

## **C. V. of Montek Singh Ahluwalia**

Montek Singh Ahluwalia is currently at the Stern School of Business New York University as Distinguished Visiting Professor.

He served as Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission of India from July 2004 till May 2014. This was an appointment at Cabinet Minister level and Mr. Ahluwalia was a Special Invitee to the Cabinet and several Cabinet Committees. He has held several positions in the Government earlier (see below) and has been a key figure in India's economic reforms from the mid-1980s onwards. He was awarded the prestigious "Padma Vibhushan", India's second highest civilian honour, by President of India in 2011 for his outstanding contribution to economic policy and public service.,

### **Education**

Mr. Ahluwalia received a BA (Hons) degree from St. Stephens College, Delhi University. He went to Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar and received an M.A. and an M.Phil degree in Economics from Oxford University. He has received several honorary doctorates, including the Doctor of Civil Law (Honoris Causa) from Oxford University.

### **Earlier Positions Held**

He joined the World Bank in 1968 as a Young Professional and then held various positions including Chief of the Income Distribution Division. He left the World Bank in 1979 to join the Government of India in 1979 as Economic Adviser in the Ministry of Finance, after which he held a series of positions including Special Secretary to the Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, Commerce Secretary, Secretary in the Department of Economic Affairs, Finance Secretary in the Ministry of Finance, Member of the Planning Commission and Member of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister.

In 2001, Mr. Ahluwalia was appointed the first Director of the newly created Independent Evaluation Office of the International Monetary Fund. He resigned from that position in June 2004 to take up the position of Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission, Government of India, which he held upto 26th May 2014 when there is a change of government.

### **Publications**

Mr. Ahluwalia has written on various aspects of development economics, including Indian economic policy, and his articles have been published in a number of professional international journals and also in books. He co-authored "Re-distribution with Growth: An Approach to Policy", published in 1975. He also wrote 'Reforming the Global Financial Architecture', which was published in 2004 as Economic paper No.41 by the Commonwealth Secretariat, London.

### **Other associations**

Mr. Ahluwalia is an honorary fellow of Magdalen College, Oxford. He is also a Member of the Governing Council of the Global Green Growth Institute, a new international organisation based in South Korea. He is a Member of the Alpbach - Laxenburg Group established by the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA), and the Alpbach Economic Forum.