



# SURESH PRABHAKAR PRABHU

**10 Union Minister portfolios**

**6 times Member of Parliament**


**Chancellor of Rishihood University**

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## EDUCATION

- Chartered Accountant from The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, Delhi, All India Rank 11
- LLB, New Law College, Mumbai
- Bachelor of Commerce (Hons.) from Mumbai University, Mumbai

## EXECUTIVE EDUCATION

- Pursuing Ph.D. in Climate Change issues in relation to Energy and Environment from Freie University, Berlin
- Pursuing Ph.D. in State Public Finance from Mumbai University, Mumbai

Mr. Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu is a renowned Chartered Accountant, Banker, Corporator, Policy Maker, Strategist, Change Leader, Senior Politician, and Former Senior Parliamentarian of India.

Over the course of 30 years, Mr. Suresh Prabhu has held 10 important cabinet portfolios at the federal level in the Government of India, including Industry, Power, Environment & Forest, Railways, Civil Aviation, Commerce and industry, and Fertilizers & Chemicals. Additionally, he has served as the Prime Minister's Sherpa to the G7 and G20, playing a crucial role in shaping the official agenda of the Government of India on critical issues for the G7 and G20 Summits.

Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu has been a prolific speaker, delivering more than 5000s lectures on education, economics, climate change, international relation, geopolitics, International trade, rural development, public policy, energy and sustainable development. He has been leading delegations from Indian governments, business community and think tanks to conferences, summits, meetings, and talks across more than 100 countries.

He has traveled to over 120 countries across all continents, visited all states in India, and explored nearly 80% of the districts in the country. This extensive travel has allowed him to better understand local issues and interact with various stakeholders

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## **SKILLS**

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- Policy Making and Legislation
- Strategic Planning and Global Affairs
- International and Internal Trade
- Infrastructure Development
- Finance, Assurance, and Taxation
- International Negotiation
- Conflict Resolution
- Diplomacy
- Sustainable Development
- Climate Change
- Water Management
- Cooperative Organizations
- Rural Development
- Environmental Conservation
- Energy Management
- Leadership and Change Management
- Academic Excellence and Teaching

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## AS AN ACADEMICIAN

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- **Founding Chancellor**, Rishihood University, Haryana
- **Active Visiting professor**, London School of Economics and Political Science, London
- **Adjunct Professor**, Institute of Advanced Studies, Bangalore
- **Visiting professor**, Goa Institute of Management, Goa
- **Visiting professor**, Maharashtra National Law University, Aurangabad
- **Board of Directors** of New Delhi Institute of Management, Delhi
- **Visiting Professor**, Indian Institute Of Management (IIM) Ranchi

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## GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT: PUBLIC LECTURES AND WRITING CONTRIBUTIONS

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- **Anchored** a public policy show on Lokh Sabha News Channel named Top Shot
- With an extensive presence across over **120 countries**, he has **delivered impactful public lectures on a diverse range of subjects at Ivy League universities, the world's leading forums, prestigious institutions, and global events.**
- Has written more than hundreds of **articles in world-leading newspapers, magazines, and journals.**

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## AS A PROFESSIONAL

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- **Owner, Chartered Accountancy Firm** - Had a very successful practice as a Chartered Accountant

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## AS A STRATEGIST & THINKER

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- **Co-founder**, Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation
- **Founding Chairman**, Council for Environment, Energy, and Water (CEEW) - Chaired it many years
- **Chairman**, Asia Energy Foundation
- **Board Member**, Center for Study of Science Technology & Policy (CSTEP)
- **Co-founder**, GLOBE, UK, an international Advisory Board on Climate Change Dialogue - A multi-country MPs Organisation
- **Senior Advisor** to Director General Vienna, Austria - United Nations Industrial Development Organization
- **South Asia Chair**, Global Water Partnership
- **Chairman**, SAARC Farmers Forum
- **Chairman**, Global Foundation of Farmers
- **President**, World Forum for Global Governance, UK
- **Chairman**, Advisory Board of Entrepreneurship Development Industry Interactive Cell (EDIIC), LNCT University
- **Member**, United Nations Commission for Biodiversity & Land Use Change,
- **Member**, Aspen Strategy Group, for India-USA strategic dialogue
- **Member**, Reference Group to study policies of water in 11 African countries
- **Member**, Global Advisory Council of the World Economic Forum
- **Chairman**, Maharashtra State Finance Commission
- **Member**, Parliamentary Network of World Bank, Network of Parliamentarians from about 100 countries based in Paris
- **Member**, IAVI Advisory Board
- **Member**, Renewable Energy Network
- **Member**, Network on Nuclear Disarmament
- **Member**, INDO-EV Strategic Dialogue
- **Member**, G8+5 Legislators, and Business Leaders forum
- **Part** of India-Japan Strategic Dialogue
- **Member**, Maharashtra Tourism Development Board

