



Biography of Mr. N Vittal

Mr. N Vittal was born on 31st January 1938 in Thiruvananthapuram. He had his early education in Tiruchirapalli and Madras. Graduated with B.Sc. (Hons.) in Chemistry degree from Loyola College, Madras – 1958. After a short time as Lecturer in Jamal Mohammed College, Tiruchirapalli, he joined the I.A.S on 16th May, 1960 and was allotted to the Gujarat Cadre. In his career of more than 40 years, Mr. Vittal has held a number of assignments at the State Government, Central Government as well as in a joint sector enterprise, including :

- **Additional Chief Secretary** (Home), Government of Gujarat
- **Additional Secretary**, Department of Atomic Energy, Government of India
- **Secretary**, Department of Electronics, Government of India
- **Chairman**, Telecom Commission and Secretary, Department of Telecommunication, Government of India
- **Chairman**, Public Enterprises Selection Board
- **Central Vigilance Commissioner** [current]

He attended the 89 Fall Senior Executives Programme in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), United States. His experience covers a wide spectrum with the focus on industrial administration as well as administration of the departments connected with science and technology and security.

The major achievements during his career include, revival of the Kandla Free Trade Zone, Opening of the Dahej Port in Gujarat, Emergence of the Gujarat Narmada Valley Fertiliser Company (GNFC) and setting up of educational institutions and govt. organisations.

- As Secretary to the Government of India initiated policies for boosting software and set up software technology parks
- As Chairman, Telecom Commission initiated the process of liberalisation in the telecom sector
- As Chairman, Public Enterprises Selection Board initiated measures for greater transparency and speed in the functioning of the PESB.

He has written more than 400 articles on various subjects. He has also authored Five books, including "*The Vicious Cycle of Vittal's Law*".

Among the honours received are:

- **Dataquest IT Man of the Year 1993**
- **The Great Son of the Soil Award 1998** by All India Conference of Intellectuals
- **Honour of "Desa Seva Ratnam"**, conferred by Jagadguru Sri Sankaracharya of Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam (April 2001)
- **H H Sri Paramacharya Man of the Year Award (2000)**, awarded by the Centenarian Trust, Chennai. (April 2001)

Included in the list of "**Fifty men and women who shaped the economy**" in the fifty years after India's independence by the **Business Today** magazine (**August 1997**).
