

## CONFERENCE SPEAKERS



**Shri Arunendra Kumar**

**Former Chairman Railway Board and Ex-Officio Secretary to Govt of India**

Shri Arunendra Kumar served as Chairman Railway Board till December 2014. Shri Kumar has been General Manager of South East Central Railway at Indian Railways since November 2011. Shri Kumar served as Chairman at Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Limited. Shri Kumar joined Indian Railways through the prestigious Special Class Railway Apprentice Examination in 1972. He has been in charge of maintenance of a variety of locomotives, coaches and wagons over a career of more than 35 years both in Workshops and open line. He has several innovations to his credit in the area of locomotive and coaching maintenance. He has displayed great leadership qualities and managerial skills which has enabled him to deliver results in crisis situations. As Divisional Railway Manager, Mumbai Central he successfully managed maintenance and operation of all trains and infrastructure over Mumbai Division. He managed the heaviest freight operation in the Country at South East Central Railway at Indian Railways. He has contributed significantly in various policy formulation at Railway Board Level while working as Advisor (CC) & Additional Member Production unit. He has featured on National Geographic Channel in the serial "Seven Mega Cities of the World" and holds a record of longest Live TV Interview by a Railway Officer on National TV Channel. He has attended advanced management and training programs at Paris, Germany, South Korea, China, Switzerland, Canada, Namibia.

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**Shri Ashok Kumar Mital , Chairman Railway Board**, has taken over as Chairman Railway Board & ex-Officio Principal Secretary to the Government of India on 1st January 2015. Prior to this, he was Member Staff and Ex-officio Secretary to Government of India in Railway Board. Shri Mital is a Bachelor of Engineering (Hons.)

An Officer of 1976 Batch of Indian Railways Service of Stores (IRSS), Shri A.K. Mital has worked on various important posts on Indian Railways. He was Director/Stores, Executive Director/Vigilance and Executive Director/Stores in Railway Board, Ministry of Railways. He has worked as Chief Material Manager in Northern Railway. He was Divisional Railway Manager of Izzatnagar Division in North Eastern Railway and Controller of Stores in South Central Railway, Secunderabad and Diesel Locomotive Works/ Varanasi. Before joining Railway Board as Member Staff, he was General Manager of South Western Railway/ Hubli. He has also held additional charge of three major Railways viz., Southern Railway, South Central Railway

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**HON. Milan Hovorka, Ambassador of the Czech Republic to India**, has completed his schooling at the College of Economics in Prague with specialisation in foreign trade. In 1984 he graduated from the Faculty of Trade at the University of Economics in Prague. Mr. Hovorka began his career at the Federal Ministry of Foreign Trade in 1984, he worked for the Permanent Mission of the Czech Republic by UN and other International Organisations in Geneva from 1990 to 1996. He had been Director of the Multilateral Trade Policy and Relations with EU and EFTA Section at the

Ministry of Industry and Trade from 1996 to 1998. In the period from 1998 to 2004 Mr. Hovorka worked for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at the Czech Permanent Mission in Geneva successively as Permanent Representative by WTO, Head of the Mission and a member of various elected WTO bodies, including the position of Chairman of the Council for Trade of Goods. In 2004 he was named Director of the European and CIS Countries Department at the Ministry of Industry and Trade and from 1st September 2007 he has held the position of the Vice—Minister of the Ministry of Industry and Trade. Mr. Milan Hovorka manages the Section of Foreign Trade and the Section of European Union.



**Shri Satish Agnihotri ,Chairman & Managing Director of Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL)** is a M.E. (Structures) and B.E. (Civil) from IIT, Roorkee, joined the Indian Railway Service of Engineers in 1984. Before joining as Managing Director of RVNL, he was working as Director (Projects) of the company.He also headed the Metro Project Directorate of Ministry of Railways dealing with upcoming metro lines in metropolitan cities. While working as OSD to Member Engineering, he was involved in laying down the policies, standards, planning, implementation and monitoring of infrastructure projects all over Indian Railways. As Executive Director (Corporate Coordination) &

