

Mayankote Narayanan

Former Senior Advisor and National Security Advisor to the Prime Minister of India (Manmohan Singh), former Governor of West Bengal



M.K. Narayanan is a former Civil Servant and Diplomat with a deep understanding of, and expertise regarding, India's political, economic, security and social issues. A specialist in strategic and security matters; he is widely regarded as one of the finest minds across the world on matters relating to security, strategic analysis, 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. He also headed the Joint Intelligence Committee of the Government of India during 1990.

Led India in institutionalized and security dialogue with the United States, the UK France, Germany, China, Russia, Japan and Brazil (2005-2010). Played a prominent role in the Munich Security Conference (2005-2010). Was a key negotiator in the India US Nuclear Deal talks and led the talks with other world powers and with the International Atomic Energy Agency in this regard.

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. Was a Chancellor for 18 Universities during this period.

Awards

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).

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 to 2009).

Meetings of the G-20 (2008 and 2009).

Non-Aligned Summits (2006 and 2009).

BRICS Summit Meetings (2005 to 2009).

IBSA (India, Brazil and South Africa) Summit Meetings (2005 and 2008).

Climate Change and Nuclear-Related Conferences (2007 and 2009).

Spoken at International Conclaves:

Munich Security Conference (2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010).

World Policy Conference (2011, 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2019, 2021, 2022 and 2023).

International Institute for Strategic Studies Conferences (2005, 2007, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017).