

Mayankote Kelath Narayanan

Former Governor of West Bengal, former National Security Advisor of India



Mayankote Kelath Narayanan is an Indian Diplomat, former National Security Advisor to the Prime Minister of India and former Governor of West Bengal with a deep understanding and expertise of India's political, economic, security and social issues. He is a former Civil Servant. A specialist in strategic and security matters; he is widely regarded as one of the finest minds in the country on matters relating to national security, strategic intelligence and counter terrorism.

He headed India's apex intelligence agency, the Intelligence Bureau, for two terms – from 1987 to 1990 and 1991 to 1992. In between, he headed the Joint Intelligence Committee of the Government of India.

Was appointed Special Advisor to the Prime Minister of India for Security and Intelligence in May 2004, with the rank of Minister of State. In January 2005 was appointed National Security Advisor to the Prime Minister, in addition to his role as Special Advisor.

Was appointed Governor of the State of West Bengal in January 2010 and remained in office till July 2014.

The Government of India awarded him a Padma Shri in 1992 in recognition of his distinguished contribution to the nation in various spheres of activity.

Important positions held by Narayanan:

- Director – IB & Chairman, Joint Intelligence Committee, Government of India (1987-1992).
- Special Advisor to the Prime Minister of India & National Security Advisor (2004-2010).
- Governor of the State of West Bengal (2010-2014).
- Chancellor of 18 State Universities, including Calcutta University, Presidency University, Jadavpur University, Bengal Engineering and Science University (2010-2014).

Achievements include:

- Assisted the Prime Minister as principal aide and adviser during bilateral meetings with Global Heads of State and Government (2005 to 2010).
- Individually led India in institutionalized strategic and security dialogues with the United States, the United Kingdom, France, Germany, China, Russia, Australia, the European Union, Japan and Brazil (2005-2010).
- Was the principal negotiator and architect of the iconic India-US nuclear deal. Led the Indian delegation in talks with the US and several world powers in this connection over a four-year long period, till its successful conclusion (2005-2009).
- Was the Prime Minister's Special Representative for Boundary Talks with China (2005-2010).

International Conferences attended:

- Meetings of the G-8 Forum (2005-2009).
- Meetings of the G-20 (2008-2009).
- Non-Aligned Summits (2006 and 2009).
- BRICS Summit Meetings (2005-2009).
- IBSA (India, Brazil and South Africa) Summit Meetings (2005-2008).
- Climate Change and Nuclear-Related Conferences (2007-2009).

Spoken at International Conclaves:

- Munich Security Conference (2005-2010).
- World Policy Conference (2011, 2013, 2015, 2016 and 2017).
- International Institute for Strategic Studies Conferences (2005, 2007, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017).