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Profile of the Chief Guest
Shri K. V. Chowdary
Central Vigilance Commissioner



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Kosaraju Veeraya Chowdary was born on 10.10.1954 in Machilipatnam, Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh. He had his school education in Machilipatnam and Rudrapaka village. He Completed his B.Sc. degree from Loyola College Chennai and M.Sc.(Mathematics) from IIT Chennai. He functioned as a Probationary Officer in Andhra Bank from December 1976 to July 1978. He joined the Indian Revenue Service in Sept 1978. He served the Income Tax department till October 2014 in various capacities from Assistant Commissioner to Chairman Central Board of Direct Taxes. He has worked in almost all the divisions in Income Tax Department such as assessments of Companies, Trusts, International Taxation, Investigation, Central Charges, Exemptions, Recovery, Prosecution, Representation before

the Tax Tribunals, Appeals, Administration, Vigilance, etc. at Hyderabad, New Delhi, Chennai, Bengaluru, Varanasi, Nagpur and Visakhapatnam. He has also served the Govt. of India as Under Secretary in Department of Revenue and as Deputy Secretary in the Department of Company Affairs. He has also served as Advisor to the Department of Revenue on Black Money. He has been appointed as the Central Vigilance Commissioner by a warrant of the Hon'ble President of India for a term of 4 years. He assumed the charge as Central Vigilance Commissioner on 10.6.2015.

He attended various training programmes like the Seminar on Taxation conducted by Ministry of Finance, Govt. of Japan in Tokyo, Senior Executive Management programme conducted by IIM Bangalore and Wharton Business School USA, etc.

During training as an IRS officer, he was judged as one of the best Probationary Officers in 1979 and awarded a silver medal in NADT Nagpur. He investigated several sensitive and complicated cases.

He was a member of Indian delegation for negotiations with OECD in Paris in 2004. He was also a member of the Committee constituted by the Hon'ble Finance Minister to redraft the Income Tax Act. He was a Member of the Committee on Business Process Re-engineering for IT Dept.

He visited Japan, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Switzerland, France etc. for investigation of certain tax evasion cases. He presented a paper on Investigation of High net worth individuals and black money in the "International Tax Dialogue Conference" at Delhi in Dec. 2011. He represented India in the International Conferences of Heads of Criminal Investigation at Istanbul Turkey in 2013 and in the Hague, Netherlands in 2014.

He headed the Indian delegation to the Sixth Annual Conference of State Parties on United Nations Convention Against Corruption conducted by United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime at St. Petersburg, Russia.

He regularly addresses students in various colleges and schools including IIMs and IITs. He regularly addresses trade associations and chambers of commerce including Andhra Chamber of commerce, FICCI, CII, Indo American Chamber of Commerce. He is a regular speaker on issues relating to Integrity, anti corruption, transparency and governance, etc at various fora.

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As Central Vigilance Commissioner Shri K.V. Chowdary has been credited with several new initiatives in the Commission. In addition to the normal and traditional work of punitive vigilance, he has taken special interest in improving the quality of the vigilance personnel by mounting several training programmes domestically in IIMs, National Police Academy, etc. and abroad, in International Association of Anti-Corruption Authorities (IAACA), Vienna and University of Berkeley, USA, etc.

He has initiated the practice of organizing a lecture by an eminent person every month to enlighten the vigilance fraternity. He has actively taken part in Vigilance Study Circles throughout the country. He has laid special emphasis on preventive vigilance to identify potential delays, systemic failures, etc. which breed corruption. His emphasis has been on laying down SOPs to ensure that the system improves and the focus is on toning up administration/vigilance with a view to improve governance and ease of doing business. As a part of it, apart from revising Central Vigilance Commission's own Manual, he has ensured that in the organisations reporting to the Commission, the Manuals are updated.

For the first time, he has led an initiative to develop integrity index for organisations to identify its strong and weak points as perceived by its stakeholders. This helps the organisations to take necessary corrective actions.

His hobbies include reading books on Management, Religion, Games and Sports, Agriculture, Dairy farming.



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