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Education

Dec. 2011 – July, 2016	Ph.D. Department of Mining Engineering,Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur, West Bengal, IndiaThesis title: Anisotropic shear behaviour of rock joint replicas in constant normal load condition.
July 2008 – Aug. 2010	M.Tech. (Mining Engg.), IIT BHU, Varanasi, U.P. India. Thesis title: Design and Development of Mining Prop with Active Load Setting and Monitoring.
July 2002 – Sept. 2006	B.E. (Mining Engg.), M.B.M. Engg. college, JNVU, Jodhpur.

Experience

- Assistant Professor, Department of Mining Engineering, IIT Kharagpur, since 29th May, 2019
- Assistant Professor, Department of Mining Engineering, IIT (ISM)- Dhanbad, from 3rd July 2017 to 28th May, 2019.
- Adjunct Assistant Professor of Practice, Department of Mining Engineering, VNIT- Nagpur, from 26thJuly, 2016 to 30th May, 2017.
- Assistant Mining Engineer (Vigilance), Department of Mines and Geology, Govt. of Rajasthan, from 1stApril, 2015 to 25thJuly, 2016.
- Engineer Rock Mechanics, Joy Mining Services India Pvt. Ltd. Kolkata, from 5 July, 2010 to 26 December, 2011. Worked in Tandsi mine (WCL), Jhanjra and Sarpi Mine (ECL)
- **Project Assistant (Level-II),** Central Institute of Mining and Fuel Research (CIMFR), Nagpur, from 1 November, 2006 to 30 April, 2008 and worked in following projects:
 - Design of safe cut out distance & rock reinforcement system for Bord and Pillar mining using continuous miner in Kumbharkhani mine, Wani (North) area, WCL, Nagpur.
 - Development of a support unit & its performance evaluation to enhance safety and productivity of Ukwa underground mine, (MOIL).

Subject Taught

• Slope stability, Rock Mechanics Lab, Design of Underground Structures in Rocks, Ground Control, Surveying and Mine surveying,

Research Interest

• Experimental Rock Mechanics, Slope Stability, Fracture Mechanics, Mining methods

Research Guidance

• PhD: 2 (Ongoing), Mtech: 1 - Completed, 2- ongoing

Publications

- Kumar R. and Verma A.K. (2016). Anisotropic Shear Behavior of Rock Joint Replicas. *International Journal of Rock Mechanics and Mining Sciences*. 90:62-73. DOI: 10.1016/j.ijrmms.2016.10.005.
- Sarkar, S., **Kumar, R.** and Murthy, V.M.S.R. (2019). Experimental and Numerical Simulation of Crack Propagation in Sandstone by Semi Circular Bend Test. *Geotech Geol Eng.*; 37:3157–3169, https://doi.org/10.1007/s10706-019-00833-0
- **R. Kumar** and A.K. Verma (2017). Shear Behavior of Joint Replicas. *The Indian Mining and Engineering Journal*, 56(2):27-31, ISSN 0019-5944.

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- R. Kumar and A. K. Verma (2015). Experimental Study of Anisotropic Shear Strength of Rock Joints. ISRM 13th International Congress on Rock Mechanics, May 10-13, Montréal, Québec, Canada. ISBN: 978-1-926872-25-4.
- A.K. Verma, S. Khushtar **R. Kumar** and (2014). Influence of scale effect on anisotropic shear Strength behavior of rock joint, 8th Asian Rock Mech. Symp. (ARMS). 14-16 October, Sapporo, Japan, 249-256.
- A.K. Verma, K. Rajabrahma, **R. Kumar**, and V. Mukesh (2015). Experimental and Numerical Analysis to Determine the Transition from Mode-I To Mode-II Fracture. ISRM 13th International Congress on Rock Mechanics, May 10-13, Montréal, Québec, Canada. ISBN: 978-1-926872-25-4.
- **R. Kumar**, M.R. Saharan, V.K. Singh, B.K. Srivastava, (2010). Performance analysis of an active load setting mining props. 6th Asian Rock Mechanics Symposium-Advances in Rock Engineering, 23-27 October, 2010, New Dehli.
- **R. Kumar**, S. Khushtar and A.K. Verma (2013). Anisotropic shear strength behavior of rock joints, Proceeding of the Int. Conf. on Coal and Energy Technological Advances and Future Challenges (CETAFC 2013), Paul, Roy, Islam and Sinha (eds), 15-17 December, Kolkata, India, p. 347-353.
- M.R.Saharan, B. K. Jha, M. Sazid, **R. Kumar** (2010). Designing cut-out distance for continuous miners' operations using numerical modelling and rock mechanics instrumentation. Workshop on Applications of Rock Mechanics- Tools and Techniques, Nagpur, India, 15-17 January 2010.
- **R. Kumar**, M.R. Saharan, M. Sazid (2008). An experience with designing resin grouted rock bolts for coal mine tunnels. Workshop Of Rock Mechanics & Tunnelling Techniques 24-26 April, organized by ISRM & CBIP at Manali, (H.P.)
- S. Bharti, J. K. Modi, **R. Kumar** (2014). Performance of Grouted Rock Bolts in Rock Mass. National Seminar on Recent Trends in Mechanized Mining, Kothagudem, Telangana. 27-28 December.

Personal Details

Date of Birth : 8th July 1985 • Gender : Male • Nationality : Indian • Marital Status : Married • Languages Known : Hindi, English Home Town : Village- Gunawati, Tehsil-Makrana, District-Nagaur (Rajasthan)

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