

Shri Vinai Kumar Saxena, Lieutenant Governor of Delhi and Chancellor, DPSRU

Born on March 23, 1958, Shri Saxena is an alumnus of Kanpur University with Pilot License, has been philanthropist in vision and corporate scientist in action. Shri Saxena has always given priority to his immense social commitment and has always led from the front in any issue related to social development like water resource, development, social mal-practices, disaster management etc. One of the major contributions of Shri Saxena was to provide basic amenities to the poor Adivasis, without disturbing their lifestyle, traditions and surroundings through NCCL Project “Rain Hills” in Village Vanaj, Sabarkantha District, Gujarat.

As the Chairman of Khadi & Village Industries Commission (KVIC), Government of India, he not only explored the untapped streams of Khadi and Village Industries, but also introduced many innovative schemes and products like ‘Honey Mission’, ‘Kumhar Sashaktikaran Yojana’, ‘Leather Artisans Empowerment’, ‘Khadi Prakritik Paint’, ‘Project RE-HAB’, ‘Khadi Fabric Footwear’, Plastic mixed handmade paper, etc. – that won rave reviews across the country and abroad. All these lead to the creation of over 32 lakh jobs through various schemes. On the International Front, he was bold enough to set Statue of the Mahatma Gandhi shifted to the World Leaders of Exhibition Hall in London’s Madame Tussaud’s Wax Museum.

Shri Saxena is Member of several High Power Committees of Government of India such as National Committee to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of India’s Independence; Padma awards selection committee; “Research Council” of Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) – Institute of Himalayan Bioresource Technology; and ‘Empowered committee’ for evaluation of ‘Prime Minister’s Awards for Excellence in Public Administration’.

Shri Saxena has been conferred with various International awards such as ‘Dubai International Award’ constituted by UN-HABITAT for best practices to improve living environment in Ahmedabad city through his project Mission ENDURE; ‘International felicitation’ by United Nations Decade of Sustainable Development (UNDESD), UNESCO, UNICEF, UNDP in association with International Association of Educators for World Peace (IAEWP), USA and Social Organization for Health-Human & Management (SOHAM) for ‘Outstanding Contribution to Environment Protection and Water Security’; and Luxury League Award for his contribution in promotion of brand ‘Khadi’ in India and abroad.