

Brief Profile - Mr. Apurva Chandra

Mr. Apurva Chandra is a retired Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer with over 36 years of distinguished service in the Government of India and the Government of Maharashtra. He has held several key leadership positions, including Secretary in the Ministries of Health, Information & Broadcasting, and Labour; Director General (Acquisition) in the Ministry of Defence; Joint Secretary, Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas in Government of India and Principal Secretary (Industries) in the Government of Maharashtra. He has previously served on the boards of several major Public Sector Undertakings, including GAIL, Petronet LNG, MIDC and SICOM. His academic background includes a Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering and a Master's degree in Structural Engineering from IIT Delhi. He also holds a Diploma in Business Finance from ICFAI (India).

Among his key achievements were the push for Ease of Doing Business for Industry, establishment of AURIC integrated industrial township at Chatrapati Sambhajnagar, finalisation of new labour Codes and Rules, streamlining natural gas allocation, initiating common carrier gas pipelines and rewriting the Defence Acquisition Procedure to focus on indigenisation. He chaired the Governing Body of the International Labour Organization (ILO) during the COVID-19 pandemic. He was heading the Indian delegation for arms procurement negotiations with the United States, Russia, France and Israel. He is widely recognised for driving regulatory reforms, enhancing ease of doing business, and leading initiatives to promote innovation and private sector investment.

He is currently serving as an independent Director on the Boards of IL&FS, CEAT Ltd. and Sudarshan Chemicals Ltd. He is also currently working in the Ministry of Defence as Principal Advisor for revising the Defence Acquisition Procedure.