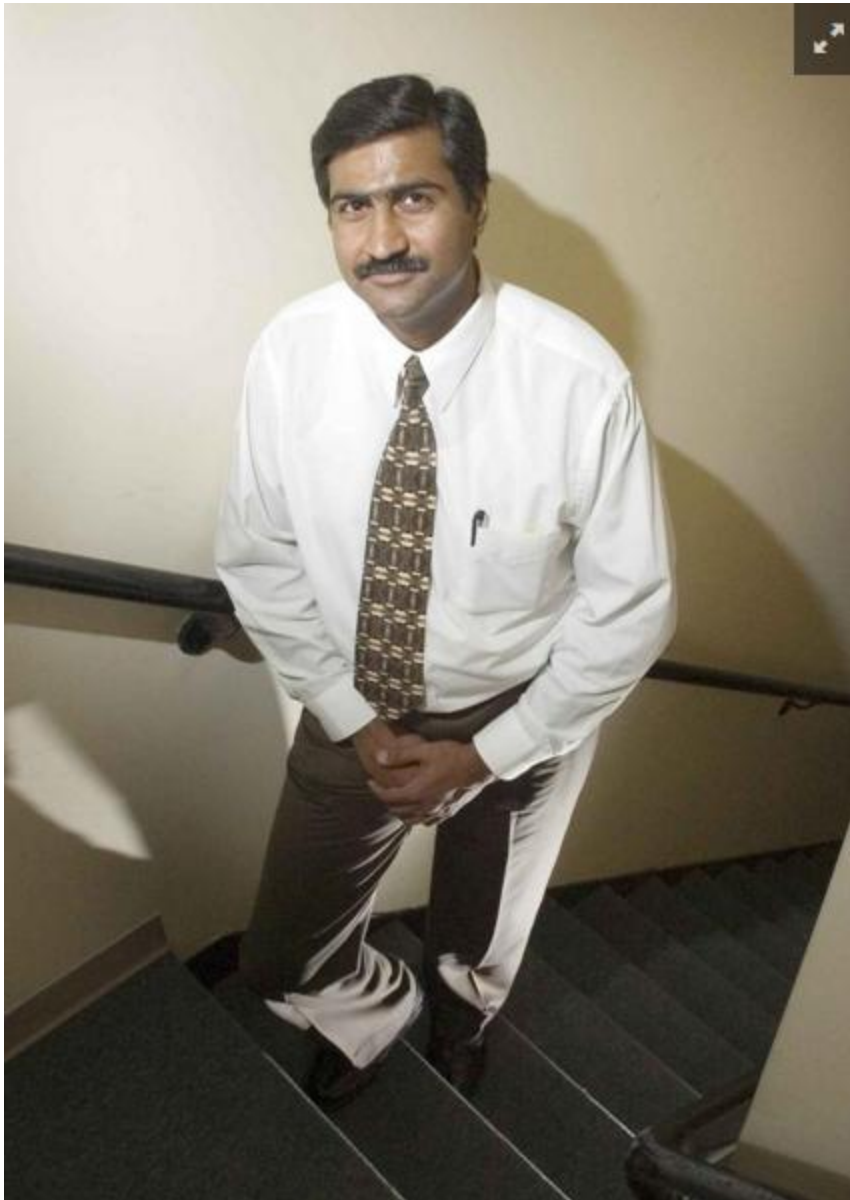


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Manish Kothari has fulfilled most of his aspirations.

"I have always aspired to be a successful businessman, a loving husband, a great father and a good friend," the 36-year-old owner of Prism Consulting Services Inc., dba Prism Lighting Services, wrote in an e-mail. "I am still striving to earn the title of a 'really successful businessman.' "



Prism's revenue increased 44 percent in the past year.

"The key to his success is that he will outwork the competitor every time," said Gregg Taylor, owner of Skyetec, an environmental consulting company. Taylor nominated Kothari as one of the 40 under 40.

Kothari has expanded Prism by developing dealers in Japan, Canada, Finland, Venezuela and Panama. He sees his accomplishments in increments.

"Initially, I thought graduating from the engineering school [in 1992] was the greatest accomplishment of all," he said. "And after coming to the U.S.A. [in 1995], the next big one was to get a job. Soon, I realized that these are the initial steps toward the bigger goals."

One of those bigger goals was achieved when Kothari started his consulting business in 2000 and in 2003, when he expanded into Prism Lighting Services.

Kothari still has a dream for his future: to expand his company. "Our goal is to make Prism Consulting Services Inc. and Prism Lighting Services one of the fastest growing companies in Florida and a fun place to work."