



Dr. K. Senthil Kumar

Recipient of A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Award, Govt of TN - 2018

Recipient of Best Drone Architecture Award, IAF - 2021

Recipient of Innovation Award, CTDT Anna University - 2021

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Professor Senthil Kumar, an outstanding technocrat has distinguished himself as a pioneer in the Indian UAV scene. He has made possible the Lab to field research contribution, especially from Universities, in the field of Unmanned Aerial Systems popularly called as Drones. The concept to translational research to end user capabilities of his UAV research had been vouched by various topmost civilian and military authorities in India and worldwide, notable being his Excellency our former President Dr APJ Abdul Kalam and DARPA, Department of Defense USA.

Dr Senthil Kumar may best be described as an Educator and Entrepreneurial Scientist who with his practical mentoring approach to science had been able to identify and bring forth creative energies out of budding engineers and thereby making them innovators and potential leaders they are, in the field of Aerospace Engineering. The exceptionally Innovative Researcher and Educator, that he is, is capable of transforming the Indian UAV scene to that of a vibrant and potential competitor with the world players, thereby making India the DRONE HUB for the world.

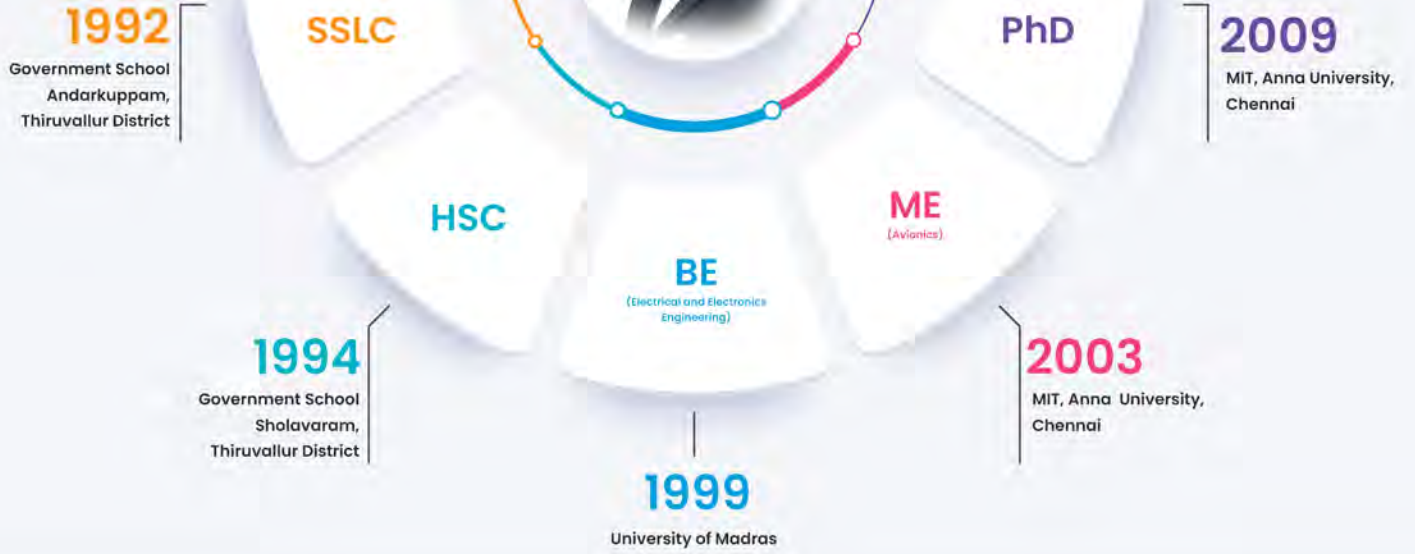
His contributions towards rise of Drone awareness and Drone entrepreneurship in the country commenced well in the early 2005 and the commendable achievements being Outstanding performances of his team in the DARPA, Drone Challenge organized by Department of Defense, USA, Australian Medical Express Challenge, Swarm Drones for Indian Army and Indian AirForce, Drone based precision agriculture, water resource management, smart city/town planning and Smart Governance, surveillance and safety, Mapping and preservation of natural resource, Skill improvement and employment for rural and urban population, Disaster management and Rescue and Relief, Public Health and safety and the list is endless.

In 2018 Established World Record for Duration 6 h 7 min 45 sec at Chennai Tamil Nadu on a Class U Unmanned Aerial Vehicles UAV Subclass U 3 Multirotor under Category 6 kg to less than 25 kg Group 1 Internal combustion and Jet. World Record Certificate received from Federation Aeronatique Internationale (FAI) Netherlands.