OSD/Chairman Railway Board, he was engaged in substantive decision making in the Ministry of Railways. In his career, spanning over 24 years, he worked on important projects including construction of a double line bridge over river Ganga, doubling of tracks, major yard remodelings, etc. He worked on the Rajdhani Route of Allahabad Division, the most prestigious track on Indian Railways, as Maintenance Engineer progressively as Assistant Engineer, Divisional & Senior Divisional Engineer. He was largely responsible for raising the speed potential of Rajdhani route from 130 to 160/180 KMPH by upgrading the track geometry and strengthening of track. He was also deputed to Japan for undergoing training in Tunnel and Tunneling organized by Japan International Corporation Agency (JICA). Through UNDP, he was deputed to Germany, France and Austria for extensive training on maintenance of high speed track and upkeep of track machines. While working as Executive Director/Track Machine, he visited Germany, France, Italy and Russia as the team leader for development of high output track machines. Along with Chairman, Railway Board, he attended the Conference of Chief Executives of world railways in Japan, organized by UIC.

Mr. Agnihotri also has keen interest in sports and was adjudged as best in sport and studies amongst all branches of Engineering at IIT, Roorkee and was awarded Sarojini Naidu Cup for Work and Play.

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**Shri Adesh Sharma** assumed the charge of Managing Director of Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Limited on 20.10.2014. A Gold Medallist in Civil Engineering from NIT, Allahabad, he belongs to the 1979 batch of Indian Railway Service of Engineers.

Before taking over the charge of Managing Director/ DFCCIL, he was working as Chief Administrative Officer (Construction) in South Western Railway, Bangalore and has vast experience in civil engineering & construction in rail transportation. He had worked in various capacities in Indian Railways at divisional, zonal and Railway Board level which includes Divisional Railway Manager/Hubli, Chief Engineer (Construction), Executive Director

(Vigilance)/Railway Board and Professor at Indian Railways Institute of Civil Engineering, Pune.

While working as CAO/Construction, South Western Railway was awarded Railway Ministers Efficiency Shield for Construction for two consecutive years in 2012-13 & 2013-14 for surpassing the targets by 25% & for commissioning of 240 km of new line, gauge conversion and doubling works respectively. During his tenure as DRM/Hubli in 2008-2010, the Division surpassed the loading target of 36 million tonnes and bagged 7 Shields including Overall Efficiency Shield for South Western Railway.

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**Mr. Rajeev Jyoti** is an Electrical Engineer from Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi and has done Post Graduate Diploma in Management from Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad. He is presently Working as Chief Executive - Railway Business Group (L&T) and currently holds the responsibility of undertaking various Railway Systems Projects on turnkey basis for both Main line and Urban Transit sector for Indian and International markets. Mr. Jyoti was the President & MD of Bombardier Transportation India for over a decade leading diverse projects like start-up operations from greenfield, setting up a plant in Vadodara for mfg. of metro coaches and

transfer of high end technology for its Propulsion & Control equipment used in Electric locomotives. He has also worked with leading organizations like ABB, Alstom and BHEL in the areas of Strategy and Operations. In the last decade he had been actively involved as an Industry leader in evolving Public Policy with Govt. of India in the domains of Mass Transit (Metro Rail) and Mainline Railways (Indian Railways) respectively to facilitate private sector investment/ FDI in large infrastructure projects, critical for growth of Indian Industry. He held the position of Chairman of Rail Equipment Division of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for the period 2006-2011 and built it up into a proactive body to drive the growth of Rail Transportation Business in India.

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**Mr. Mangal Dev is Director, Hitachi** , responsible for the Rail Systems Company for India and South Asia, has experienced various customers and positions in Transportation Business in India and South Asia for over 25 years. Before joining Hitachi India, he led the strategy to establish and enhance ALSTOM portfolio for Rolling Stock including Locomotives & Metro Trains, Signaling & Telecommunication, Infrastructure including Electrification & Track work and Railway Turnkey portfolios.

He completed his Bachelor of Technology degree in Aerospace Engineering from Indian Institute of Technology in 1989 and recently completed advanced business management certificate course in International Business Strategy from INSEAD, Singapore and France. In 2015 he completed the Global Advanced Program for Leadership from Human Capital Leadership Institute (HCLI), Singapore.

He has been appointed as Director of Hitachi Rail Systems Company –India and South Asia to introduce Hitachi’s technology with high reliability & quality cultivated in Japanese & international market to Indian Society. Prior to this, He has also worked in Maruti Suzuki (1989-1998) as Department Manager Engineering. Aug 1998 –2007 as Director India Operations, General Electric Co. Nov 2007-2015 as Regional Commercial Head, India & South Asia, ALSTOM.

