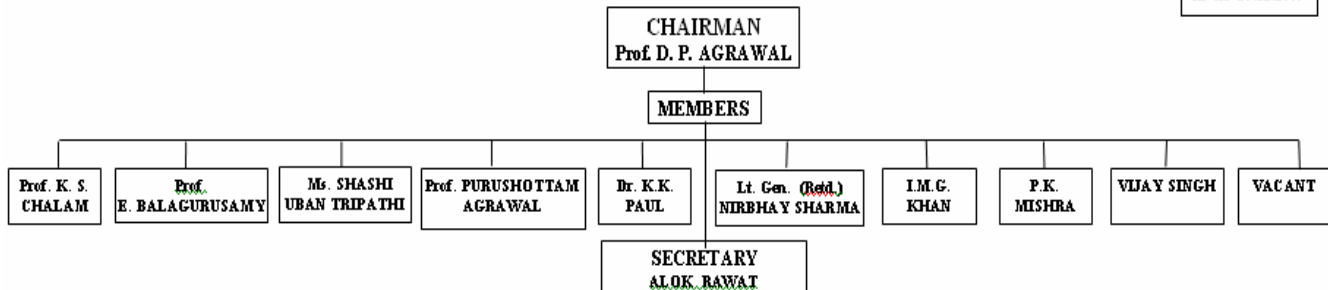


Profiles of UPSC Chairman & Its Members

As on 16.12.2009



1. Professor D. P. AGRAWAL (Chairman)

Professor D.P. Agrawal is a Member, Union Public Service Commission, New Delhi. Before joining this prestigious position Professor D P Agrawal was founder Director of ABV Indian Institute of Information Technology and Management (IIITM), Gwalior. IIITM was set up by Ministry of Human Resource Development in 1998 and declared by Government of India, in 2001 as a Deemed University. IIITM is a unique apex institution for producing leadership manpower in information technology and management and offers PhD, MBA, M Tech courses. The institute has already created a niche for itself in industries in India and abroad. The institute has been offering a large number of MDPs for executives from industry, government and the corporate sector. The institute also offers consultancy to a number of industries. Under his leadership IIITM, has entered into MOUs with Institutions/Universities in the USA and Spain for joint collaboration in the areas of research, exchange programmes for faculty and students, and consultancy to companies in India and abroad. Many initiatives started by him at IIITM, Gwalior have been replicated in the country.

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 has made substantial contribution for the development of vocational education through advice and guidance.

Professor Agrawal was National Project Director of the World Bank assisted project for strengthening technician education in India. This project covered 19 States and 590 polytechnics. He has contributed to

the development of Centres for Excellence in higher technical and in polytechnic education. He was instrumental in conceptualizing a number of new institutions.

Professor Agrawal was Managing Director of Educational Consultants India Ltd. (Ed.CIL), a PSU of Government of India. He brought about major changes in work culture of this organisation, 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 too and supervised nearly 100 thesis at PhD, Masters and Undergraduate levels. 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 to IIT, Delhi for his projects from Defence, DST and CSIR. His research papers have received awards from Institutes 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 contributed significantly to the growth of quality technical education in the country through his close interaction with AICTE. He has been Chairman of Central Regional Committee of AICTE. Currently he is the Chairman of PG Board of AICTE.

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

Prof. Agrawal was christened as 'Engineer of the Year 2006' by the Institution of Engineers. Hon. Fellowship Award was conferred by Indian Society for Technical Education on 14th December, 2006.

2. Prof. K.S. CHALAM

Obtained his B.A. Hons., M.A., Ph.D., B.Ed. from Andhra University and DNEP (Warsaw) from Poland. His fields of specialisation include Economics of Education, Political Economy, Public Economics and Staff Development. Member, UPSC w.e.f. June 1, 2005.

