

*Profile of Rtn. Flt Lt K P Nagesh: Self-Made Industrialist, Social Activist, and Patriot*

Flt. Lt. K.P. Nagesh is a self-made entrepreneur, educator, and social activist hailing from Ramanagara District in Karnataka, India. He graduated in mechanical engineering and joined the Indian Air Force as a Short Service Commission Officer in 1988. The Air Force instilled in him the values of commitment, dedication, discipline, and time management, which have contributed to his success as a leader.

Nagesh founded UNIQ Security Solutions as a result of his entrepreneurial spirit and leadership skills. Over 10,000 people were employed by this start-up, which later became the industry leader and had more than 500 clients in South India. He also established Uniq Skill Development Academy in Channapatna, Ramanagara District. This state-of-the-art, one-of-a-kind facility is devoted to providing vocational training to rural youth so they can find employment opportunities with the Indian Uniform services and Corporate Companies.

In the year 2015-16, Nagesh served as the District Governor of Rotary International District 3190, where he set unprecedented records in membership growth, the highest growth of women and youth members, and contributions to the Rotary Foundation. His leadership made him the number one performing District Governor in the world. District 3190 was also regarded as the number one district for the year. Rotary International recognized his talent and appointed him as the Asst Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator (ARRFC) for 2016-17 and as the Endowment and Major Gifts Advisor for 2017-18.

Nagesh continued his service to Rotary International as a Rotary International Director nominating committee member and as the COL representative for District 3190 and 3191. Additionally, he was appointed as a member of the Rotary India Water Mission (RIWM) National Executive Committee for 2020-2025. He served as the Chairman for the Rotary International Zone Institute RISE held in December 2023 and now Nagesh has been elected as the Rotary International Director for the year 2025-27. Nagesh and Family are PHF, Benefactors and AKS Members Chair Circle.

Nagesh has been bestowed with numerous prestigious honours and awards for his remarkable contributions.

In 2019, he was awarded the '**President of India Gold Medal**' for his distinguished services as Commanding Officer & Chief Warden of Civil Defence, Government of Karnataka. He also received the '**Service Above Self**' award from The Rotary International for the year 2021-22, recognizing his outstanding contribution to community service.

Other notable accolades include the '**President of India Gold Medal**' for Meritorious Services as Commandant Home Guards Government of Karnataka in 2007, the '**Chief Minister's Gold Medal**' by the Government of Karnataka in 2013, and the '**Marusthal Seva Medal**' by Chief of Air Staff, Indian Air Force in 1991.

Nagesh has also been recognized for his exceptional entrepreneurial skills, receiving the '**Entrepreneur of the Year Award**' from the Central Association of Private Security Industry in 2012 and the '**Udyog Rattan Award**' by the Institute of Economic Studies in 2014. In 2011, he was honored with the prestigious '**Bharatha Ratna Sir. M. Visweshwaraiah Global Leadership Award**' for his excellence in environment, social work, and education, conferred by Power Development and Energy Research Institute in collaboration with VTU, Belgaum.

Other awards he has received include the '**Pride of India**' by Citizens Integration Peace Society in 2010, the '**Security Personality of the Year Award 2012**' instituted by CAPSI India, and the '**Rastriya Rattan Award**' from the All India National Unity Council in 2013. He was also honored with the '**Naada Prabhu Kempe Gowda Award**' for the year 2013 by BBMP and was presented with the award by the then Chief Minister of Karnataka.

Nagesh's exemplary achievements and recognition stand as a testament to his unwavering commitment and dedication to serving the community and his country. He is happily married to Mrs. Uma Nagesh, who holds an engineering degree in Computer Science and actively supports him in his business endeavours. The couple is blessed with a son, Tejas N Gowda, who holds a Bachelor of Engineering degree, and a daughter, Nidhi Nagesh, who is pursuing her Chartered Accountancy.

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