

Lt General (Dr) Rajesh Pant is a shining beacon for Bharat as a person who has literally dedicated 50 years of his life to this country. He initially served in the Indian Army for 41 years willing to sacrifice his life for the nation. Subsequently he worked in Government of India till June 2023.

He is today regarded as the 'Father of Cyber Security' in India and is an internationally recognized cybersecurity mentor who has till recently tenanted the prestigious appointment of National Cyber Security Coordinator in the National Security Council Secretariate of India under the Prime Minister's Office. In this capacity he was responsible for coordinating all activities across multiple sectors to ensure a secure and resilient cyberspace within the nation. **Under his stewardship, the nation has risen from 47th to the Top 10 position in United Nations Global Cybersecurity Index.**

He holds a PhD degree for his research in the field of Information Security metrics. He is also MTech from IIT Kharagpur, MPhil from Madras University and Master of Management Studies from Osmania University, Hyderabad.

He was the head of the Army's Cyber Training establishment for three years and served in the Army Signals Corps for 41 years wherein he was awarded three times by the President of India for distinguished service of the highest order with Param Vishisht Seva Medal, Ati Vishisht Seva Medal and Vishisht Seva Medal. In December 2013, **IIT Kharagpur conferred on him the Distinguished Alumni Award**, given last year to Sundar Pichai. In Feb 2024 he was awarded the **Lifetime Achievement Award** by the Fire and Security Association of India.

He has contributed significantly to the vision of IETE as a Governing Council member twice. As Chairman of Publications Sub Committee he ensured that the index of IETE journals rose steeply and neared the IEEE journal index. As Chairman of IETE Sub Centre in Mhow, he voluntarily hosted the West Zone IETE meet. In 2013 he was awarded **the IETE Baliga Memorial Award** by CM of Maharashtra in Annual Meet. He has

been a regular speaker at IETE events in last few years.

He has represented the nation at World Economic Forums Annual Meeting on Cybersecurity, Global Cybersecurity Forum at Riyadh, Bilateral Dialogues with USA and Russia, Quad meetings, Prague 5G Security Conclave, Israel and Singapore Cyber Weeks and has led the Resilience vertical of Global Counter Ransomware initiative.

With a never-say-die attitude he is presently the Chairman of Cyber Security Association of India, Chairman of India Future Foundation, Chairman Precision Electronics Ltd and Global Advisor of CyberPeace Organisation. In this capacity he is now promoting the concept of a safe, secure, open and peaceful cyberspace at a global level thereby endorsing the lofty ideals as enunciated by Bharat in it's G20 logo of One Planet, One Family, One Future. He is also an Advisor to a number of companies such as M/s Dixon, M/s IIRIS and M/s TAC Security.

Such a distinguished career therefore deserves the due recognition.