Prof. Chalam held the position of (i) Vice-Chancellor, Dravidian University, Kuppam (AP) (2005); (ii) Member, Planning Board, Govt. of M.P., (2002-04); (iii) Founder Director, UGC Academic Staff College, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam (1987-2005); (iv) Director, Swamy Ramananda Tirtha Rural Institute, Pochampally, Hyderabad (1997-98); (v) Professor of Economics, Andhra University (1990-2005).

Prof. Chalam K.S. started his career as a Lecturer in Economics. He became a Reader and Professor of Economics in Andhra University. He was instrumental in developing the concept of Staff Development in higher education and became the Founder Director of Academic Staff College, A.U. in 1987, the first in the Country. He was Vice-President, AP Economic Association, 1996; Life Member, Indian Political Economy Association; Secretary, Indian Section Amnesty International, 1984-85; President, Mahendra Degree College, Pathapatnam. He has organised 6 seminars as Director, Consultant for academic and social activist groups. He has attended the UN Conference on Racism at Tehran, Kathmandu, Cairo, Durban, South Africa. He has participated and chaired sessions of SAAPE, Colombo, Sri Lanka on Poverty in SAARC region and contributed to the publication of 'Poverty in SAARC Countries'. He has participated in the international conference on 'Privatization of Power and Water' in Bangkok in 2002. Prof. Chalam's paper on the 'Origin of Science and Technology in India' presented at the 31st South Asia Conference at Wisconsin, USA was applauded by scholars as a new field of research.

An internationally renowned expert on Staff Development, Prof. Chalam has published 20 books in English, 6 in Telugu, 88 research papers in journals including 6 in EPW and has written more than 200 edit page articles in Vaartha, Eenadu, Bhoomi & Jyothi in Telugu. His books on Political Economy and Educational Planning are offered as Text books in several universities. He is the Founder Editor of 'South India Journal of Social Sciences'. As a Staff developer, he has conducted around 300 Refresher Courses in all major disciplines of Knowledge for Lecturers and Readers in Andhra University. He is considered as Father figure in Staff Development in higher education in India.

In the field of Consultancy, Prof. Chalam has developed International contacts with Academics and NGOs to build social and academic institutions. Served as a Member, World Bank Monitoring Mission, DPEP, Govt. of India & ODA for Tamil Nadu, M.P., West Bengal & Bihar; Member, School Reforms Committee, Govt. of A.P; Member, 9th Plan Working Group on Higher Education, Govt. of India; Member, Standing Committee, UGC-ASC, CAPART-1997-98; Expert Member, Vision 2020, HRD, Govt. of A P. NAAC, etc.; Member Tenth Plan Consultative Group on Higher Education, Planning Commission, Govt. of India.

Besides, Research guidance for the award of 10 Ph.D's and 4 M.Phil's, Prof. Chalam's research includes 10 research projects of UGC; School of Economics including Govt. of A.P.; DPEP project on Primary Education, 2000 and others. He was one of the earliest scholar to specialise in Economics of Education in 1972. This became an important branch of study in Economics as Human Development in 1990 at Andhra University. He was adjunct Professor at the Department of Education and Economics at Andhra

University for a decade and has delivered several memorial lectures. He is a visiting Professor at several Universities in India.

Prof. Chalam was honoured with Distinctions & Awards such as UGC Career Award in Economics-1984; Man of the year-1994; American Biographical-Institute, USA; Vijayasree, Int. Friendship Society, 1991; State Award – Teacher with Social Consciousness, 2000; International Educator - 2004 by International Biographical Centre, Cambridge and others.

Participated in 8 international conferences including one at Frankfurt (1983), Stockton, USA (1985), Cambridge (1990), Manchester, UK (1999), three at UNWCAR-2001 and others. He has visited the countries of USA, UK, Holland, Finland, Poland, Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia, Germany, Iran, Nepal, Egypt, South Africa, Sri Lanka, East Berlin on academic pursuits.

