

GAUTAM KUMAR

Gautam Kumar was born in Patna in early 1964 into a judicial family. Growing up in a large joint family and moving to different cities like Ranchi and Hazaribagh due to his father's transferable job helped him stay close to his cousins and become socially active. He completed his schooling at St. Michael's in Patna.

After graduating with an engineering degree from BIT Mesra, Gautam joined Tata Steel through campus placement as a Graduate Trainee in 1985. He rose quickly through the ranks. By 2000, he became the Chief of Sales for the Ferro Alloys & Minerals Division in Kolkata, where he managed domestic and international sales until 2006.

In 2006, Gautam left Tata Steel to join Asia Minerals Limited, a multinational company based in Hong Kong. He opened their Kolkata office in 2008 as a director, splitting his time between Hong Kong and India to manage global manganese ore and alloys operations. His dedication earned him global recognition, leading to his promotion as an international Group Director in 2018, which required him to relocate to Hong Kong and had to live in Hong Kong/Abroad for at least 190 days.

Despite his successful global career, Gautam always stayed connected to his roots in Patna. He was deeply influenced by his father, the late Retd. District Judge B.N. Singh, and his maternal grandfather, the late Justice Sarju Prasad Singh, who was a founding member of Veer Kuer Singh Shiksha Nidhi. Watching early Shiksha Nidhi meetings at his family home inspired him to get involved. His connection grew even stronger when his uncle, the late Bharat Prasad Sinha, encouraged family friend A.D. Singh to become the organization's Secretary. Since then, Gautam has been closely associated with the charity, and his father also made a major financial contribution to it.

In May 2025, wanting to spend more time in India rather than traveling 190 days a year as an NRI, Gautam stepped down from his role in Hong Kong. Drawing on his international reputation, he opened the Indian office for a US-based multinational firm in Kolkata. He continues to manage the global trade of ferro alloys and minor metals, but living in India now allows him ample time to focus on his social and charitable projects.

Gautam is a member of several prominent associations, including the JSCA. He is supported by his wife and two children—his son and daughter-in-law live in Bengaluru, and his daughter lives in Pune.

Learnings from the life spent so far: The family you belong to teaches you the right path to lead the life, help and support people around you which will give divine blessing to you and your next generation.