



INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY KANPUR

Distinguished Alumnus Award

Ram Sewak Sharma

Mr. Ram Sewak Sharma obtained his M.Sc. (2Yrs.) degree in Mathematics from IIT Kanpur in 1977. Later he obtained another Masters degree in Computer Science from the University of California, Riverside, USA.

An IAS officer of 1978 batch, Mr Sharma has held several positions with the Government of Jharkhand and Central Government in Delhi. Development as well as application of information technology tools in administration have been his passion and interest throughout.

From his initial posting in the State of Jharkhand where he served at several important and responsible positions and later became the Chief Secretary of the Government of Jharkhand, and then as the Director General of UIDAI (Unique Identification Authority of India), Secretary of Department of Electronics and Information Technology (DeitY), Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, and presently as the Chairman of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI), Government of India, Mr Sharma's remarkable belief has been to change people's lives through technology, and particularly through Information Technology, and e-Governance.

Mr Sharma has won numerous accolades for his endeavour in the field of public administration. He has been a recipient of DATAQUEST e-Governance Champion 2006 (East) Award and the Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Administration, 2008.

Based on his vast experience of the bureaucratic system in India and his penchant for writing programs, he played a crucial role in bringing to the masses the Aadhaar concept, the single most important initiative by the Government to facilitate citizen centric service delivery as well as implementation of several administrative reforms. He is also credited with having designed the key digital services such as digital locker and also for the swift execution of schemes to push electronics manufacturing in the country. As Secretary DeitY, he spearheaded the movement of Digital India launched by the Government. His responsibility as the Chairman TRAI comes at a

time when a call had to be taken on the issues of net neutrality and discouraging service providers for call drops.

The Distinguished Alumnus Award – 2016 of IIT Kanpur is being conferred upon Mr Ram Sewak Sharma for his management excellence in application of information technology in governance.