

Chief Guest:

Prof. (Dr.) D. P. Agrawal

Former Chairman, UPSC

New Delhi



Professor D.P. Agrawal was Chairman, Union Public Service Commission, New Delhi for a full period of Six years from 16 August 2008 to 16th August 2014 . Prior to this he worked as Member, UPSC for the period from October, 2003 to August, 2008. As Chairman UPSC, he has been at 9A in Warrant of precedent in GOI.

Prof. Agrawal has initiated major reforms and improvements in the scheme of various Examinations including the flagship Civil Services Examination conducted by the Commission. Use of Information Technology was introduced in a major way for the receipt of online applications for all the recruitments through the commission, in processing RR and disciplinary cases and also in the conduct of Examinations online. Single window system was introduced successfully in all the sections of the commission for receiving proposals for DPC, AIS induction, RR and recruitment. This has improved efficiency of all the section wherein time taken in DPC and other disposals was cut by half. All AIS pending cases of various states were brought up to date. Commission lecture on its foundation day was started by him on ‘Public Service and the Governance’ all the Four (4) lectures held so far were delivered by Hon’ble President, present and former, and the Vice President of India. Internal processes in examination and evaluation have been modified for zero tolerance. Under the guidance of Professor Agrawal, Commission has played a crucial role in the international level also. Tie-ups with Canada, Cooperation with Public Service Commissions of African, Middle Asian, and Gulf Countries and also with the SAARC Countries are also made under the leadership of Professor Agrawal. On account of his initiatives and under his chairmanship a meeting of Chairman’s of Public service commissions of SAARC member state was started first time. The first meeting was held in New Delhi and later on in Islamabad and Colombo. He has been Chairman for National Conference of Chairman of all state PSCs and Chairman

of SAARC Public service Commissions, and the meetings held under his leadership have helped state public service commissions to use IT, improve their internal working and public image.

Professor D P Agrawal was founder Director of Atal Bihari Vajpayee - Indian Institute of Information Technology and Management (ABV-IIITM), Gwalior from 1998 to 2003, a GOI institute under MHRD. It was declared by Government of India, in 2001 as a Deemed University. It offers PhD, MBA, M Tech courses. He built the institute from ground Zero. Under the leadership of Professor Agrawal the institute created a niche for itself in industries in India and had entered into MOUs with Institutions/Universities in the USA and Spain for joined collaboration in the areas of research, exchange programmes for faculty and students. Many curricular initiatives started by him at IIITM, Gwalior have been replicated in the country. From here, Prof Agrawal was appointed a member of UPSC by NDA government.

Professor Agrawal has been an eminent teacher, educational administrator and institution builder. He was Professor and Dean at IIT- Delhi from where, in 1994, he took over as Joint Educational Adviser (T) in the Ministry of HRD, Government of India. He has planned and developed a number of initiatives at national level in technical education, particularly in the areas of information technology and computer education. He too has made substantial contribution for the development of vocational education through advice and guidance as JET (T) in MHRD GOI.

Professor Agrawal was National Project Director of the World Bank assisted project for strengthening technician education in India to train for skills. This project covered 19 states and 590 polytechnics. He was instrumental in conceptualizing a number of new institutions. He has contributed to the development of Centers for Excellence in higher technical and polytechnic education. His initiatives as a Project Director for Indo-UK-REC's Project, lead to REC's become National Institute of Technology.

Professor Agrawal was Managing Director of Educational Consultants India Ltd. (Ed.CIL), a PSU of GOI. He brought about major changes in work culture of this organization, including decentralized decision making and transferring functional responsibilities to lower executives.

At IIT Delhi, Professor Agrawal held many key administrative positions including Dean of students. He was very active in academics and research and supervised nearly 100 theses at PhD (20), Masters and Undergraduate levels and published over 150 research papers, three books, edited volumes and monographs. He has been a consultant to a number of companies. He has been a member of Editorial Boards of National and International journals. He

attracted research funds for his projects from Defense, DST and CSIR. His research papers have received awards from Institution of Engineers. In addition to being a member of a number of governing bodies of institutions, Professor Agrawal is a member of a number of professional institutions and societies.

Professor Agrawal has received many awards including honorary degree of DSc from Rajiv Gandhi Pradyogiki Vishwavidyalaya Bhopal, Jiwaji university Gwalior and Rani Chenamma University, Belgaum. He has also been conferred fellowship of IETE , ISTE and ISME and Eminent engineer,2003 and Engineer of the Year 2006 from institution of Engineers of whose, he is a fellow. He is the recipient of Distinguished Alumnus award of IIT Delhi and commended for his contribution to IIT Delhi. His research papers have received awards nationally and internationally. He is a member of a number of professional. Indian society for Technical education has recognized him as eminent teacher

Professor Agrawal has shouldered many an important national level responsibilities with distinction. To mention a few: Chairman of Central Regional Committee of AICTE, chairman / member of Board of governors of many technical institutes , Chairman, National Group on Technology Management , DST, member working groups for Planning Commission on technical education , member IT task force for MP Government , member academic councils of technical college, member secretary of High power committees to Review REC's and setting institute for computer and allied sciences for GOI and Institute for Life sciences for MP government.

He has been invited to deliver convocation address of many universities and has been key note speaker and chief guest at many conferences in India. He had articulated issues on Higher and technical education, Information technology and governance. He has delivered over 30 convocation addresses of institution and universities in India.

Professor Agrawal was born on 2nd October, 1949. After graduating in Engineering in 1970 from AMU Aligarh with Honors, he obtained his M Tech and PhD from IIT, Delhi. He has been a visiting researcher at Imperial College, London, and Cranfield University in the UK. He has lectured in Germany and Czechoslovakia. He has led a number of delegations of Government of India to the USA, Australia, Germany, New Zealand, Singapore, Philippines, and Canada etc.