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## IN COOPERATIVE

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Have worked at various levels within cooperative organizations, ranging from the village and district levels to state, national, and even global tiers. These cooperative organizations operate across several sectors.

- **Youngest chairperson** at Saraswat Bank, the largest urban cooperative bank in the country.
- Served on the **board of the apex cooperative organization** at the national level, the National Cooperative Union of India, located in New Delhi.

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## AS A RURAL DEVELOPMENT LEADER

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For the past 26 years, he has been working on rural development projects in rural areas of India and has been connected with more than a hundred rural community organizations.

- **Founding chairman**, Manav Sadhan Vikas Sansthan

Manav Sadhan Vikas Sanstha (MSVS) is a charitable trust, dedicated to sustainable development in India's most underserved regions. Founded 26 years ago, MSVS employs a community-led approach, fostering economic self-reliance, empowerment, and holistic human development. Their innovative Parivartan Kendra Model has positively impacted education, employability, entrepreneurship, healthcare, and more in the 3000 villages of the Ratnagiri-Sindhudurg region of Maharashtra.

- **Ambulances for every district of Andhra Pradesh** granted by him from his MPLADS fund
- **Granted skills development center for each district of Andhra** from his MPLADS fund.

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## AS A CHANGE LEADER

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Was connected with over 150 organizations dealing with Arts, Culture, Literature, Sports, Healthcare, Holistic Human Development, Yoga, Education, Skill Development, and Music.

- **Chairman**, Konkan Kala Academy
- **Chairman**, Adult Education Institute
- **Member**, Actional Co-operative Union of India
- **Vice Chairman**, Mumbai Marathi Granth Sangrahalaya
- **Trustee**, IFFCO Foundation
- **Trustee**, Manavendra Charitable Hospital
- **Trustee**, Khar Residents Association
- **Vice President**, Table Tennis Federation of India
- **Chairman**, Maharashtra State Table Tennis Academy

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## AS A UNION MINISTER AND POLICY MAKER

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- **Chairman**, New National Cooperation Policy Committee
- **Head** of advisory Group for integrated development of power, coal, and renewable energy in the Modi Government
- **Member**, Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs
- **Member**, Cabinet Committee on Science and Technology
- **Member**, Cabinet Committee on Environment
- **Member**, Cabinet Committee on Parliamentary Affairs
- **Member**, Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs
- **Member**, Cabinet Committee on Accommodation

## **Union Minister of Civil Aviation**

**2018- 2019**

- **Implemented the UDAN scheme** - In 28 months of UDAN, 69 unserved airports, 31 helicopters, and 6 water drones were awarded
- **Launched DigiYatra**, a digital platform that made air travel in India more seamless and hassle-free.
- Oversaw the development of a number of new aviation policies, including the **National Air Cargo Policy, the Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul (MRO) Policy, the National Green Aviation Policy, and the Drone Policy.**
- **Attracted investments into the Indian aviation sector**, which helped to increase competition and drive down fares.
- **Improved airport infrastructure** by expanding existing airports and constructing **new airports.**
- **Enhanced safety and security** in the Indian aviation sector by working with airlines to improve their safety standards and investing in new security technologies.
- **Promoted regional connectivity** in India by increasing the number of flights connecting different parts of the country.

