



Pradeep Singh Kharola
Chairman and Managing Director
Air India

Pradeep Singh Kharola, became Chairman and Managing Director of Air India in December 2017.

An IAS officer from the Karnataka Cadre of 1985 batch, Kharola was Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister of Karnataka from 2012-13. He also led Karnataka Urban Infrastructure Development and Finance Corporation (KUIDFC), which was involved in raising funds from international institutions to build infrastructure across cities. As Joint Secretary of National Administrative Reforms Commission he aided in the formulation of governance reforms in public administration. He brings with him an extensive and rich career-experience of 30 years holding key portfolios in Urban Governance, Urban Public Transport and Policy making. He has also won the National Award for e-Governance in 2012 and the Prime Minister's Award for

Excellence in Public Administration in 2013.

He is a Mechanical Engineer and graduated from University of Indore in 1982 and post graduated in Industrial Engineering from IIT Delhi in 1984. He has a Diploma in Management from All India Management Association, New Delhi and a Masters in Development Management from Asian Institute of Management, Manila, Philippines. He also holds a PhD in Public Transport systems from IIT-Delhi.

He has the distinction of turning around a public transport undertaking. He revived Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC), the city bus service into profitability in 2000, the first in the country. As Managing Director of Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation of India he has played a key role in kick starting Bengaluru Metro.