

MR. V. V. R. SASTRY

Mr. V. V. R. Sastry retired in April 2014 as the Executive Director of Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT), an autonomous R&D organization under Department of Telecommunication (DOT), Government of India (GOI). As head of C-DOT board for almost four years, he steered the activities of that organization and actively contributed to R&D activities of C-DOT in strategic telecommunication areas like development of Terabit Routers, Wireless Secure Networks, Gigabit Passive Optical Networks, Next Generation Networks and 4G Wireless Networks.

Mr. V. V. R. Sastry was the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of premier Defense Public Sector Navaratna Company Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) from 2007 to 2009. Mr. V. V. R. Sastry was Director (Marketing) of BEL before his elevation as CMD. During these tenures, he, besides giving impetus to research & development, took initiatives to bring in marketing orientation to the organization and gave strong thrust to exports.

After graduating with two degrees – one in Science and another in Electronics & Communication Engineering from Andhra University, he joined BEL-Bangalore in 1969 as Probationary Engineer. He has more than 45 years of experience in diverse areas such as development and engineering, manufacturing, quality management project management, technology management and marketing. Mr. Sastry has rich experience in telecommunications and defense electronics areas like military communication, electronic warfare, and strategic components. He, as an independent director, was on the boards of many public sector units like Electronics Corporation of India (ECIL), Hindustan aeronautics Ltd (HAL), Mazagon docks Ltd (MDL), and CDOT- ALCATEL research Centre (CARC). He is presently an Independent External Monitor (IEM) for Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd (BHEL). He has vast experience in technology development, technology management & policy and governance areas and wants to utilize this experience for doing research studies in educational and technology areas.

He has widely travelled abroad. He has worked for 13 months in the Development Laboratories of Phillips (Mullard), UK, on electronic circuit design and development of microprocessor based electrical appliances. He also headed BEL's New York office for 3 years, during which he had extensive interactions with the US Department of Commerce & State.

He was conferred with the prestigious ELCIN-Dun & Bradstreet '**Electronics Man of the Year**' Award by ELCINA (Electronic Industries Association of India) for the year 2007-08. He is a fellow of IETE and a member of IEEE.