3. Prof. E . BALAGURUSAMY

Prof. E Balagurusamy is currently Member, Union Public Service Commission, New Delhi. He was earlier Vice-Chancellor of Anna University, Chennai – arguably the largest technological university in India (with over 245 engineering institutions under its academic guidance). He holds ME (Hons.) in Electrical Engineering and Ph.D in Systems Engineering, both from IIT, Roorkee. He is also a Fellow of Institution of Electronics and Telecommunication Engineers and a Fellow of Institution of Engineers (India).

He has devoted himself to promoting technical education, particularly computer education and training, in the country for the last three decades in all his various endeavors. His earlier assignments include distinguished stints in BHEL, HCL, Technical Teachers' Training Institute, Bhopal, Institute of Public Enterprise, Hyderabad, PSG Institute of Management, Coimbatore and Mahaveer Academy of Technology and Sciences, Bangalore.

EBG, as he is fondly referred to, was the IT Advisor to the Andhra Pradesh Government for ten years. He regarded IT as a tool for massive social and economic transformation. As an Advisor, during 1980's and early 1990's he took computer education to rural masses by setting up IT training and education centers in major towns of Andhra Pradesh. He also initiated many steps to implement IT applications in government administration and public undertakings.

He also served as a consultant to Punjab and Rajasthan Governments on Science and Technology Development.

EBG is regarded as a creator and institution builder. He has established a large number of institutions and computer centers and serves on the boards of a number of Universities and Organisations, both in India and abroad. He was one of the founders of NIIT Limited & Andhra Pradesh Technological Services Ltd. He served as a Consultant to the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation on 'Expert Systems' from 1991 to 2005.

A prolific writer, he has authored more than thirty books on IT and computers, many of them are being prescribed as texts in Universities and Colleges throughout India. His books are very popular among students and teachers alike for their unique and distinctive learning methodology and simple writing style. He is considered as the Asia's leading programming author.

Innovation is his way of life. He believes in doing things differently rather than doing different things. In all his work he has introduced new approaches, new systems and a new philosophy in imparting technical and management education. He obtained a Ph.D degree for the innovative and pioneering work on Reliability Engineering (when the subject was at its infancy) in a record time of 14 months (from IIT, Roorkee).

Prof. Balagurusamy is known for his philosophy that "skill-based teaching begin with those skilled in teaching". A strong patriot, he says that our IT talent should be retained within the country to help develop Indian industry and economy. He has always been keen on including ethics and a value based approach to technical education and has been inculcating these into the next generation by leading an exemplary life (practices what he preaches).

A philanthropist, he has established EBG Foundation, a Charitable Trust, to serve the socially and economically deprived sections of the society. To recognize and reward talents among the young students is one of the many objectives of the Foundation.

He is a proud recipient of many awards and honours, and to cite a few: Chancellor's Best PG Student Award (1974), Khosla Research Award (1975), Distinguished Leadership Award (1988), Man of the Year Award (1992), Distinguished PSG Alumni Award (1994), World Lifetime Achievement Award (1996), Outstanding Fellow Award of Institution of Engineers (1996), Author of the Year Award (1998), Rashtria Ekta Award (1999), Vocational Excellence Award (2000), Bharat Nirman Excellence Award (2000), Bharat Vikas Award (2001), For the Sake of Honour Award (2002), Seva Ratna Award (2003), Vande Mataram Award (2004), Deed Award (2004), Higher Education and Development (Head) Award (2004), Life Achievement Award (2004), Nominated for World Technology Award (2004), Nominated for Padma

Bhushan Award (2004) and (2005) by the Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Achievement Award (2004), Dr. Meghnad Saha Award (2005), Bharat Madha Fellowship (2005), and Viswa Vidyacharya, 2007.

In recognition of his accomplishments, he has been listed in the Directory of International Who's Who of Intellectuals (UK) and the Directory of Distinguished Leaders (USA).

Prof. Balagurusamy has widely travelled in India and abroad to attend meetings, seminars and conferences. His main areas of professional interest include Object-Oriented Technology, Expert Systems, Total Quality Management, Business Process Re-engineering, Technology Management, E-Business, Reliability Engineering, Management of Change and Strategic Management.

