



Session 9 - Global Risks – Advantage India

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Chief Guest



Suresh Prabhu
Founding Chancellor, Rishihood University
Guest Professor, London School of Economics
Former Union Minister & Member of Parliament

Mr Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu is a renowned Parliamentarian in the country. He is currently the Founding Chancellor of Rishihood University and the Guest Professor of London School of Economics.

He has been an accomplished Chartered Accountant, Banker, Educationist, Social Worker and Politician.

Mr. Suresh Prabhu 10 important cabinet portfolios at the federal level in Govt of India including Industry, Power, Environment & Forest, Railways, Civil Aviation, Commerce & Industry, Fertilizers & Chemicals.

Under Modi government, he was the Railways, Civil Aviation and commerce and industry minister. He has also served as the Prime Minister's Sherpa to the G7 & G20 and was involved in shaping the official agenda of the Government of India on key issues for G7 & G20 Summits.

He laid out a complete blueprint for modernising and revamping the railways and also initiated an unique real-time customer grievance redressal mechanism, probably one of its kind in the world.

The first ever Global Aviation Summit was held under his leadership. He was the main contributor to the Nation's UDAN initiative.

He held several portfolios under Prime Minister Vajpayee. One of the most notable achievements of Mr Pabhu during this period was the reforms he brought in the Indian Power Sector. He is credited with championing and enacting the Electricity Act of 2003 and for creating securitization of dues from the provincial states of India.

He had also served as the Chairman of Task Force for Interlinking of rivers which envisioned physically linking vast river network of India to provide needy year-long irrigation facility to India's dry regions. He was also an elected member of the World Bank Parliamentary Network and chaired the South Asia Water regional Group of the World Bank.