

Dr. Arvind Mayaram

Arvind Mayaram (IAS-R) has a PhD in Finance and is currently an independent thinker; Vice Chairman, Rajasthan Economic Transformation Advisory Council; and Economic Adviser to Chief Minister of Rajasthan. He is also Chairman, Institute of Development Studies, a social sciences research organisation. He has earlier held the positions of Finance Secretary of India. He was also Secretary, Minorities Affairs and Special Secretary in the Ministry of Rural Development in the Government of India. He has been the Alternate Governor for India on the Boards of the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank and the African Development Bank. He was India's finance deputy in G20 and BRICS. He has sat on the Boards of the Reserve Bank of India, the Securities Exchanges Board of India, and Life Insurance Corporation of India. He was India's chief negotiator for BRICS New Development Bank and Asia Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB); and co-chair of the Framework Working Group of G-20.

In the Government of Rajasthan, he has worked as Commissioner, Investment & NRIs; Secretary, Planning; Secretary, Industries; and Secretary, Tourism, Art & Culture.

He has also had experience of senior management positions in public sector enterprises. He conceptualised and established the National Skill Development Trust and National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC).

He has been instrumental in several major initiatives in the area of investment, infrastructure development, Public Private Partnerships (PPPs) and institution building. He spearheaded the establishment of the framework for mainstreaming PPPs in India and accelerated the process of including newer areas for PPPs not only on sectoral basis but also in a large number of states across India. He also designed the first PPP module for delivering infrastructure in the rural areas.

He has been an investment promotion expert with the UNCTAD for several years. He has undertaken a large number of missions for the UN agencies in several developing countries such as Sudan, South Africa, Fiji, Ecuador, Uzbekistan, South Africa and Cambodia, apart from participating in several foreign economic negotiations on behalf of the Government of India. His expertise in the area of PPPs is internationally acknowledged. He has been recognised as “Certified Public Private Partnership Specialist” by the Institute for Public-Private Partnerships (IP3) and the Water, Engineering and Development Centre of Loughborough University UK.