His wife, Dr. B. Sushila, a professional in Human Resources Management, ably supports EBG, in all his pursuits.

4. Mrs. SHASHI UBAN TRIPATHI

Senior Cambridge, Delhi Public School, Mathura Road, New Delhi; B.A.(English – Hons); M.A. (English), Patna University. She is a Gold-Medalist of Patna University having topped at the Graduate and Postgraduate levels. Joined Indian Foreign Service in 1970. During her 37 years of diplomatic career, she handled varied and important assignments in a number of countries. Her first posting abroad was as Second-Secretary and later First-Secretary (Political) in the Embassy of India, Kathmandu, Nepal from 1974-77. She served as First-Secretary (Information) in the Embassy of India, Moscow, USSR from 1977-80 where, inter-alia, she edited a popular magazine called 'INDIA' in Russian. From Moscow, she was posted as First-Secretary (Head of Chancery) and incharge of Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Programme in the Embassy of India, Kabul, Afghanistan where during the critical years of 1980-83 in the background of internal strife, she assisted in the reconstruction efforts through Indian experts deputed to that country.

She took over as Deputy Director General of Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) New Delhi in 1983 – an autonomous body funded by the Ministry of External Affairs, responsible for projecting India's rich cultural heritage abroad. In the wake of the tragic Air India Kanishka crash, a special Post of Counselor (Information, Publicity and Spokesperson) was created in the High Commission of India, Ottawa, Canada to which, she was deputed from 1985-88. After a three year eventful tenure in Canada, she moved back to the neighbourhood as Deputy Consul General in the Consulate General of India, Karachi, Pakistan from 1988-92, where she put in place systems that helped in easing Visa restrictions on

travel to India. From 1992-94, she served as Minister and then Deputy Chief of Mission (Political & Economic Affairs) in the Embassy of India, Bonn, Germany.

For the next ten years, she served as Head of Mission – first as Ambassador of India, Warsaw, Poland in 1994-97, where she was pivotal in reviving and rejuvenating India’s relations with Poland at a time when Central European countries were becoming increasingly Euro-centric and subsequently as High Commissioner of India in Harare, Zimbabwe (1997-98). She helped prominent Indian PSUs to get a foothold in niche markets in that once prosperous African country. Her tenure as Consul General of India in New York, USA (1988-02) was marked by the entry of major Indian corporate players on the New York Stock Exchange, as also the change in the perception of India as a rising economic force. During the tragic terrorist attack of 9/11, she set up a twenty-four hour ‘Crisis Centre’ at the Consulate General of India to render disaster relief whose work was appreciated by the local as well as Indian Media and the Hon’ble Parliament. She was Ambassador of India in Ottawa, Canada from 2002-04 before taking over as Secretary (West), Ministry of External Affairs.

She has been a sought-after speaker and has delivered speeches on foreign affairs and on different aspects of India at various foreign universities.

She joined as Member, Union Public Service Commission in May, 2007.

5. Prof. PURUSHOTTAM AGRAWAL

(b. 1955 at Gwalior, India), Graduation (1974 - Maharani Laxmi Bai College, Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh), MA (Political Science, 1977 - Jiwaji University, Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh), MA (Hindi Literature, 1979 - Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi), Ph.D (Hindi Literature, 1985, ‘The Social Meaning of Kabir’s Bhakti’; Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi).

Formerly Chairperson, Center of Indian Languages, School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi; Chief Advisor, Hindi Textbooks (classes VI-XII), NCERT, New Delhi (2005-07), Prof. Agrawal taught at Ramjas College, University of Delhi (1982-90), edited and published “Jigyasa”, an inter-disciplinary academic journal (1983-84), served as Associate Professor, Center of Indian Languages, JNU (1990-2003). Professor of Hindi Literature, Center of Indian Languages, School of Languages, Literature and Culture Studies (SLLCS), JNU (2003-07).

