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S. Regunathan was selected for commission in the Indian Army during his college days itself. After Graduation in Physics he joined the Armed Forces before joining the Indian Administrative Service in the year 1973 with five years anti date seniority (allotment year 1968). Covering a wide breadth of experience S. Regunathan served in many different areas and positions from Finance to Information Technology, from Animal Husbandry to Tourism.

Last post held was of Chief Secretary, NCT of Delhi

Retired from active Govt. service in 2006

S. Regunathan began his career with a posting in Karaikal as Administrator, Karaikal. He was the first Indian Administrative Service officer to occupy the post where he introduced effective common feeding programme for cattle thereby increasing milk production of the area.

His next posting was to Mizoram as Secretary to Lt. Governor, Mizoram where he served for four years during sensitive periods of insurgency. In the 1980, S. Regunathan was posted to Goa where he held several posts at one time, being District Collector and Revenue Secretary among others. In 1982 S. Regunathan took over as Regional Iron and Steel Controller in Chennai for two and a half years after which he came to Delhi to take over as Joint Secretary, Dept of Personnel, Govt. of India

A year later he took over as Chairman cum Managing Director, Delhi Tourism Corporation for the following five years during when he turned a loss making corporation on its heels and introduced features like the Garden Tourism Festival and the Mango Festival, which are annual events in Delhi today. His initiative in setting up the Dilli Haat has not only become the pride of Delhi but has won international recognition too.

Realizing the need for transport infrastructure in Delhi he renamed the corporation as Delhi Tourism and Transportation Development Corporation and introduced *in situ* casting in flyover construction in Delhi

As Transport Commissioner, S. Regunathan was among the first to introduce IT in the department as well as conceptualize and plan for the metro in Delhi in addition to developing High capacity Bus corridor in North Delhi.

In 1990 S Regunathan was posted to Arunachal Pradesh.. Serving there for two and half years he introduced the first International Angling Festival putting Arunachal on the tourist map and was instrumental in opening the entire North east to foreign tourist. He also held the post of Vice Chancellor of Arunachal University for a year.

Coming back to Delhi Regunathan launched the literacy programme as Education secretary between 194-98 wherein a later survey recorded a 9% increase in general literacy levels in Delhi. He declined many awards during this period since he believed it was teamwork and not individual effort alone.

As Principal Secretary to Chief Minister and Chief Secretary, Delhi S. Regunathan conceptualized and launched the Bhagidari programme and the Stree Shakti Programme and instituted good governance practices for everyone in the Govt. to follow. Both the programmes won international recognition. Regunathan took the prime initiative to computerize the entire Delhi govt. machinery and introducing online transaction in many departments. He was also instrumental in privatization of distribution of power

Expanding his earlier plan of bringing in metro to Delhi, S.Regunathan, as Chief Secretary Delhi, was instrumental in expanding the metro network, introduction of high capacity bus corridors and pave the way for introduction of low floor modern public transport.

Before taking over as Chief Secretary, Delhi, S Regunathan did a short four month stint as Secretary, Animal husbandry in the ministry of Agriculture, Govt. of India. In this

brief period he introduced IT in the working of the department across the entire country and revised and modified the Backyard poultry scheme.

During his entire tenure many awards were conferred /received by him.

Awards conferred/received:

Common Wealth Award for Stree Shakti programme

UN Award for Bhagidari

PATA Award for Best Initiatives in Tourism for Delhi Haat and Illumination of Haus Khas monument.

Declined personal awards for achievements in literacy programme to keep team together