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Gopal is the author of more than 20 U.S. patents and numerous publications. He received a bachelor's degree in engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology in Bombay and a doctorate degree in computer science from Cornell University.

