

SH. VED PRAKASH CHANDAN

CONSULTANT: TELECOM, RAILWAYS, MANAGEMENT

SUMMARY

IIT-BHU Alumni Life Time Achievement Award 2012-13 was conferred on Shri V.P. Chandan for his long outstanding contributions in the field of Information Technology. Shri V. P. Chandan graduated from IIT-BHU in 1961 and completed his Master's Degree in Communications and Radar Engineering from IIT/Delhi in 1981 while working as Joint Director (Telecom.) Railway Board. He is presently a Consultant to the World Bank overseeing the implementation and monitoring progress of World Bank financed projects for the Transportation Sector. Shri V.P. Chandan is one of the pioneers of Telecom revolution in India. As President, Qualcomm (India) Inc., he has been credited with bringing CDMA technology in India and for propelling its commercial launch for cellular mobile services, in 2001. Earlier he had spear-headed the movement for privatization of the telecommunication industry in India. His success includes convincing the Government of India and getting the Cabinet's approval for the commercial use of enormous surplus capacity existing in the Railways' internal telecommunication network. He has held several important positions in Indian Railways. Dr. Abdul Kalam, former President of India, the then Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government of India, and Shri V. P. Chandan, then working as Additional Member (Telecom) Railway Board were instrumental in the privatization of Internet in India in spite of stiff resistance from the bureaucracy. Shri V. P. Chandan was given "Outstanding Engineer of the Year (2004) Award" by the Delhi International Branch of the IEE (London) as recognition of his contributions in to the field of Telecommunication. Shri V. P. Chandan was granted the status of Life Senior Member of IEEE with effect from 1st January, 2014 "in recognition of his achievements in Technology as well as the significant impact he had made on the growth and development of IEEE". Shri V. P. Chandan is member of several professional bodies like IET/UK, IEEE/USA, IRSE/UK, IE (India), IETE, IMA etc.

EXPERIENCE

Consultant at The World Bank

November 2006 – Present

Honorary Director at Aegis School of Business and Telecommunication

January 2004 – Present

Director at Punjab Communications Limited

2007- Present

President, India at Qualcomm

January 2001- September 2004

Addl. Member at Indian Railways

July 2006 – December 1999

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

President at Federation of Railway Officers Association

July 1996 – June 1997

LANGUAGES

Urdu

EDUCATION

Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi

M. Tech, Communication and Radar Engineering, 1977-1980

Grade: A

Activities and Societies: IEEE activities

Indian Institute of Technology, BHU

B. Tech, Electrical, Electronics and Communications Engineering, 1957 – 1961

Activities and Societies: Hockey, Engineering Students Society, NCC

INTERESTS

Consultant: Telecommunications, Railway Signaling, Management