## **Union Minister of Commerce and Industry**

**2017- 2019**

- **Increased merchandise exports to a record high of US\$330 billion** in 2018-19.
- **Reduced trade deficit with China by US\$10 billion** in 2018-19,

- **Introduced the Agriculture Export Policy** to double agricultural exports to US\$60 billion
- **Launched the Investment War Room** to attract and facilitate foreign direct investment (FDI) into India.
- **Oversaw the implementation** of Make in India 2.0 to focus on boosting sustainable manufacturing and job creation in India.
- **Set up a Data Analytics Unit to use data to inform policymaking** and improve the efficiency of the Commerce and Industry Ministry.
- **Launched the pilot district-level development plan** in six districts across five states, focusing on critical interventions to boost district-level manufacturing.
- **Initiated the introduction of an Ease of Doing Business (EODB) framework** at the district level, supporting the goal of achieving a USD 5 trillion economy.
- **Organized a special mini Ministerial WTO meet** in India to strengthen India's role on the global trade stage
- Initiated the development of **India's first-ever National e-Commerce Policy** to address the evolving digital marketplace.
- **Implemented a modern Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) policy** to enhance India's IPR regime, fostering innovation and creativity.

## **Union Minister of Railways**

**2014- 2017**

### **Safety Improvements:**

- Launched the **Rashtriya Rail Sanraksha Kosh (RRSK) fund** to enhance **railway safety** by eliminating unmanned level crossings and implementing modern signaling systems.
- **Introduced new safety measures and technology upgrades** to reduce accidents and improve passenger security.



### **High-Speed Rail Development:**

- Advocated for the development of high-speed rail corridors in India to bring world-class train travel to the country.
- Initiated feasibility studies and partnerships for high-speed rail projects, including the **Mumbai-Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail Corridor**.
- Introduced new train services, including **Train 18, Tejas Express and Humsafar Express**

### **Station Redevelopment:**

- Launched the ambitious "**Station Redevelopment**" program to modernize and upgrade railway stations across India.
- Attracted **private sector investment** for station redevelopment through public-private partnerships (PPPs).

### **Cleanliness and Hygiene:**

- **Launched the "Swachh Rail Swachh Bharat Abhiyan"** to improve cleanliness and sanitation on trains and at railway stations
- **Introduced the "Clean My Coach" initiative** to enable passengers to request clean coaches through SMS or a mobile app.

### **Digital Initiatives:**

- Promoted digitalization of railway services and introduced various mobile apps for ticket booking, inquiry, and passenger information.
- **High-speed free Wi-Fi launched at 140+ stations** to provide internet connectivity to passengers.

### **Bio-Toilets:**

- Accelerated the installation of bio-toilets in trains to improve sanitation and reduce environmental impact.

### **New Railway Lines and Connectivity:**

- Worked on expanding railway network connectivity, including the development of **new rail lines and connecting remote areas**.

### **Freight Corridor Projects:**

- Advanced the **Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC) projects** to improve the efficiency of freight transportation and decongest existing rail routes.

### **Financial Reforms:**

- Introduced innovative financing mechanisms to fund railway projects, including leveraging funds through partnerships and non-budgetary resources.

### **Green Initiatives:**

- Promoted **eco-friendly initiatives**, such as the use of **solar energy in railway operations and LED lighting at stations**.

### **Customer-Centric Approach:**

- Prioritized **passenger feedback** and actively engaged with the public through **social media** to address concerns and improve services.
- **Introduced VIKALP**, Alternative Train Accommodation System (ATAS) to provide confirmed accommodation to waitlisted passengers.
- Focused on enhancing passenger amenities, including better catering services, waiting rooms, and accessibility for differently-abled passengers.
- **Introduced Janani Sewa** to provide services to **mothers of infants**
- **Launched new catering policy**

### **Budgetary Management:**

- Managed the railway budget efficiently and focused on fiscal discipline to ensure the financial health of Indian Railways.
- Launched innovative financing mechanisms and leveraged **non-fare revenue sources like advertising and commercialization**.

### **International Engagement:**

- Engaged in diplomatic efforts to strengthen international cooperation in the field of railways, exploring collaborations with countries like Japan for high-speed rail projects.