Imparting UAV Pilot Training through CASR Remote Pilot Training organization (RPTO) (First of its kind in India) to the community as per the norms of DGCA.

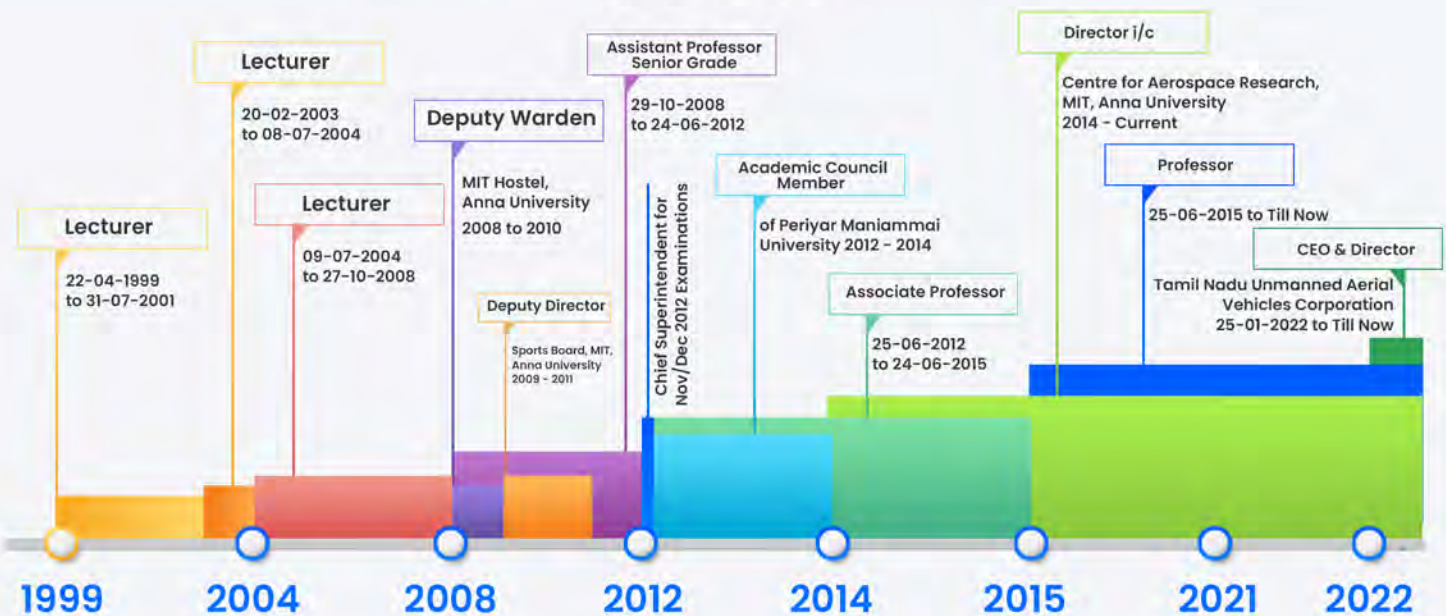
"Tamil Nadu Unmanned Aerial Vehicles Corporation (TNUAVC)" in partnership with Madras Institute of Technology, Anna University has been inaugurated by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu in order to cater the drone-based needs of various departments of Government of Tamil Nadu through drone-based solutions and services.

