

AAKASH SHARMA

PROGRAM · PRODUCT · PROJECT

AGILE & DATA-DRIVEN | PMP®, PMI-ACP®, MBA

SUMMARY

An Agile Leader, Coach, and Mentor operating at the intersection of Technical Execution and Organizational Design. I specialize in stabilizing complex, at-risk projects, building governance frameworks from the ground up, and implementing scalable delivery systems where structure does not exist.

My focus extends beyond execution to capability building—leading enterprise tooling rollouts (Jira/Atlassian), defining operating standards, driving strategic trade-offs (Scope, Time, Cost) and enabling leadership teams to shift from reactive firefighting to predictable, metrics-driven delivery.

WORK EXPERIENCE (8 YEARS)

PROGRAM MANAGER

AGILE TRANSFORMATION · PMO GOVERNANCE · STRATEGY

Varahe Analytics **11/2025 - Present**

Strategic Leadership & Turnaround

- **Legacy Crisis Stabilization:** Resolved delivery of critical, at-risk legacy projects by deploying own proprietary "**PM Standard Toolkit**" and instituting strict governance, successfully bringing off-track projects back to baseline.
- **Agile Transformation:** Led the technical and cultural implementation of Jira, Confluence, & Scrum framework. Conducted training workshops to upskill the department, upgrading them to disciplined Sprint execution.
- **Enterprise Tooling (Jira):** Championed the business case to Leadership for procuring the Atlassian Stack. Secured budget approval, managed licensing, and personally led the tool implementation.
- **Strategic Roadmap & Vision:** Partnered with the leadership to engineer a 1-Year Strategic Operating Plan, shifting the organization to predictive delivery steering.

Talent, Culture & Governance

- **PMO Leadership:** Leading and mentoring **6 Project Managers**; overseeing allocation and performance management to ensure strict governance adherence.

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CERTIFICATIONS

- Project Management Professional (PMP)
PMI, 2024
- Agile Certified Practitioner (PMI-ACP)
PMI, 2025
- Certified Associate in PM (CAPM)
PMI, 2024
- Google Data Analytics Professional
Google, 2025
- Certified Professional SQL Developer
W3Schools, 2025
- Generative AI Practical Application for PMs
PMI, 2025
- Generative AI & Prompting Essentials
Google Cloud, 2024
- Certified Project Management Professional
Google, 2024
- Jira, Trello, Confluence: Work Management
Atlassian, 2023

- **Building the Team Architecture:** Acting as the gatekeeper for the PMO & technical talent:
 - architected hiring pipeline, defined technical JDs
 - recruited **3 Project Managers** and **2 Technical Leads**, with an active pipeline for expansion.
- **Agile Coaching:** Personally coached PMs and TLs on Agile & Scrum essentials, and backlog hygiene, ensuring the new tools were actively adopted as the standard operating model.
- **Cross-Entity Scaling:** Advising the HR Leadership of the parent group on restructuring operational departments, using agile practices & artifacts.

PROJECT MANAGER

ADP (Fortune 500) 07/2025 - 10/2025

LS Digital 10/2024 - 02/2025

PROJECT MGMT. CONSULTANT

Fortune Prints 11/2022 - 10/2023

PROGRAM & OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT

ByteDance · Naukri.com · PayTM 10/2016 - 08/2021

ENTREPRENEURIAL PROJECTS

PROJECT MANAGEMENT COACH & BLOGGER

The Lion Among Sheep 01/2025 - Present

- Built a **personal brand and technical blog** offering mentoring, coaching, and consulting in project management, career development, and business strategy crafted as 25+ paid and free services.
- Applied project management frameworks to design 10 precise service structures, pricing models, and workflow systems ensuring outcome-driven client engagement.
- Authored **6 original long-form articles** on project and product management, with more to come.
- Crafted **30+ original reflective pieces** on personal growth to build credibility and organic reach.

BUSINESS MANAGER & MUSIC EDUCATOR

Soulful Creative Academy 04/2016 - 10/2024

- Built and scaled an independent music education venture serving **250+ students**, driving **₹6L annual revenue** through structured curriculum design, strategic planning, and sustainable low-cost operations.

EDUCATION

2019 - 2021

NMIMS UNIVERSITY, MUMBAI
PGDBM, Major in Marketing

2012 - 2015

UNIVERSITY OF DELHI
B.COM., Major in Commerce

SKILLS

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Agile & Waterfall Methodologies
- Business Workflow Optimization
- Process Standardization & Governance
- Cross-functional Collaboration
- Quality Assurance & Control
- Risk & Change Management
- Procurement & Budgeting

TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE

- Disciplined Agile
- Scrum, Kanban, Scrumban
- Lean & Six Sigma
- Data Analytics & Visualization
- Delivery Tracking & Reporting
- Artifact Creation & Templization

PROFESSIONAL TOOLS

- Jira, Asana, Trello, ClickUp
- Advanced Excel, MySQL, VS Code
- Power BI, Tableau
- MS Office, Google Workspace
- Salesforce, Certinia, Confluence

SOFT SKILLS

- Adaptability
- Mentoring & Coaching
- Empathy
- Strategic Thinking
- Business Writing