

## **R K Pachauri**

Rajendra K. Pachauri, Ph.D., was elected the Chairman of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change in April 2002 and reelected by acclamation in 2008. The IPCC was established by the World Meteorological Organization and the United Nations Environment Programme in 1988.

An economist and industrial engineer by training, Dr. Pachauri has been actively involved with energy and climate issues for nearly 40 years. He wrote his first book about energy in 1975 and co-edited his first book about climate change in 1992. He has participated in numerous international forums dealing with the subject of climate change and its policy dimensions and has an extensive academic career addressing the same issues. He has co-authored 130 papers, a large number of which are peer-reviewed, and written or co-written 27 books, most of them about energy and the environment.

Dr. Pachauri is also head of TERI (The Energy and Resources Institute), which he joined in 1982, first as Director and, since April 2001, as Director-General. TERI conducts original research and provides knowledge about energy, the environment, forestry, biotechnology and natural resource conservation to governments, institutions and corporate organizations worldwide.

In January 2008, the President of India awarded him the “Padma Vibhushan”, India’s second-highest civilian honor, for his services in the field of science and engineering. To acknowledge his contributions to the field of the environment, he was awarded the Padma Bhushan by the President of India in January 2001. He was also bestowed the ‘Officier De La Légion D’Honneur’ by the Government of France in 2006; the ‘Commander of the Order of Leopold II’ by the King of Belgians in July 2009; the ‘Commander of the Order of the White Rose of Finland’ by the Prime Minister of Finland in February 2010, ‘The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star’ by His Majesty Akihito, Emperor of Japan in April 2010 and Mexican Order of the ‘Aztec Eagle’ by the President of Mexico in June, 2012. In July 2013, he was conferred with the Pico della Mirandola Prize by the Foundation Cassa di Risparmio di Mirandola.

After a short managerial career at the Diesel Locomotive Works, Varanasi, India, Dr. Pachauri enrolled in North Carolina State University (USA), where he earned a Master’s degree in Industrial Engineering in 1972 and a Ph.D. with co-majors in Industrial Engineering and Economics in 1974. He also served as Assistant Professor (August 1974-May 1975) and Visiting Faculty Member (Summer 1976 and 1977) in the University’s Department of Economics and Business.

Dr. Pachauri has held numerous academic positions and was the Founding Director of the Yale (University) Climate and Energy Institute (YCEI) from July 2009 through June 2012, following which he was appointed Senior Adviser to YCEI. He is also currently Professor in the Practice of Sustainable Development at the Yale School of Forestry & Environment Studies, Honorary Professor of the University of Eastern Finland, and Chancellor of TERI University. His former academic posts include the following samples:

- Distinguished Professor, Ritsumeikan University, Japan (April 1, 2007 – March 31, 2009).

- McCluskey Fellow at the School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, Yale University (2000); Member, Senior Faculty (1975 to 1979), Consulting and Applied Research Visiting Research Fellow, The World Bank, Washington, D.C. (1990);
- Senior Visiting Fellow, Resource Systems Institute, East-West Center, USA (1982);
- Visiting Professor, Resource Economics, at West Virginia University (1981 to 1982); and
- Director, Consulting and Applied Research Division, (1979 to 1981), Administrative Staff College of India, Hyderabad.

Dr Pachauri's wide-ranging expertise has resulted in his membership of various international and national committees and boards. At the international level, these include his positions as Adviser, International Advisory Board, Toyota Motor Corporation, Japan, April 2006 to March 2009; Member, Board of the International Solar Energy Society (1991-97); Member, World Resources Institute Council (1992); President and Chairman, International Association for Energy Economics, Washington, D C (1988, 1989-90, respectively); and President, Asian Energy Institute (1992 onwards). He also joined the board of the Global Humanitarian Forum, founded by former United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan from 2007 to 2010.

At the national level the committees of the Government of India to which he has contributed include the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister of India (July 2001 to May 2004); Advisory Board on Energy, reporting directly to the Prime Minister (1983-88); National Environmental Council, under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister (November 1993 to April 1999); and Oil Industry Restructuring Group, 'R' Group, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (1994). Currently he is member of the Prime Minister's Advisory Council on Climate Change.

Dr Pachauri has also been associated with academic and research institutes. He is on the Board of Directors of the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd (June 2006) and also on the Board of Directors of the NTPC Limited (January 2006). He was on the Board of Directors of the Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (January 1999 to September 2003); Board of Directors of GAIL (India) Ltd. (April 2003 to October 2004); National Thermal Power Corporation Ltd (August 2002 to August 2005); the Board of Governors, Shriram Scientific and Industrial Research Foundation (September 1987-1990); the Executive Committee and then the Board of Trustees of the India International Centre, New Delhi (1985 onwards); the Governing Council and President (September 2004 – September 2006) of the India Habitat Centre, New Delhi (October 1987 onwards); and the Court of Governors, Administrative Staff College of India (1979-81).

In September 1999, he was appointed Chairman of the Darjeeling Himalayan Railway Heritage Foundation. Earlier, in April 1999, he was appointed Member of the Board of Directors of the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies, Environment Agency, Government of Japan, in which position he still continues.

He is a member of the Board of Trustees of the India International Centre, and Vice President of the Bangalore International Centre, and he was the President of the India Habitat Centre, New Delhi during the period September 2004 to September 2006.

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