He served as British Academy Visiting Professor at Faculty of Oriental Studies, Cambridge University and as Fellow of Wolfson College, Cambridge University, United Kingdom in 2002. Conducted two seminars on the “Identity discourses in the current Indian politics” at the Center of South Asian Studies,

Cambridge University. Also served as Visiting Professor at El Colegio de Mexico (National College of Mexico, Mexico City) during May-July 2002. Conducted four seminars on the themes of culture and history of Indian people. In Nov.-Dec.2004, during an academic tour of the United States of America, Prof. Agrawal lectured at the Columbia University, New York; Emory University, Atlanta; Rice University, Houston. The Halle Institute of the Emory University organized a luncheon meeting in his honor, where he spoke on the post-election political scene in India.

Prof. Agrawal won Devi Shankar Awasthy Samman for “Teesra Rukh”, 1996, and Mukutdhar Pandey Samman for “Sanskriti: Varchswa aur Pratiroadh”, 1997. Some of the books written by Prof. Agrawal are Kabir:Sakhi aur Sabad (A collection of Kabir’s poetry with an analytical introduction), Shivdan Singh Chauhan (A monograph in “Makers of Indian Literature” series published by Sahitya Akademi, Delhi), Majbooti Ka Naam Mahtma Gandhi (published version of annual Gandhi Lecture, organized by Gandhi Peace Foundation, Delhi), Nij Brahma Vichhar:Dharma Samaj aur Dharmetar Adhyatma (Essays on religion, spirituality and philosophy), Vichaar ka Ananta (a collection of theoretical and cultural essays), Teesra Rukh (A collection of literary and cultural essays), Sanskriti: Varchswa aur Pratiroadh (a collection of cultural and political essays) Hindi Nai chaal mein Dhali(edited proceedings of the international symposium organized in Patna, India on the evolution of modern Hindi)

Prof. Agrawal contributes regularly to academic journals and popular magazines on wide-ranging issues of culture, literature and current affairs. Numerous articles both in Hindi and English have been published in academic journals, popular magazines and newspapers over the last twenty-five years. He has reviewed several books in English and Hindi for Seminar, Studies in History, The Book Review, Biblio, Alochana, Hans, Kathadesh, Vasudha etc.

Prof. Agrawal served as Member in several Board of Studies; Academic, Research and Governing Council of important Universities of the Country. In many international conferences and academic events, he delivered various keynote address, presented papers, delivered lectures, spoke on important themes besides organizing an international conference on ‘Evolution of Hindi’.

An active social activist and consultant, Prof. Agrawal served as Chief Advisor (2003-06) of the ‘Peaceful co-existence in South Asia’ project of the Aman Trust, Delhi. As a consultant to Oxfam, India (1998-2002), he had organized inter-faces of scholars, creative artists and social activists as part of the Violence Amelioration and Mitigation Project (VMAP). Of particular value have been the interfaces between Kabir-panthis and the scholars of Kabir, and conferences on the question of social identities and a

dialogue on Spirituality without Religion. His writings have been included in a course 'Public intellectuals of India' offered by the College of Mexico, Mexico City.

Member, Union Public Service Commission, New Delhi since July 2, 2007.

6. Dr. K.K. PAUL

An M.Sc (Hons) and Ph.D in Chemistry from Punjab University, Dr. Krishan Kant Paul joined IPS in 1970 and was allocated to the UT (AGMUT) Cadre. He was amongst the first Ph.Ds in Police Service. In the context of his research work in Chemistry, he has over 20 papers published in international scientific journals of repute. He has maintained his touch with the academics and continued to write on various matters of topical interest. One of his Columns "Brass Tacks" appeared regularly in "The Tribune" and was widely read.

Dr. Krishan Kant Paul, while in the UT Cadre remained posted in A&N Islands and later as the Chief of Police in Arunachal Pradesh. He also had tenures in the Central Intelligence Agencies. While posted in Delhi, he had wide ranging experience of urban policing and was involved in handling some mega events like the Asian Games in 1982, followed by NAM and CHOGM in 1983.