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**Shri Ashok K. Agarwal** , General Manager, Integral coach Factory has served as Chief Administrative Officer/IROAF, New Delhi prior to this . He has also held the posts of Divisional Railway Manager, West Central Railway, Bhopal, Chief Mechanical Engineer, East Coast Railway, Bhubaneswar and Chief Mechanical Engineer, DMW, Patiala apart from many other posts in Railway Board, RITES, RDSO, Western Railway and Northern Railway.

After passing on completion of four years Mechanical Engineering training as Special Class Railway Apprentice at the Indian Railways Institute of Mechanical & Electrical Engineering, Jamalpur, Shri Ashok K. Agarwal joined the Indian Railways Service of Mechanical Engineers in March 1978 in Western Railway.

During his training, he also passed the examinations of the Council of Engineering Institutions, London to graduate in Mechanical Engineering, and the examinations of the Institution of Engineers, India to graduate in Mechanical Engineering and also in Electrical Engineering.

He was awarded Gold Medals by the Institution of Engineers, India and by Indian Staff College, Vadodara. He is a Member of the Institution of Engineers, India and a Chartered Engineer. Shri Ashok K. Agarwal has more than 37 years of experience on the Indian Railways in the field of Man & Asset management, Workshop, Workshop Management Railway operations, Materials Management, Investment & Budgetary Control, Transfer of Technology, Planning and R&D. Shri Ashok K. Agarwal has also attended customized training programme for higher management at HEC, Paris and visited many other countries such as USA, UK, France, South Africa, Australia, Saudi Arabia, Nigeria etc in connection with Railway Assignments.



**Sh. Akhil Agrawal** is working as Additional member (Signal) in Railway Board, Ministry of Railways. He is a Graduate in Electronics & Communication Engineering from IIT/Roorkee and Post Graduate from IIT Kanpur. He joined Indian Railways as an Indian Railway Service of Signal Engineers (IRSSE) officer in 1981 and has held various important posts which include Executive Director/Telecom, Railway Board, Ministry of Railways; Chief Signal & Telecom Engineer, South Eastern Railway and Northern Railway; Divisional Railway Manager, Bangalore and Chief Project Manager, Indian Railway Project Management Unit.

He has wide experience of management and construction of the Signalling assets besides General administration on Indian Railways.

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**Shri PK Agrawal**, Additional member – Mechanical engineering, Railway Board is Involved in operations of locomotives, coaches and wagons, Disaster Management, DMUs and new projects. Trained abroad in England, France, Germany, Sweden, USA & Russia in the field of design of coaches, wagons and locomotives, He has also worked as DRM / Bhopal West Central Railway, Chief Mechanical /DMW/ Patiala and as head of Central Organization For Modernization Of Workshops.



**Mr. Guido Hanspach** is the Director, International Sales and Marketing and Supervisor Non Destructive Testing for the Vossloh Rail Services, a position he has held for the past two and a half year. Guido joined the Vossloh Rail Services after 11 years with Eurailsout Inspection & Analysis bv, where he served as production manager for rail inspection, head of R&D non destructive testing group and head of Sales & Business Development.

He holds a Master of Business Marketing from the Freie Universität Berlin, a graduate engineer for mechanical engineering and master of non destructive testing with level 3 certificates in ultrasonic, eddy current and vision rail testing. Guido is member of the Technical Committee CEN/TC 256 "Railway applications."

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**Shri Girish Pillai, Adviser Infra, Railway Board**, is a Post Graduate in Mathematics from the University of Delhi. Mr. Girish Pillai is the nodal officer for the Dedicated Freight Corridor Project in Railway Ministry and is also part time Director of the Board of Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Limited (DFCCIL). His current assignment also includes long term planning for Infrastructure creation over Indian Railways, Coordination for implementation of PPP projects, International Railway cooperation and developing Long Range Decision Support System (LRDSS) for Railways.

In his career of over 30 years with Indian Railways, he has worked extensively at Divisional, Zonal Railway and Railway Board level. Before joining as Executive Director (Infrastructure), he has worked as Chief Operating Manager/Western Railway, Divisional Railway Manager/Mumbai and Executive Director (Perspective Planning), Railway Board.

