

## Distinguished Alumni



**SH. R K KARDAM**

Shri Raj Kumar Kardam, Chief Commissioner of Railway Safety, born in 1956, did his B.Sc. (Civil) Engineering with distinction from Delhi College of Engineering in 1977. He won Merit Scholarships for all the five years of study. Over the years, he continued his study during service period and completed MBA (HR) from IGNOU and thereafter LL.B. from Delhi University in 2013.

Through Interview by UPSC, he got selected as Research Officer in CWPRS, Pune and worked there for about 6-7 months. Through Indian Engineering Services Examination of 1977, he got into the most preferred Engineering Service in India i.e. Indian Railway Service of Engineers. Over the years, he worked in different capacities in various organizations of Indian Railways as Assistant Engineer, Executive Engineer, Deputy Chief Engineer, Chief Engineer, etc.

He was chosen in 2004 to be one of the Railway's nominees for the Advanced Professional Programme in Public Administration (APPPA), a 9 months course at Indian Institute of Public Administration, New Delhi. This nine month programme brought him into contact with senior officers, IAS, IPS, Armed Forces and other Civil Services classmates. As a part of this programme, he had the occasion to interact with National and International personnel in India and abroad in China, Hong Kong and Malaysia.

In August 2005, he was selected by UPSC and absorbed as Commissioner of Railway Safety in the Commission of Railway Safety under the Ministry of Civil Aviation dealing with various matters pertaining to safety of rail travel and train operation with certain statutory functions laid down in the Railway Act, 1989. These functions are inspectorial, investigatory and advisory in nature. He has worked as Commissioner of Railway Safety, North Eastern, Circle, Lucknow from August 2005 to April 2008, and thereafter working as Commissioner of Railway Safety, Northern Circle, New Delhi. He is also working as Commissioner of Metro Railway Safety for Delhi Metro as well as Rapid Metro Gurgaon. He has conducted several statutory inquiries into serious train accidents and had made recommendations for improving safety on the railways in India.

May 2014 onwards, he was appointed to the post of Chief Commissioner of Railway Safety in the Commission of Railway Safety, Lucknow. The Chief Commissioner of Railway Safety, being the Principal Technical Advisor to the Government of India on matters concerning rail safety, is the highest technical official in the Ministry of Civil Aviation for dealing with railway safety. In addition, he is at present holding the charge of the post of Commissioner of Railway Safety, Northern Circle, New Delhi and Commissioner of Metro Railway Safety for Delhi Metro and Rapid Metro Gurgaon.

He is member of several institutions. He over the years has widely travelled abroad in various capacities to China, Singapore, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Germany, Spain, New Zealand, etc.