### Power Generation Augmentation:

- Prepared an action plan for **creating an additional capacity of 100,000 MW** to provide power on demand by 2012.
- Formulated a renovation and modernization action plan for **170 thermal power units and 35 hydro units with a total generation capacity of 14,000 MW.**

### Policy Measures:

- **Introduced the landmark Electricity Bill 2001**, which provided for non-discriminatory open access in the transmission segment and mandated State Electricity Regulatory Commissions to introduce open access in distribution.
- Executed the **Accelerated Power Development Program (APDP)** to improve the operational efficiency of old generating stations through renovation/modernization and reduce transmission and distribution losses.
- **The Integrated Power Development Scheme** was launched during his tenure to strengthen the distribution and sub-transmission systems in urban areas. It aimed to reduce technical and commercial losses, improve billing and collection efficiency, and enhance the reliability of power supply in cities.

### Rural Electrification:

- Played an instrumental role in **preparing a 7-year Action Plan** for Rural Electrification to complete the electrification of all villages in the country.
- Set up credit support from the Rural Electrification Corporation to State Electricity Boards for the speedy electrification of **Dalit bastis, households of scheduled tribes, and other weaker sections of society.**

### **Encouraging Investments:**

- **Encouraged FDI** in transmission through two routes: Joint Ventures and through the Independent Power Transmission Corporation.
- **Amended the Indian Electricity Act, 1998**, to enable private sector participation in transmission.

### **Distribution Reforms:**

- **Prepared a holistic six-level intervention strategy** for distribution reforms in the power sector and the strengthening of State Electricity Boards.
- On the commercial front, took action to ensure tamper-proof meters, operationalized energy accounting, and implemented a **decentralized computerized billing system**.

### **Sustainable Power Development:**

- Set up a **Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV)** to undertake afforestation and implement stipulated environmental measures.
- Took steps to enhance the use of **fly ash products in government infrastructure projects**.

## **Union Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers**

**1999- 2000**

### **Fertilizers:**

- Instrumental in preparing a **long-term fertilizer policy** that would chart the future course of the fertilizer industry by involving all stakeholders.
- **Set up joint ventures** with countries having reserves of Potash, marking a new chapter in India's quest for self-sufficiency.

### **Chemicals:**

- Prepared a bill on **Chemical Weapons Conventions**.
- **Set up separate environmentally friendly Chemical Estates** for the chemical industry.

### **Pharmaceuticals:**

- Played a pivotal role in formulating a **new drug policy** with an emphasis on encouraging competition while ensuring an adequate supply of drugs at affordable prices for the people.
- Proposed raising the automatic approval limit for the **pharmaceutical sector from 51% to 74% to increase foreign direct investment (FDI)**.

### **Petrochemicals:**

- Played a proactive role in the early commissioning of key **infrastructure to improve the country's self-reliance in petrochemicals**.

## **Union Minister of Environment and Forest**

**1998- 1999**

### **Prevention and Control of Pollution:**

- Played a key role in the preparation of a comprehensive **National Environment Action Plan**.
- **Introduced 100% centrally funded schemes** for reducing pollution in 22 major cities of India.

### **Environment Clearances:**

- Streamlined procedures for **environmental clearances and introduced transparency** by making all works related to environment and forest clearances available on the Internet.
- Issued notifications to make **Environmental Impact Assessment compulsory for 29 developmental activities**.

### **Legislative Initiatives:**

- Played a crucial role in the preparation of a **draft Biological Diversity Act for conservation.**
- Finalized the **Hazardous Waste Management Rules, Solid Waste Management Rules, and Biomedical Waste Management Rules.**

### **Conservation of Natural Resources:**

- Prepared a detailed **action plan for achieving a 33% forest cover** in the country.
- **Established the National Committee** for the identification of Eco-sensitive zones.

## **Union Minister of Heavy Industry & Public Enterprises      2002**

- Served as the Minister of Heavy Industry & Public Enterprises from 9th May 2002 to 30th June 2002 in Atal Bihari Vajpayee's Cabinet.
- Set up a Ministerial mechanism to oversee the speedy **implementation** and removal of major constraints hindering desired growth in the **auto sector.**

## **Union Minister of Industry      1996**

- Served as the Minister of Industry in India from 16 May 1996 to 1 June 1996 in Atal Bihari Vajpayee's Cabinet.

## **G 20 Sherpa**

- Served as the G 20 Shepra from 2014 to 2016 and from 2019 to 2021
- Official emissary of the Prime Minister of India in the G20 forum.
- Prepared the official agenda of the Government of India on key issues for the G20 Summit.

