

## Suresh U. Kumar's Bio

Suresh U. Kumar (also known as Suresh Kumar U. V.) is a professor, serial entrepreneur, CXO coach, startup mentor, published author, and non-profit leader. He was born and grew up in Kochi, India and was introduced early to student activism when he was elected to the Students Council of Sacred Heart College. After completing his MBA and a brief stint with ANZ Bank, India, Suresh was transferred to Wall Street, New York in 1991. Suresh co-founded the first of his five entrepreneurial ventures in 1999, leading to a lifelong passion for leadership, innovation, and entrepreneurship. After completing his doctorate in leadership, he entered the academic world in 2015 as a student mentor at Columbia Business School in New York.

Suresh is an avid reader of all kinds of books, especially historical fiction based on World War II and the Indian freedom struggle. He has spoken on and written several Op-Eds on various topics, including politics, history, leadership, entrepreneurship, and personal development. Suresh is the co-founder of Indian Americans for Harris and was appointed co-chair of the Harris for President Small Business Advisory Council.

Suresh is a member of the Historical Novel Society of North America and Writers for Democratic Action. Suresh's current roles include Founder & Chairman of the R-Factor.AI, President of The Indus Entrepreneur-NJ Chapter, and Professor/Director of innovation and entrepreneurship at the New Jersey Institute of Technology. His debut novel, *Girl in Scarlet Hijab*, will be published by Rupa Publication in December 2024. A history lover, Suresh lives with his wife, son, and their dog, Zuko, in New Jersey, USA, grateful for the opportunity to share his creativity through the written and spoken word.

### Forthcoming Books by Suresh U. Kumar

#### Fiction

*The Mahatma and Me*

*The Rebel Sailors*

*Hazaribagh Jail Diaries*

*Hindi Teacher's Daughter*

#### Creative Non-Fiction

The Renaissance Playbook: *Hacking Your Most Interesting Life*

*Once Upon a Time in Cochin (Memoir)*

*The Happiest Couple in the Valley*

*The Indian American CXO Factor*

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