

SPEAKERS PROFILE



Mr VINOD RAI was born on 23.05.1948 and has attained a Masters Degree in Economics from Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi. He has a Masters Degree in Public Administration from the Harvard Kennedy School, Harvard University, USA. He joined the Indian Administrative Service in 1972 and was from the Kerala cadre.

Mr Vinod Rai has wide experience of working in various capacities in the State Government of Kerala as well as in the Federal Government. His assignments in the State Government included stints as Secretary (Agriculture), Principal Secretary (Finance) and Managing Director, Kerala State Cooperative Marketing Federation. As head of the Cooperative Marketing Federation, he was instrumental in the Federation emerging as the largest exporter of spices from India.

At the Federal level also, Mr Vinod Rai has held senior positions. These include being Deputy Secretary in Ministry of Commerce, Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Defence, and Secretary Ministry of Finance. He has served as a Director on the Boards of State Bank of India, ICICI Bank, IDBI Bank, LIC of India and Infrastructure Development & Finance Company of India.

Mr Vinod Rai took over as the Comptroller & Auditor General of India on 7th January 2008. As the Comptroller and Auditor General his responsibilities in the international arena included Chairmanship of the U.N. Panel of External Auditors and membership of the Governing Board of the International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (INTOSAI). Mr Rai was also the Chairman of the Governing Board of the Asian Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (ASOSAI). He demitted the office of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on 22nd May 2013.

He is the current chairman of UN Panel of External Auditors. He is currently Honorary Advisor to the Railways and a member of the Railway Kaya Kalp Council.

Mr Rai is a keen tennis player. His interests include Gardening and Mountaineering.