Academic Qualification

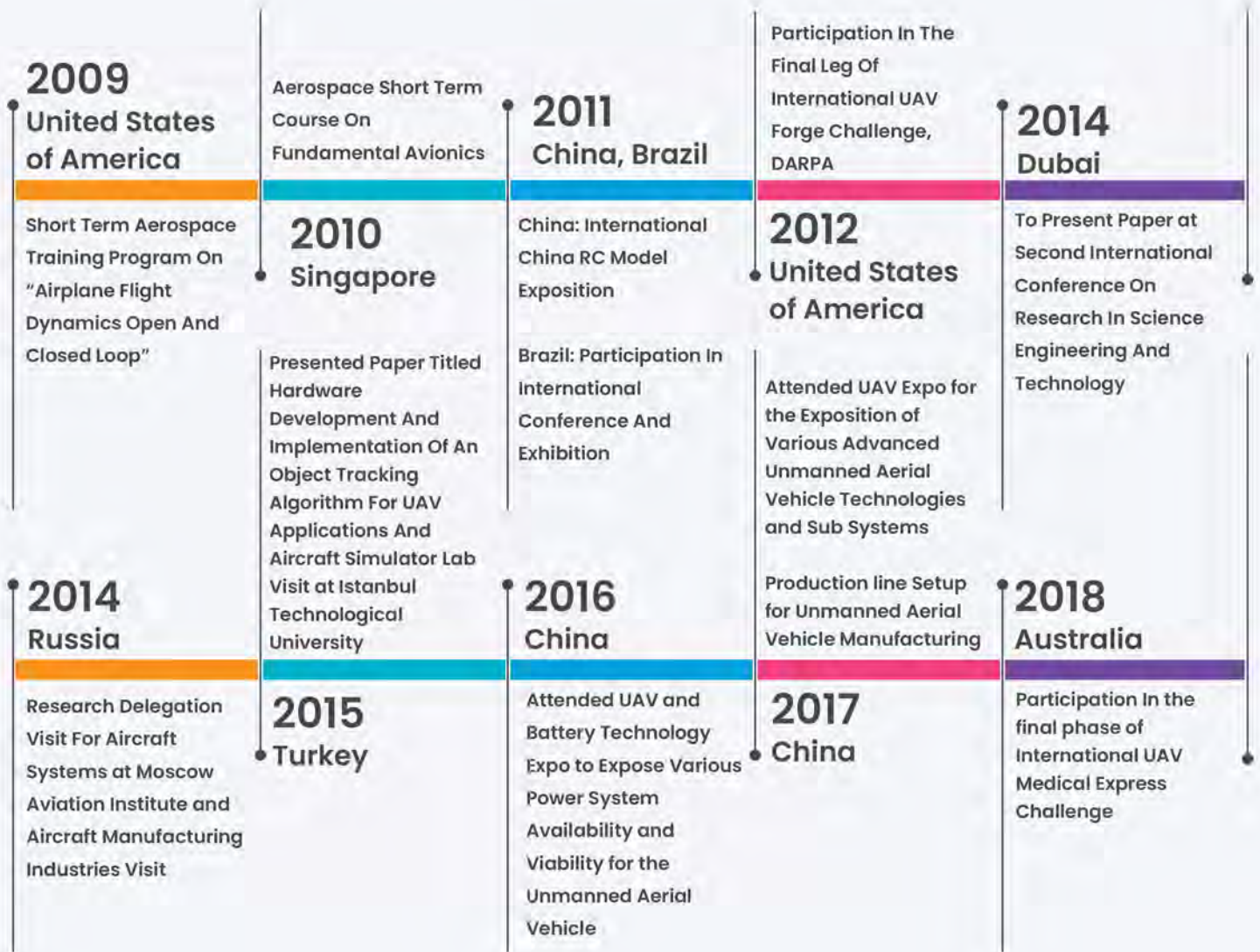


Experience & Position Head

1999 - Till Date



Foreign Countries Visited



Facilities Created

- ▶ UAV Integration Laboratory
- ▶ UAV Prototype Laboratory
- ▶ UAV Fabrication Laboratory
- ▶ High-end Data and Photogrammetry Processing Laboratory
- ▶ RF Test Laboratory

Products Developed

- ▶ Fixed-Wing UAV - Electric Powered
- ▶ Fixed-Wing UAV - Gasoline Powered
- ▶ Rotary-Wing UAV - Electric Powered
- ▶ Rotary-Wing UAV - Hybrid
- ▶ Vertical Takeoff and Horizontal Transition UAV
- ▶ Rotary-Wing Tethered UAV
- ▶ Agriculture Spray UAV
- ▶ Swarm Drone
- ▶ Single Manned Drone Taxi (Under Progress)

Notable Recognition & Awards

- ▶ DRDO Award, DRDO – 2008 & 2009
- ▶ UAV Technology Demonstration, Department of Defense DARPA from USA – 2012
- ▶ DARPA, DOD Mission Completion Demonstration Appreciation from Former President Dr.A.P.J.Abdul Kalam – 2012
- ▶ Best Paper Award, International Institute of Engineers from UAE, DUBAI – 2014
- ▶ Chief Ministers Award for Rescue operation at Mouliwakkam Building Collapse – 2014
- ▶ Best Research Paper Award, Universal Research Engineers, Turkey – 2015
- ▶ Received 2nd prize Memento for Show causing the Achievements of UAS through Higher Education Department on the Republic Day parade – 2018
- ▶ Technology Day Celebration Guest of Honor, DRDL,DRDO, Hyderabad – 2018
- ▶ Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Award, Government of Tamil Nadu – 2018
- ▶ 2nd Placed team of the Medical Express UAV Challenge, Australia – 2018
- ▶ Drone Olympic – 2019, Gold - 1, Silver - 2
- ▶ The India Geospatial Application Excellence Award – 2019
- ▶ Winner of Best Drone Architecture Award in Mehar Baba Swarm Drone Competition 2018 - 2021
- ▶ Innovaion Award from CTDI, Anna University, 2021