## **G 7 Sherpa**

- Served as the G 7 Shepra from 2019 to 2021.
- Official emissary of the Prime Minister of India in the G7 forum.
- Prepared the official agenda of the Government of India on key issues for the G7 Summit.

## **Chairperson, Task Force for Interlinking of Rivers 2002-2004**

- Chaired the comprehensive program of the Government of India aimed at ensuring the country against water stress through the linkage of major rivers in the Himalayan and Peninsular regions of the country
- Steered the Task Force towards making an action plan for the completion of feasibility studies and providing guidance on the norms of appraisal of individual projects with respect to socio-economic impacts, environmental impacts, and economic viability.
- Prepared the ground for reaching a consensus with the concerned State Governments on the program of interlinking of rivers.

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## AS A PARLIAMENTARIAN

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- **Lok Sabh MP**, Served as 4 times member of Parliament in Lower house
- **Rajya Sabha MP**, Served as 2 times member of Parliament in Upper house
- **Chairman**, Parliamentary Forum on Environment
- **Chairman**, Parliamentary Maritime Group
- **Chairman**, Co-operative Forum of Parliamentarians
- **Co-Chairman**, Indo-Japanese Parliamentary Forum
- **Chairman**, Forum against Fake Drugs
- **Member**, Indo-USA and Indo-UK forum of parliamentarians
- **Member**, Parliamentary Standing Committee on Ministry of External Affairs
- **Member**, Public Accounts Committee
- **Member**, Joint Parliamentary Committee to draft the Women's, Reservation Bill
- **Member**, Parliamentary Standing Committee and Consultative Committee on Finance
- **Member**, Consultative Committee for the Ministry of Commerce & Industry
- **Member**, Parliamentary Forum on Water Conservation and Management
- **Member**, Committee on HIV Aids

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## AS A POLITICIAN

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- **Member**, BJP national executive (Narandra Modi Ji time)
- **Member**, Steering Committee of the National Democratic Alliance (NDA), the political decision-making body of the ruling parties led by Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee during 1996-2004.
- **Member**, Shiv Sena



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## AS A DEVOTEE

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Dedicated Devotee Cultivating Spiritual Sanctuaries and Overseeing Prominent Temples. He is in the management team of many temples of Bharat:

- **Trustee**, Shree Siddhivinayak Mandir Trust
- **Trustee**, GSB Temple Trust

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## AWARDS AND HONORARY DOCTORATES

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Throughout his remarkable journey, he has been honored with countless awards, celebrating his selfless dedication and nuanced efforts toward all segments of society, spanning various significant sectors.

Moreover, his invaluable contributions to society have garnered recognition on a global scale. **Esteemed institutions, both from within and outside India, have bestowed upon him the honor of honorary doctorates.**

- **Honorary Doctorate** conferred by IFRI
- **Received the Goud Saraswat Brahmin Samaj Maharatha Award** on August 18, 2016.
- **Awarded 'Indian of the Year 2017'.**
- Declared "**Best Member of Parliament in 13th Lok Sabha**" in April 2004 by Aaj Tak, a leading Indian TV Channel.
- Featured among the **top three Indian leaders of the future in the cover story "Giant on the Move"** (Sept 2000 issue) of Hong Kong-based Asiaweek Magazine.
- Ranked as the **2nd best performing Minister** in India Today's report (dated August 27, 2001) on the performance of key ministers of the Government of India.
- Consistently ranked in the **top five ministers in India from 2014 to 2017** based on performance and accessibility in nationwide surveys conducted by various institutions

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## MEDIA ARTICLES

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- **Narendra Modi finds a reform partner in Suresh Prabhu -**  
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<https://www.bqprime.com/opinion/suresh-prabhu-makes-reform-history>
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<https://www.bqprime.com/business/a-comprehensive-power-sector-plan-by-its-first-reformer-suresh-prabhu>
- **Suresh Prabhu: A Life Like No Other -**  
<https://www.thepolicychronicle.co.in/suresh-prabhu-a-life-like-no-other/>
- **Suresh Prabhu Will Be Remembered as Minister Who Provided Rail Connectivity to People of Northeast -**  
<https://thewire.in/government/suresh-prabhu-northeast-railway-infrastructure-connectivity>
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