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Shri Kumar V Pratap is passionate about Infrastructure and Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs). He is currently Member, Board of Advisors, Center for Public Policy, Indian Institute of Management (Lucknow) and Member, Academic Council, Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya, Vadodara, Gujarat. Till December 2023, he was Principal Economic Advisor (Secretary to the Government of India level). Earlier, he has worked with the Prime Minister's Office (as Deputy Secretary) and Ministry of Finance (as Joint Secretary, Infrastructure Policy & Finance) at New Delhi, and the World Bank at Washington DC.

He has seminal contributions in formulating the asset recycling policy of the Government of India as also the 'electronic auction of coal' and the 'competitive bidding of coal blocks' policies [last contribution finds a place in the book by Mr. Vinod Rai, former Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India, 'Not Just an Accountant: The Diary of the Nation's Conscience Keeper']. He also contributed extensively to the G20 Principles for Quality Infrastructure Investment, that were adopted by the G20 leaders in 2019 (under Japanese G20 Presidency).

He was Member Secretary of the Task Force that prepared India's first National Infrastructure Pipeline (2020). Earlier, he was part of the Task Force for setting up a Road Regulator, and the chair of the Committee writing the Model Concession Agreement for PPPs in the Urban Water Supply sector. He led the Indian delegation at the G20 Infrastructure Working Group meetings (2018-2020). He was earlier on the Board of Directors of ONGC Videsh Limited, Indian Railway Finance Corporation, India Infrastructure Finance Company Limited (IIFCL), Indian Railway Station Development Corporation, North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd (NEDFi), Indore Smart City, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (Beijing) and New Development Bank (Shanghai).

He has written two books, namely 'Infrastructure Financing in India', published by Oxford University Press (2024) and 'PPPs in Infrastructure - Managing the Challenges', published by Springer (Singapore) (2018). He has also published earlier with Oxford University Press, World Bank, SAGE Journal (*Vikalpa*) of IIM (Ahmedabad), Indian School of Business, University of Melbourne, Economic and Political Weekly, and the popular press including Economic Times, Business Standard, and Financial Express.

He was a Visiting Professor at the Indian School of Business (Hyderabad and Mohali) from 2013 to 2017 teaching a Strategy and Policy elective on 'Infrastructure and the Private Sector'. He has also lectured at the University of Michigan (Ann Arbor), London School of Economics, Singapore Management University, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy (Singapore), Duke University, University of Maryland, World Bank (Washington DC), IMF (SARTTAC), IIM (Ahmedabad), IIM (Indore), IIM (Kozhikode), IIM (Lucknow), IIM (Shillong), National Academy of Administration (Mussoorie), Management Development Institute (Gurgaon) and National Institute of Public Finance and Policy (NIPFP, Delhi).

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