## Ved Prakash Yajurvedi

Shri V.P.Yajurvedi, born on 26<sup>th</sup> January 1957, obtained his B.E. (Electrical) & M.E. (Power Systems Engineering) degrees from I.I.T. Roorkee (formerly University of Roorkee). He completed his MBA (Materials Management) degree from IIMM & M.P.Bhoj University, Bhopal. Shri Yajurvedi joined the Indian Ordnance Factories Service (IOFS) in December 1978. After serving Ordnance Factory Board and various ordnance factories in different capacities/positions, he rose in the hierarchy to occupy the prestigious and coveted post of Chairman, Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) & Director General Ordnance Factories (DGOF), (a post equivalent to the Secretary to the Government of India) in the Department of Defence Production, Ministry of Defence, Government of India.

During his tenure as Member, OFB and Chairman, OFB (2014-17), a new direction was given to the ordnance factories to develop, diversify and enhance production activities which resulted in the turnaround of many factories, with peak production creating a historical record. As a result, OFB Organisation achieved the highest growth during this period. He was also instrumental in re-writing the OFB Procurement Manual.

Shri Yajurvedi also served Ministry of Labour & Employment (MOLE), Government of India as Welfare Commissioner (Head Quarters) and Director from 1996 to 2003 and headed V. V. Giri National Labour Institute (VVGNLI), an Apex Level National institute of MOLE, as Director General from 2009 to 2013. He superannuated from Government service on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017.

After his superannuation, Shri Yajurvedi served as <u>Independent Director</u> on the <u>Board of IREL (India)</u> <u>Limited</u>, a CPSU of the Department of Atomic Energy, Government of India from 16<sup>th</sup> July 2019 to 15<sup>th</sup> July 2022; wherein he also held the position of the <u>Chairman of Audit Committee</u>, <u>CSR Committee</u>, <u>Nomination & Remuneration Committee and Risk Management Committee</u>. Presently also, he is serving as <u>Independent Director</u> on the <u>Board of Sphinx Worldbiz Limited</u>.

In addition, he also served as <u>Independent External Monitor (IEM)</u>, nominated by Central Vigilance Commission in the <u>Ferro Scrap Nigam Limited</u>, a CPSU of the Ministry of Steel, Government of India from 09<sup>th</sup> June 2020 to 08<sup>th</sup> June 2023 and also in <u>NEEPCO LIMITED</u>, a CPSU of Ministry of Power, Government of India from 01<sup>st</sup> February 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024. Currently, he is serving as <u>Independent External Monitor</u> in the <u>Ministry of Health & Family Welfare</u>, Government of India and <u>Bharat Dynamics Limited</u>, a CPSU of Ministry of Defence, Government of India.

During his long service career spanning more than 38 years, Shri Yajurvedi represented Government of India in International Labour Conference and various other conferences, consultations & seminars. He extensively travelled many countries in Asia, Europe and USA for Tripartite Exchanges and signing of Inter-Governmental MOUs & interacted with more than 20 foreign delegations on matters of mutual interest. He has published a number of research articles on labour issues in various journals. Shri Yajurvedi's areas of interest include Administration, Industrial Relations, Vigilance And Anti-Corruption, Human Resource Management, Estate Management, Production Of Gun Carriages, Armoured Vehicles, Ammunition, Aerial Bombs, Shells, Troop Comfort Items, Inventory Management, Supply Chain Management, Provisioning, Disposal, Labour And Industrial Laws, Social Security, Labour Welfare, Child Labour, Women Labour, Labour Research, etc.

A prolific poet, Shri Yajurvedi has published three books (collection of hindi poems and chhands) under titles "Tum Kar Do Sanket", "Sugandh Maati Ki" and "Os Amar Hai", in addition to editing various books, magazines and journals.

Shri V.P.Yajurvedi is a Life Member of Indian Institute of Materials Management (IIMM). He was conferred Doctor of Philosophy(Ph.D.) (Honoris Causa) in February 2018, by Commonwealth Vocational University, Kingdom of TONGA for his distinguished career and service in the field of Company Management.