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**Mr Apurba Dhar**, Director Business Development, RATP Dev Transdev India Pvt. Ltd., is a results-oriented, high-energy professional with 27 years of experience and successful records of accomplishments – a fully motivated and creative individual with very impressive communication skills. He started his career as a computer entrepreneur, and now after spending more than 25 years of his career in urban and regional transport systems - majorly in metro rail, railway.- he stands on a height of technical and commercial credentials, with excellent business acumen.

He is an engineering graduate and enjoys alumni status and membership of renowned institutes and professional bodies. His papers published in many leading journals and he joined as a speaker in many international and national forums. His participations in the Smart City mission is recognized widely and appreciated for his contribution for sharing his familiarity about multimodal transport systems, covering wide range of options of metro/mono rails, Lrt, brt, water transport, rope ways and other modes of urban and regional transport systems

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**Shri SANJAY SWARUP**  
**B.E. (Honours), MBA**  
**GROUP GENERAL MANAGER, CONCOR**

Sanjay Swarup is presently working as Group General Manager (International Marketing) in Container Corporation of India Limited (CONCOR), a PSU under Ministry of Railways, Government of India. He has professional experience of more than 27 years in BHEL, Indian Railways and CONCOR. An Alumnus of IIT Roorkee and IIM Bangalore, he belongs to 1990 Batch of Indian Railway Traffic Service (IRTS). He has presented papers in International conferences/seminars in India and abroad. He has rich experience of design, operation and management of Dry ports and management of Railway operations, commercial and safety. He is a member of All India Management Association and life member of Centre for Transportation Research and Management.

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**Mr. Yogesh Dhingra**  
**Chief Financial Officer (CFO) & Chief Operating Officer (COO), Blue Dart Express Limited**

Yogesh Dhingra is CFO & COO of Blue Dart Express Limited, South Asia's premier air express and integrated transportation, distribution and logistics Company and part of the Deutsche Post DHL group. He has been a Blue Darter for over 24 years, with an overall experience of above 34 years across diverse industries. He took over as Chief Financial Officer & Chief Operating Officer and has been instrumental in promoting financial excellence and reporting while keeping an eye on the critical cost factor. Yogesh Dhingra is responsible for Finance, Strategy, Investor Relations, Accounting & Costing, Risk, Legal, Tax, Secretarial, Governance, Sustainability, Information Technology, Service Quality and Operations in Blue Dart. He has also played a major role in the acquisition by DHL of Blue Dart.

Prior to taking on his present role, he held the position of Finance Director and Group Chief Financial Officer.

Yogesh is a member of the ICAI, ASSOCHAM, FICCI, IMA, CII and the Bombay Chamber of Commerce & Industry (BCCI). Under his able leadership, amongst various recognition and accolades, Blue Dart won the Best India Investment 2016 by APAC Insider Investment Awards 2016, Cost Management Excellence Award by 11th National Award for Excellence in Cost Management, ICAI Award for Excellence in Financial Reporting, was short-listed amongst Top 25 Best Managed Companies in India by E&Y – BT, voted a Superbrand for 7 consecutive times, won the Reader's Digest Most Trusted Brand Award and the company was selected by The Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) as one of the top 25 companies adopting good corporate governance practices and has been voted as a Great Place to Work by the Great Place to Work® Institute, India for the fifth consecutive year.

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**Mr. Harsh Dhingra** joined Bombardier Transportation in October 2010 and currently heading BT-India as Chief Country Representative and also as a Director in the Management Board. He is an Electrical Engineer from Delhi College of Engineering, a premium institute of Delhi University and has done Post Graduation in Management with specialization in marketing from Delhi. He is a seasoned Engineering and Management professional with over 25 years of rich and contributing experience in the field in the Rail and Metro Transportation Segment.



The experience varies from Marketing & Business Development, Product development and Project and Contract Management and Overall Company Strategic Management. Have worked in corporates which has a direct focus on Rail Segment (Companies - Bombardier, Mitsubishi Corporation and Crompton Greaves) Very well exposed to working at Multinational Company and Multicultural setup of consortiums. One of the senior rail transportation industry personnel out of India who has been playing an active role in transforming rail transportation sector in India, liaising with government officials in defining policies for projects and placing India's rail industry on the global map. Harsh currently holds the position of National President of ICBC (Indo-Canadian Business of Chambers), in India.

