

Brief Profile of Mr. C. Achalender Reddy, IFS (Retd.) Chairperson, National Biodiversity Authority (NBA)

- Mr. C. Achalender Reddy, a 1986 Batch, IFS (Indian Forest Service) officer, retired at the level of PCCF, Arunachal Pradesh has been selected and appointed as Chairperson, National Biodiversity Authority by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet, Govt. of India and has assumed the charge on 01-12-2022 at Chennai, the Headquarters of NBA. Shri Reddy hails from a farming family of a nondescript village called Yerragollapahad, Jangoan district, Telangana and a product of Agricultural University, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad.



- Mr. Reddy has already been associated with the NBA as its Secretary for five years and had been nominated as a Non-Official Expert-Member of NBA by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC).

- Before his joining as Chairperson, NBA, he was holding the position of Director, Centre for Innovations in Public Systems, (an autonomous Centre of Administrative Staff College of India), Hyderabad established by Government of India on the recommendations of 13th Finance Commission.

- Earlier, held the position of Managing Director, Goa Forest Development Corporation and Served in various capacities for about 34 years in AGMUT Cadre, i.e.,- Arunachal Pradesh, Goa, Mizoram, Andaman & Nicobar Islands; Officer on Special Duty - Buddha Purnima Project under the then Hyderabad Urban Development Authority & Additional Secretary, Tourism in erstwhile undivided Andhra Pradesh: Director - National Bamboo Mission – Goa.

- During his more than three decades of service, credited with Awards and Commendation letters from Chief Secretary, Central and State level Ministers for his outstanding work and professionalism. Shri Reddy is a popular guest speaker at various Universities, Institutions and Academies imparting training to All India Services, Group 'A' Officers and scientists. He was given "Wildlife Service Award" by the Sanctuary Asia Magazine for his outstanding contribution to wildlife conservation in general and particularly for Sea Turtle protection in Goa. Ecotourism Wing was opened for the first time by Goa state government in the year 1999 based on his Approach Paper.

- As Secretary, NBA, played a key role in assisting Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change (MoEFCC) in successfully organizing a mega international event – Eleventh Conference of Parties (CoP-11) to Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) in Oct, 2012 at Hyderabad. Based on his Concept Note, A "Biodiversity Park" was established at Hi-Tech City, Hyderabad which has become an iconic spot. He was a member of Indian delegation to CoP-10 to CBD held in Nagoya, Japan and gained rich experience in holding negotiations at International level by attending two CoPs & various other international meetings related to biodiversity.

- In NBA, he played a vital role in establishing the "Centre for Biodiversity Policy and Law" in collaboration with Norwegian agencies. Only after his joining as Secretary of NBA in 2009, the Access & Benefit Sharing Mechanism has been given the initial momentum owing to innovative steps taken by him. He was the Chairman of a National Level Expert Committee on Digital Sequence Information (DSI) on Genetic resources; a Member of Inter-Ministerial Working Group on Amendments to Biodiversity Act constituted by MoEFCC, Government of India and Member of Ad-hoc Technical Expert Group on DSI constituted by the Secretariat of Convention on Biological Diversity, Montreal, Canada. He represented India in the meetings of CoP15 of CBD held at Montreal in December, 2022 as a Member of Indian delegation. He was an invited Speaker at the G-20 - 1st Environment, Climate and Sustainability Working Group meeting held under India's presidency at Bengaluru in February, 2023.

- Headed the Indian Delegation to UNDP Biofin Global Conference on Biodiversity Finance held at Cape Town, South Africa and made a Presentation on "*Financing the Global Biodiversity Framework*" in May, 2023. Represented India as Head of the delegation in the Tenth Session of the Plenary of Intergovernmental Science – Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES-10) held in Bonn, Germany, in August, 2023.

- Appointed as an expert member of the Advisory committee on Resource Mobilisation constituted by CBD Secretariat and attended meeting held at Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo in September, 2023.
- Headed the Indian delegation to attend the Twenty-fifth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA-25) and resumed sessions of CoP-15.2, CoP/MoP-10, CoP/MoP-4 held in Nairobi, Kenya (15 – 20 October, 2023), Shri Reddy has been elected unanimously as the Chair of “Subsidiary Body on Implementation” (SBI) to CBD for the first time from India.
- He has some publications to his credit on Biodiversity, Innovations in Governance etc.
