

**Bio-Data of
Dr. Ajay Kumar Pandey**



Summary:

Dr. Ajay Kumar Pandey was born in the village of Bedani Kala in Palamu district of Jharkhand state in India. He grew up in a religious family and also around family members, who were very active in social, cultural and political activities. Walking the lush green agricultural fields, swimming with friends in rain swollen water in local dikes, playing Kabbadi and Kho-Kho, celebrating Holi, Durga Puja, Diwali and Chhath, are some of the sweet memories of his childhood. Dr. Pandey studied mechanical engineering at Birla Institute of Technology (BIT), Mesra, Ranchi, India. During his college years in India, he was active in student politics and was part of the student union representing and addressing the concerns of the student population. After graduating from India, Dr. Pandey moved to USA for higher education and received a MS and Ph.D degree in engineering. Dr. Pandey worked at NASA Langley Research Center, published several research papers, presented scholarly papers at technical conferences, and taught at local universities. He moved to General Motors corporation working at Advance Engineering Center, in Saginaw Michigan and later in Pontiac & Warren, Michigan. Dr. Pandey has been active in social and cultural organization including BSNA, since its inception. He, his wife and their three children currently live in Oakland Township of Michigan.

Education:

BS (Mechanical engineering)-BIT Mesra-Ranchi, India,
MS (Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering)- Old Dominion Univ, Norfolk, VA, USA
PhD(Engineering Mechanics)-Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA, USA

Profession: Working with General Motor Corporation, Detroit, Michigan, USA

Personal:

Wife: Madhu Pandey (Native of Jaunpur, UP, India)

Children: Priyanka Pandey, Saurabh Pandey, and Rahul Pandey

Association and Contributions to BSNA (Brahman Samaj of North America):

- Became a life member of BSNA (1994-1995)
- Helped BSNA during its beginning days (1994-1995) by targeting Brahman families through the use of telephone book across the USA.
- Participated in BSNA Virginia chapter activities during 1994-1995.
- Attended and participated in several past conventions held in various cities across North America including Allentown, PA, Washington, DC, and Detroit, MI. San Diego, CA, and Houston, TX.
- Involved/participated in several conventions as a key member of EC
- Served as Assistant Treasurer for three year term on the EC board headed by Shri Purushottam Sharma ji.
- Served as Editor of Brahma-Kulam.
- Currently serving as Michigan Chapter President.
- Actively participated as hosting committee member of BSNA Annual Convention held in Detroit in 2006.
- Organized the BSNA Annual Convention held in 2017 in Detroit/Pontiac, Michigan as the convention director. Some of the convention highlights were:
 - Recruited several new life and annual members.
 - Surplus fund after all the expenses.
 - Initiated Volunteer poster session by kids and adults.
 - Attendees from Michigan, several other states of USA, Canada and India.
- Provided leadership for hosting a one day conference marketed as BSNA Michigan Brahman Sangam, which were held in 2018 and 2019. This event now has now become an annual event for Michigan chapter.
- Held several picnics, cultural and religious events in Michigan to bring Brahman families together.
- Lead BSNA Matrimonial Initiative to provide a database for interested candidates to enter their matrimonial data, which is shared amongst the participants with strict privacy. Currently database has more than 200 entries from the people who live in North America.
- Served on the Executive Committee as Director of Matrimonial Initiative on the team headed by Dr. Keshav Shukla
- Served on the Executive Committee as secretary on the team headed by Shri Gopal Chaturvedi ji

Proposed Future Initiative to support BSNA's Vision and Objectives**Organization:**

- Update and aggressively maintain BSNA.org in order to organize various BSNA chapters and members. Make the website a goto place for topics related to BSNA's vision and objective.

- Revive dormant chapters by contacting current members and by bringing new members.
- Continue to establish BSNA Chapters in major metro areas.
- Establish BSNA Chapters in University and Colleges.
- Make connections with other organizations and individuals, in North America, India and other countries, who have similar vision and objectives.
- Devise a process to communicate with the past BOT, EC and Chapter presidents.
- Continue partnership with GBC to fulfil BSNA's objectives.

Educational:

- Create a speaker's bureau of volunteer speakers on social, cultural, spiritual and other related topics, who will be our ambassador.
- Establish online courses related to Brahman causes through BSNA.org and other social media.

Volunteering:

- Continue to support and participate Presidential Volunteer Award by Shiv Pathak ji.
- Continue to have volunteer appreciation session with posters and live presentations during Annual convention and regional convention.
- Encourage chapter members and supporters to volunteer for local causes.
- Organize local volunteer group to support local families (especially Brahman families) to promote Brahmanic living.

Cultural:

- Continue to encourage organizing cultural events with members to pass on cultural heritage to the next generation.

Religious:

- Encourage practice of vedic rituals in people's lives by educating Brahmans, who in turn will help propagate and perform these rituals in their own life and in the lives of other people/families.

Social:

- Make your home an Ashram for an evening. Encourage BSNA Members to invite one other local Brahmin family for Lunch/Dinner and have a one-on-one interaction at least once a month. BSNA Michigan has already started on such a program.
- Take part in celebration of local community festivals and social gatherings to promote Brahmanic values.
- Expand participation in BSNA Matrimonial Initiative.
- Encourage each chapter to have at least one one-day convention per year similar to Michigan Brahman Sangam one day conference.

Professionalism:

- Make networking initiative, started by Dr. Sanjay Pandey, a focal point of BSNA EC.
- Create a web based database of mentor and mentees to encourage networking.

Financial:

- Encourage local chapters to organize events which will also help with fundraising.
- Encourage more life members and annual members to enhance our financial situation.

- Encourage members and well wishers of BSNA to donate to BSNA for general and specific causes.

Communication:

- Revise BSNA membership database for better communication through surface mail, email and other electronic media.
- Encourage Whatsapp group creation for each chapter and include group administrator as part of BSNA National Whatsapp group.
- Create a welcome package, which will be sent as soon as a new members join.
- Connect with membership and BSNA friends through popular social media, such as website, facebook, Youtube, Instagram, whatsapp and other sites.