



CENTRE FOR MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT

The 5th V. Ramachandran Memorial Lecture



K. M. Chandrasekhar

“Federalism and the Constitution”

Time:
5 pm

Date:
December 01, 2023

Venue:
Centre for Management Development
Thycaud, Thiruvananthapuram



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The Centre for Management Development is organizing the 5th Memorial Lecture in honour of its former Chairman, the late Shri V. Ramachandran.

The Lecture will be delivered by Shri K. M. Chandrasekhar, IAS (Retd.), Former Cabinet Secretary to Government of India, at **05.00 p.m., on December 01, 2023**, at the Centre for Management Development, Thycaud, Thiruvananthapuram.

You are cordially invited to attend the function with your colleagues.

S. M. Vijayanand
Chairman

CA. Dr. Binoy J. Kattadiyil
Director



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Viswanathan Ramachandran (March 21, 1931 - December 1, 2015) is widely recognised for his services as a distinguished civil servant for 36 years and for his significant contribution in the fields of management, planning and development, decentralization, finance, academic involvement and voluntary social service for about twenty four years after retirement.

He obtained his master's degree in Arts (M.A.) and Sciences (M.Sc.) from the University of Madras before securing a master's degree in Public Administration (M.P.A.) from the Harvard University. He chose the Indian Administrative Service and joined service in 1954. He served in different key positions till he retired in 1989 as the Chief Secretary of Kerala. In between, he also had stints as a Joint Secretary at the Prime Minister's secretariat during the tenures of Smt. Indira Gandhi and Shri. Morarji Desai from 1972 to 1978 with the responsibility of science & technology and economic affairs, and as the Vice-Chairman of the United Nations Committee on Right to Development from 1980 to 1984.

Mr. Ramachandran was appointed as the advisor to the Governor of Tamil Nadu in 1991 when the President's rule was imposed there. He served as the Vice-Chairman of the Kerala State Planning Board for two terms (1991-96 & 2001-06). He drafted the report on democratic decentralisation during this period. He also chaired the Expert Group on Participatory Planning which deliberated on the concept of Panchayati Raj and proposed measures which were later taken up by the State as well as other regions in India. He also served as the Director of the Rajiv Gandhi Foundation during this period (1992-96).

As a consultant, he was associated with several UN agencies which included the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, the United Nations Economic and Social Council and the United Nations Development Programme. He was a member of the National Dairy Development Board and the Governing Board of the Institute of Rural Management, Anand and served in the Central Water Commission.

He was a key member and later the acting Chairman of the Second Administrative Reforms Commission of the Government of India, in April 2009. Besides being the Chairman of the Centre for Management Development, he was a member of the Governing Board of the Centre for Development Studies and the Sree Uthradam Thirunal Institute of Culture, and served as the president of the Regional Cancer Association, Thiruvananthapuram.

Mr. Ramachandran championed the cause of good governance throughout his life. All his reports and deeds stand testimony to his concerns on ethics in governance. In recognition of his services, the nation bestowed upon him the third highest civilian honour, the Padma Bhushan, in 2008.



K. M. Chandrasekhar

Kesava Menon Chandrasekhar is a 1970 batch Indian Administrative Service Officer from the Kerala Cadre. Born in 1948 to Ittyanath Thangamani and Kesava Menon (former Chairman of the Railway Service Commission), he graduated from St. Stephens College, New Delhi and post graduated in History from the University of Delhi. He followed it up with an M.A. in Management Studies from the University of Leeds.

He had an illustrious civil service career spanning over four decades, holding senior positions in the Government in the State, the Centre and public sector undertakings. During his career he traversed many sectors - district administration, public finance, taxation, national security and international diplomacy, among others.

Mr. Chandrasekhar was the 29th Cabinet Secretary of the Republic of India, the highest position achievable in the Indian civil services, for a four-year term from 2007, when he directly reported to the Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh. He was the Founder Chairman of the Spices Board, India's Ambassador to the WTO and the Union Revenue Secretary, before serving as the Joint Secretary (Trade Policy Division) in the Ministry of Commerce and the Deputy Chief of Mission in the Indian Embassy at Brussels. On his retirement as Cabinet Secretary in 2011, Mr. Chandrasekhar was appointed as the Vice-Chairman, Kerala State Planning Board, with Cabinet rank. Earlier, he had also held the positions of Finance Secretary and the Secretary for Industries in the Kerala Government, besides other key positions.

He is on the Boards of several companies, many of them in the Tata Group. He is a former Chairman of the Federal Bank, past President of the Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology, and former Chairman of the Centre for Development Studies. He is also Honorary Adviser to the Arya Vaidya Sala, Kottakkal. In his memoir 'As Good as My Word', published by Harper Collins India in December 2022, Mr. Chandrasekhar presents an honest and forthright insight into the UPA government during a period of severe crises - the Great Recession of 2008, the oilmen's strike in 2009, the 26/11 Mumbai attacks, the 2G Spectrum case and the 2010 Commonwealth Games corruption scandal.

Mr. Chandrasekhar is married to Jaya, who taught English language and literature. He lives in Thiruvananthapuram.