

Mr Vivek Kulkarni is Founder and Chairman of Brickwork India. A gold medallist in Engineering from Karnataka University with MBA (Finance and Information Systems) from the Wharton School of University of Pennsylvania, Mr Vivek was in the IAS and served in key positions such as IT Secretary and Finance Secretary to the Government of Karnataka. He has more than 30 years of experience in different verticals and departments of the government as a civil servant. He was also Division Chief in SEBI and Head of Advisory Services in CRISIL. At CRISIL he developed the first risk assessment model for Indian mutual funds.

He was instrumental in formulating the progressive IT Policy for the Government of Karnataka that made Karnataka as a destination for the IT sector and a must-win place in the IT arena globally. He marketed Bangalore globally as the ultimate destination for the IT sector. He took initiatives to promote Public-private partnership model that won acclaim. He was also responsible for building Bangalore IT.Com event that ensured Bangalore as the undisputed IT capital of India when IT firms were shifting to other cities and emergence of Bangalore as the outsourcing capital of the world. Mr Vivek, applying his professional education, **demonstrated that management concepts can be applied and institution building can be done in the realm of government as well. He has also contributed to policy formulation for the growth of the IT sector in Karnataka.**

He turned an entrepreneur by setting up Brickwork India and pioneered the concept of Remote Executive assistant that won worldwide acclaim and cited by Thomas Friedman in his book World is Flat and by the Newyork times etc. Brickwork Ratings set up by Brickwork India is the 5th credit rating agency licensed by SEBI.

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