



IPM

L&T INSTITUTE OF PROJECT MANAGEMENT



## V T Chandra Sekhar Rao

B.Tech, M.E, PMP, PMI-RMP

### Area of Expertise

- Project Governance
- Execution Strategy Development
- Project Commercial Management
- Project Engineering Management
- Risk Management
- Stakeholder Manager
- Procurement and Contract Strategy
- Project Controls

Prof V T Chandra Sekhar Rao is Dean, L&T Institute of Project Management. In his 34 years of professional experience, Mr Rao executed large FEED, EPC and EPC(m) projects related to Oil and Gas, Refining, Power, Steel and Industrial sectors and provided guidance to several project managers, engineering managers and construction managers.

Mr. Rao started his career with design engineering initially and later moved to project management of large capital projects. Prior to joining L&T IPM, he has founded Shreshta Solutions, with a mission to impart and instill project management best practices and competencies in Engineering Construction Industry through learning, coaching, effectiveness programs and consultancy solutions. He has held various senior management/ project management positions in Indian operations of large multinationals such as VAI, Fluor and Amec Foster Wheeler. During his tenure in these companies, he has handled Engineering, Procurement and Construction management of large capital projects in US, Canada, Australia, India, Middle-east, Nigeria and UK. He has worked with Fortune 100 clients like ExxonMobil, Shell, BP, Saudi Aramco, Woodside group and Indian Oil.

Mr. Rao is a post graduate in Civil Engineering, with vast experience in capital project implementation and core strength in technical and commercial project management, risk management and project governance. Mr. Rao has been invited as keynote speaker at several national conferences including PMI Conferences. Mr. Rao has conducted several training sessions and workshops on the best practices of project management for Owner as well as Contracting Companies. He is a certified CEO Coach from Coaching Federation of India and has coached Executives of IT and Construction Industries. He has held the position of Chairman of Forum Advisory Committee for Engineering and Construction Forum – a joint initiative by PMI Chennai, IIT Madras and the Industry.

Mr. Rao's passion for teaching started with undergraduate courses in Civil Engineering and extended to advanced topics for postgraduate students at BIT as an adjunct faculty. Over a period of time, he has started to teach in the management development programs designed for project managers, engineering managers and construction managers. He also served as an adjunct faculty and subject matter expert at International Institute of Learning (IIL).

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## Qualifications

- M.E. from Birla Institute of Technology, Mesra
- B.Tech from Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University, Kakinada

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## Professional Certifications

- Project Management Professional (PMP) and Risk Management Professional (PMI-RMP) from Project Management Institute, USA
- Certified Directorship from Institute of Directors, India
- Postgraduate Program in Executive Coaching from Coaching Federation of India