Dr. Paul is credited with introduction of several new technologies in policing in Delhi and making Delhi Police into one of the most modern police forces in the country. He has had one of the longest ever tenures in Delhi as Commissioner of Police and introduced several innovative measures for the benefit of the common man. "Citizens First" was made into a guiding principle to focus on the service aspect of policing. Community policing initiatives were placed on a firm footing giving the force an orientation of a service organization rather than merely being a law and order force. In this context several pro-active policing measures were taken up.

Considering the significance of modernization and transparency, the Arms Licensing Branch of Delhi Police was modernized and was able to get an ISO certification. The recruitment process in Delhi Police has also been standardized and won an ISO certification. Procurement Wing of Delhi Police and some sections of Traffic Police have also been able to get an ISO certification. All the Police Stations were computerized and networked in a record time. A special scheme "Parivartan", to fight crimes against women was initiated which won international acclaim. The prestigious "Weber Savvy" award for Community Policing and Law Enforcement was also won by Delhi Police during his tenure. Amongst the other modernization efforts were the computerization of fingerprints and intensive use of CCTV cameras

for security in public places and for management of traffic. Networking of Traffic signals through computers was also achieved.

He is the recipient of several commendations and appreciations from the Government, besides “Kathin Seva Padaks” and with Bar, President’s Police Medal for Distinguished Services and Police Medal for Meritorious Services besides the Internal Security Medal.

He has joined as Member of Union Public Service Commission on July 26, 2007.

6. Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Nirbhay Sharma

Lt. Gen. Nirbhay Sharma (retd), a highly decorated army officer and former Master General of Ordnance. During his distinguished career spanning 40 years, he has the distinction of serving eight tenures in Jammu and Kashmir and the North-East in various command assignments.

He also held important assignments in military operations, planning, crisis management, material management and UN Peace Keeping Missions. An M.Phil in Defence Studies and M.Sc. in Military Sciences, Lt. Gen. (retd.) Nirbhay Sharma is a guest speaker at various prestigious institutions. In recognition of his distinguished career, he was decorated with several titles, including PVSM, UYSM, AVSM and VSM.

7. Shri I M G Khan

Shri I.M.G Khan former Secretary (Posts), Department of Posts, is an officer of the Indian Postal Service belonging to the 1970 batch, Shri I.M.G Khan held several important positions in his career, which includes, Member (Operations & Marketing) and Member (Development) in the Department of Posts, Additional Secretary in the Department of Personnel and Training and Additional Secretary and Controller or Examinations in the UPSC.

He also served as Member Secretary, Civil Services Examination Reforms Committee headed by Professor Y.K. Alagh in UPSC. Shri Khan was also a Member of UPSC delegation that visited Australia and Singapore to study their Public Service Commissions.

8. Shri Prashanta Kumar Mishra

Prashanta Kumar Mishra, former Uttar Pradesh Chief Secretary, is a 1972 batch Indian Administrative Services (IAS) Officer of UP Cadre. In his career spanning over 36 years has held several important assignments both in the state of UP and in the centre.

His assignments at the Centre included Director General of Nehra Yuva Kendra Sangathan, Additional Secretary in the Ministry of Defence, Special Secretary and Financial Adviser in the Ministry of Civil Aviation and Parliamentary Affairs Secretary.

9. Shri Vijay Singh

Former Defence Secretary Vijay Singh is an Indian Administrative Service Officer of the Madhya Pradesh Cadre (1970), Singh held several important assignments both in Madhya Pradesh and at the Centre during his 37 year career.

His assignments at the Centre included Director in the Department of Cultural Affairs, Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Additional Secretary in the Ministry of Commerce, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and Ministry of Finance.

He became Chief Secretary of Madhya Pradesh in October, 2004 and served there till January 2006.

Thereafter, he served as Secretary to Government of India in the Department of AYUSH and later in the Department of Road Transport and Highways, till becoming Defence Secretary in August, 2007. (ANI)