



Profile

MR. SANJAY JAJU, IAS

Joint Secretary, Department of Defence Production

Sanjay comes from Indian Administrative Service and is presently working on Central Deputation as Joint Secretary in the Department of Defence Production in the Ministry of Defence in the Government of India and looks after the policies for bringing in investments and growth in Defence and Aerospace sectors to advance the “Make in India” resolve. He has also been instrumental in setting up Defence Innovation Organisation for creating a collaborative platform for Startups to meet Defence requirements.

Sanjay is a Post Graduate Mechanical Engineer and a Cost & Management Accountant by background and has completed MBA in Finance. He has worked in diverse areas like Urban, Infrastructure, Civil Supplies, Education & Tribal Welfare. One strand common across these jobs has been his passion for Information Technology. He has been an ardent advocate of Information Technology for Development and Governance.

He earlier worked as the founding Director (A&F) in the National Highways Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL) in the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, GoI. NHIDCL could fast pace Construction of Highways and Development of other Infrastructure in strategic and border areas of India. He could transform NHIDCL as an eCompany with initiatives like INAMPRO, INFRACON, ePACE and BIMS. These IT platforms are regarded as change agents for the larger infrastructure sector and have been awarded National e-Governance Gold Award by Government of India for the year 2018.

He had earlier worked as Secretary to Government of Andhra Pradesh in Information Technology & Communications Department. ‘MeeSeva’ a comprehensive flagship

initiative for delivering host of G2C services through an integrated architecture in AP (2011), conceptualized and successfully implemented by him, has been awarded National e-Governance Gold Award by Government of India for the year 2014.

During his previous stint as Municipal Commissioner, Visakhapatnam, a comprehensive first of its kind project "Saukaryam" (2000) was completed to improve delivery of civic services. The project won many International awards including the Cyber City Award of UNDP.

He has made presentations on e-governance all over the globe including UN, WSIS-Geneva and the World Summit on Sustainable Development held in Johannesburg. He has participated in International and National Conferences on the development of Information driven open Societies.

He has written many papers that have been published and awarded in National and International Journals and Publications.

He is part of the Inaugural Class of the India Leadership Initiative of Aspen Institute, USA. He loves music and pursues Cricket with interest. His wife, Dr Jyoti works for the World Health Organization.