

Krishna Chandra Pant



K.C.Pant was born on August 10, 1931 at Bhowali in the district of Nanital, Uttar Pradesh. He was the son of Pt. Govind Ballabh Pant and Kala Pant. He studied M. Sc and then joined politics and became a member of Indian National Congress party.

He was elected to Lok Sabha first time in 1962 and then in 1967 and 1971. He was elected to Rajya Sabha in 1978 and was leader of the house during 1979-1980.

Shri Pant was Union Minister with cabinet rank holding portfolios for Finance, Steel and Heavy Engineering, Home Affairs, Electronics, Atomic Energy and Science & Technology. He was the Vice-Chairman, Human Rights Commission during the year 1966-67. He became the Chairman, Advisory Board on Energy in 1983. Although he was not a member of the Parliament during the tenure of Shri Narasimha Rao, he was appointed the Chairman of the 10th Finance Commission.

He was associated with a number of organizations, e.g., National Integration Council and Council of the Nehru Institute of Mountaineering, Institute of Defence Studies & Analysis, Committee on Public Undertakings, etc. He was the founder member of the Institute of Constitutional & Parliamentary Studies. He was Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission of India.

He came to the Indian Statistical Institute to deliver 34th Annual Convocation Address on April 28, 2000. The title of his address was "Development Perspective for the Next Decade and Beyond".

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