unpredictable, perennial river. The project was important and time was of the essence as it was a crucial surface link between North Eastern India (West Bengal) and South Eastern India and was also connected the port of Haldia. Ashoka Buildcon took the challenge under the stewardship of Mr. Londhe and constructed these bridges in an outstanding time period of 12 months i.e 18 months ahead of scheduled completion date.

Another such challenging project was the construction of a National highway in Rajasthan (India). The construction team was confronted by extreme weather conditions, sand storms, and an unexpected flood situation. The project was completed at an admirable time period which was 95 days ahead of schedule.

Er. Sanjay is also a Director for Quality Management Systems of Ashoka. He has played a key role in implementing quality, environmental, occupational health and safety systems in the organisation. Ashoka Buildcon is the first Indian Infrastructure company to be certified for Integrated Management Systems in the country encompassing the ISO 9001, ISO 14001 & OHSAS 18001, by ISC Pty. Ltd. Australia. The Organisation is also certified with GHG 14064 for the systems implemented to monitor the Green Houses Gases Emissions during its day to day operations.

Er. Sanjay heads the research activities of Ashoka Highway Research Centre (AHRC). This wing of Ashoka aims at exploring better ways to build highways. It focuses on reducing the environmental footprint and setting new trends in the construction sector. AHRC has played an important role in promoting technologies like milling, warm mix technology, Recycled Aggregate Products and rain water harvesting systems in the National Highway Projects of India.

Er. Sanjay is a socially active and participates in the green initiatives and philanthropic projects of the company. Under his guidance, several medical health check-up camps and social awareness programs in various parts of the country are organised.

He is recipient of 'Bharat Jyoti Award' and 'Promising Engineer Award' by Institution of Engineers (India), Nashik Centre.

Er. Sanjay has been associated with the Institution of Engineers (India) for over a decade and has officiated as the Chairman of Institution of Engineers (India) Nashik Local Centre. He is the Committee Member for Institution of Engineers (India) — Advancement of Technology & Engg. He is a Member of the Board of Governors for Construction and Engineering of National Safety Council India and apex body for safety in India. He is also a Advisory Member on Integrated Management System (IMS) on international standard certification Board, India and is part of the Infrastructure Committees of CII, and Chamber of Commerce