

Dr. Vijay Kelkar



Dr. Vijay Kelkar is a PhD from the University of California at Berkeley. Dr. Kelkar joined the Planning Commission in 1973 and thereafter the Commerce Ministry in 1977 as Economic Advisor, and has since then served in various posts including Secretary to the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister between 1985 and 1988. In 1994, he served as Petroleum Secretary and was made Finance Secretary in 1998. He was an executive director in the International Monetary Fund (IMF), overseeing its operations in South Asia during 2000-02. Dr Kelkar has retired as Chairman, Finance Commission, in the rank of a Union Cabinet Minister. He has held several other key positions in the Government of India, amongst them Advisor to the Minister of Finance; Finance Secretary; Chairman, Tariff Commission and Secretary, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas. He was elected as the Chairman of the Forum of Federations, Ottawa, Canada (2010-13). In January 2011, the President of India awarded Dr. Vijay L. Kelkar “PADMA VIBHUSHAN”, the second highest Civilian Award for distinguished and exceptional service to the Nation. Currently he is the Vice - President at Pune International Centre.