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**Dr. Michael Neiser** holds a Ph. D. in Chemistry from Mainz University, Germany and has started his career in the Chemical Industry in Basle, Switzerland.

After 5 years of various international R&D and product management stages, he joined the Consumer Products Industry and founded product testing and safety laboratories in Asia for a major international mail order retail enterprise in Hamburg, Germany over a time span of 6 years.

In January 2013, he joined TÜV NORD: today, he is leading the Division Energy Technology (Rail, Wind, Power Plants, Process Industries) operationally and is looking after the strategy in the fields of Rail, Wind and Energy in an international manner.

Dr. Michael Neiser lives close to Kiel near the Baltic Sea. He likes to spend his free time with his family and enjoys sports activities like jogging and cycling.

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**Miss Gillian Blake** is a Principal in Arup and the Leader of the Rail Engineering Skills in the Americas. She has a wide range of experience in various transport, railway and mass transit projects as well as associated developments in the US, Canada, Hong Kong, Singapore and Europe.

Eleven of the stations and tunnels she has worked on in the last twelve years are currently operational, with a further two in advanced construction stages. Her roles on these projects have included design and project management, multidisciplinary design coordination, detailed

and scheme design.

Gillian has gained considerable experience in leading multidisciplinary design teams in station designs ranging from transport planning to architectural fit-out. With a background as a Civil/Structural Engineer, she has specialized in seeing beyond discipline boundaries and bringing teams together in an efficient manner. To further her interest in collaboration, she completed a Masters Degree in Interdisciplinary Design for the Built Environment at Cambridge University. Her topics of study included remote team working and knowledge management within the design team.

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**Mr. Uday Durg** is a proven leader who takes a hands-on approach to his program/projects. Through his dedication to work and team he has consistently led projects into the station on time and within budget.

His track record includes over 25 years of experience in planning, directing and implementation of organization-wide programs at the Metropolitan Transportation Authority. In various capacities, Uday has managed program/projects worth over \$4.0B.

Uday is currently a Senior Vice President at MTA Capital Construction as well as Program Executive for Lower Manhattan with a total program budget of over two billion dollars. His



portfolio includes the new South Ferry Terminal Station, which opened in 2009 and is the first new subway station in the MTA system in a generation, and the \$1.4 billion Fulton Center which when completed in 2014 will become the MTA's major transportation hub in Lower Manhattan and one of the largest conglomerations of subway lines in New York City.

**Mr. Sai Baba Ankala**, Working as Chief Engineer in the elite IRSE cadre for over 26 years in different capacities with expertise in Major national and international projects in Railways, Metrorail and long span bridges. He is associated with long term strategic planning of developing and maintaining the vast railway infrastructure to cope with the ever-increasing demand for safe,

quick and efficient rail transportation system in India.

Besides, he also had associated with several major International rail and bridge projects!

On the technical front, Mr. Saibaba has the unique distinction of heading high-level multi-disciplinary teams for planning & execution of several long-span bridge projects (including cable-stay bridge) using modern fast track construction techniques. In the process, he contributed towards innovation and improvisation of project planning and construction techniques, which won him international acclaim.

He also was involved in adoption of modern methods of instrumentation & monitoring of major bridges under heavy haul loading. He also received special honors on Engineers Day:

- 2012 by ACE Academy, Hyderabad
- 2013 by Vasavi academy, Hyderabad
- 2014 by ACCE, Hyderabad and MRCE Hyderabad
- 2015 by GIET Group of Institutions, Rajamundry & GITAM University, Hyderabad



**SHRI A.K. SACHAN, IRSE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

Shri A.K. Sachan is an officer of 'Indian Railway Services of Engineers' (IRSE) of 1981 Batch. He has worked on many important posts on Western Railway, South Eastern Railway, Central Railway and Northern Railway. He has been instrumental in execution of large number of Railway projects such as new railway line, doubling and gauge conversion. He has also constructed major railway station terminals such as Lokmanya Tilak and Bandra terminals in Mumbai. He has also worked as Divisional Railway Manager, Delhi from 2012 to 2015. Presently, he is working as Executive Director/Land

& Amenities, Ministry of Railways and is dealing with development of railway stations to international standard and improvement of passenger amenities at railway stations.

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