

V K MATHEWS

V K Mathews belongs to Kizhakkambalam, a village in Ernakulam district in Kerala, India. He spent his entire childhood there along with his father, mother, 2 brothers and a sister. His father was one of the Founding Managers of Federal Bank and mother a home maker.

Mathews did his schooling in St Joseph's School, Kizhakkambalam and attended Pre University at St Peter's College, Kolenchery, Ernakulam. He took his under graduation in Mechanical Engineering from M A College, Kothamangalam, Ernakulam. His Post Graduation was in Aeronautical Engineering from IIT Kanpur and completed Executive Management Program at Harvard Business School.

Mathews founded IBS in 1997 with a vision to redefine the way the global travel, transportation and logistics industries managed their businesses. Under the leadership of Mathews, IBS' growth has been phenomenal recording 48% CAGR revenue growth and 900-fold capital growth in 10 years. He was instrumental in IBS acquiring six international companies (in Europe, USA and India) during its 15 year journey. Today, IBS is a multinational corporation, serving over 170 clients worldwide, employing over 2000 professionals from 30 different nationalities. With over 30 years of work experience, Mathews is a thought leader and a specialist in aviation business. He is a well sought after speaker at various aviation events including those organized by IATA, ICAO and AACO.

Mathews holds several important positions in Government agencies, academic institutions and trade bodies in India. He currently chairs several institutions including GTECH (the association of IT companies in Kerala), Trivandrum Agenda Task Force and Trivandrum City Connect Foundation. He is an Executive Council Member of NASSCOM and Member of the Board of Director of Kerala State Industrial Development Corporation. Mathews is also the former Chairman of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Kerala State. He has received several awards from the Government, media and trade associations including Management Leadership Award, Business Man of the Year Award, and IT Man of the Year Award, Millennium Leadership Award and Enterprise Excellence Award.

IBS Software Services is an Indian multinational IT solutions provider to the Travel Transportation and Logistics (TTL) industry. It is headquartered at Technopark,

Trivandrum India. IBS Software owns IP rights to 17 products in the TTL industry. The major lines of business include Airline Passenger Reservation, Loyalty Management, Airline & Airport Operations, Airline Cargo Services, Aircraft MRO, Travel & Cruise and Hospitality Distribution. The company started operations from Trivandrum, with 55 employees. As of 2013, IBS employs around 2000 staff from 30 different nationalities and operates out of 10 offices worldwide. IBS has acquired 6 global companies in Europe, USA and India over the years.

Mathews holds a Masters degree in Aeronautical Engineering from Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur and had executive management education from Harvard Business School, Boston, USA.