

Rahul Kokcha MBCS CITP



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Rahul Kokcha is a technical manager at Koenig Solutions Limited, an offshore training organisation based in New Delhi, India. He has overall responsibility for information security training and consultancy, and manages a team of 18 security professionals.

Koenig Solutions is one of India's largest IT training providers - delivering training and consultancy services to clients from

all over the world. In this environment, Rahul finds real value in the international recognition his CITP registration earns him.

An experienced trainer, Rahul believes the rigorous, three-stage assessment process makes CITP stand apart – by ensuring only those with advanced skills and capabilities can achieve Chartered status. As a result, Rahul sees CITP as a sure sign of his credibility in IT.

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THE JOURNEY

Rahul achieved his Chartered IT Professional status in 2011. He'd first considered a career in IT while in college studying for a degree in electronics. He also gained a diploma in computer hardware and networking and began work as a system administrator in a non-IT organisation.

Three years on, he was offered a role as a technical coordinator in an IT business. Here his responsibilities included training other team members and also conducting some customer training.

Having discovered his passion, and talent, for training, he became a trainer for an IT training organisation. 'My new working environment gave me the ideal opportunity to upgrade my technical skills,' explains Rahul.

'My role at Koenig is challenging as I juggle many roles including manager, trainer and consultant. But I also find this very fulfilling. I have complete autonomy; I decide what my next steps should be.'

Rahul tells us he became aware of CITP status from LinkedIn. 'It became an aspiration of mine to achieve CITP', he says. 'When I did, it was more of a challenge than I'd expected as it covered such a broad syllabus. But I was impressed by how streamlined and professional the assessment process was.'

THE MOTIVATION

Koenig Solutions Limited was established in 1993 and is now one of India's leading offshore training organisations with five offices, in Delhi, Bangalore, Shimla (Himalayas), Dehradun and Goa. The training solution includes air travel, hotel accommodation, meals and local transport as well as some leisure activities including yoga sessions.

Rahul joined Koenig Solutions six years ago, at a time when the organisation offered training only. He soon earned greater responsibility within the company, including that of business growth, and this led him to form the consultancy division, which he has since helped to develop into a successful part of the business.

Now as a technical manager, he has overall responsibility for training and consultancy in the area of information security, and manages a team of 18 information security professionals.

Rahul explains: 'Every month, thousands of IT professionals travel to India to upgrade their skills via our intensive, instructor-led training and certification. Students come from all over the world, 61 countries at last count. We are truly an international business where nationally-recognised qualifications are not always enough to prove competency.'

THE BENEFITS

For Rahul, the real value of his CITP registration lies in its rigorous, three-step application process.

'What makes Chartered IT Professional status stand out', explains Rahul, 'is that there is no shortcut to the achievement. You really have to prove your worth in order to become CITP and that makes it a title to be proud of.'

'Having gone through the assessment, it gives me immense pleasure to introduce myself as CITP. In my opinion, it's a global benchmark of IT excellence and I'm enjoying the professional recognition among my colleagues and my customers.'

Rahul has also been making use of the member benefits that accompany Chartered status including access to the Institute's online library. 'I am also a member of other reputed societies but BCS member services clearly stand apart.'