

## Curriculum Vitae of Dr. Vinod B. Mathur, D.Phil. (Oxon.)

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### Summary

After serving for 33 years at the prestigious Wildlife Institute of India including as the Dean (2005 – 2014) and subsequently as the Director (upto 31st August 2019) Dr. Vinod B. Mathur was appointed as the Chairperson of the National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) on 1 September, 2019. The NBA is a statutory body of the Government of India for providing advisory and regulatory services on all matters relating to biodiversity conservation, management and Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS) of biological resources.

Dr. Mathur joined the Indian Forest Service (IFS) and topped the 1983-85 IFS Professional Course at the Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy (IGNFA), Dehradun and also the XLV Foundational Course at Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA), Mussoorie in 1985. He obtained his doctorate degree in wildlife ecology from the University of Oxford, United Kingdom in 1991. He is the Regional Vice-Chair of the IUCN-World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA-South Asia) and Member of the International Association of Impact Assessment (IAIA) since 1999.

He has now spent over three decades in actively contributing to a wide range of conservation, research and professional programmes in the field of wildlife and biodiversity conservation. He has extensive experience as an environmental professional and his special interest include natural resource conservation, heritage conservation, environmental & strategic impact assessment and risk management.

He has been actively contributing on research-policy interface issues and has been the Regional Vice-Chair (Asia-Pacific Region) of United Nations Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (UN-IPBES) Multi-disciplinary Expert Panel (MEP) (2014-2018). He is currently the UN-IPBES Bureau Member (2019-2022) and the UN-CBD Bureau Member (2019-2021). He has also been the Chair of the UN-CBD Informal Advisory Group for developing synergies between seven biodiversity-related Conventions. He has been part of the official Indian delegation for CBD, UNESCO World Heritage Committee and CMS Meetings since 2006 and has in-depth knowledge about the working of these Conventions.

He possesses an outstanding scholastic record coupled with strong leadership skills and networking capabilities. He has made significant contribution as a 'Scientific Administrator' and in promoting 'Scientific Research' *inter-alia* through both publications and outreach programmes in the field of biodiversity conservation.

Currently he is leading India's initiatives to effectively implement the Biological Diversity Act, 2002; promote biodiversity mainstreaming; preparing biodiversity finance and resource mobilization plans; measuring management effectiveness of protected areas and promoting green infrastructure development.