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Editor's View



Civil Services Day: An opportunity to introspect

National Civil Services Day is observed on 21st April every year. The day acknowledges the tireless work performed by the civil service officers at different levels. The day also offers an opportunity to the civil servants to introspect their dedication level to serve the society and the nation, as a whole. The occasion is also an opportunity for the civil servants to re-dedicate themselves to the cause of citizens and renew their commitments to public service and excellence in work. This date is chosen to commemorate the day when first Home Minister of Independent India, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel addressed the probationers of Administrative Services Officers in 1947 at Metcalf House, Delhi. As part of Civil Servant Day, Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Public Administration are presented to Districts/Implementing Units. The occasion brings together civil servants to connect with each other and learn the good practices being implemented across the nation in the field of public grievances. The day holds much importance to the civil servants as it reminds the significance of their role in the society upliftment and the nation building. The day also reminds them of the past accomplishments and the challenges lying ahead. The day highlights that service with humility is the demand of the hour. Public service is much more than doing a job with efficiency and honesty and it must be a complete dedication to the people and the nation. The civil servants should not be a defensive mechanism, mere product of documents and procedures. The bureaucrats definitely need to stand against injustices and at the same time, fight against their own weaknesses. Faith and strength, both are essential to accomplish great works. The bureaucracy is the primary vanguard of society. Since most of the civil servants are loyal and faithful, the country seems to be in safe hands. However, the civil service needs to be harmonized and united more systematically so that it becomes a collective spiritual power. The negligence of a few could easily send a ship to the bottom and it required the whole-hearted cooperation of all on board so that she could be safely brought to port. The bureaucracy has the responsibility to maintain the prestige of the government and protect the honour of the citizens. The officers must try to win the affection of the people. They must review the extent of the action taken, the success or failure achieved and analyse it at length.

Over the years, the civil services have adapted and modified to meet the changing needs of the society. Civil services are known to adopt conventional or even unconventional ways to address the emerging issues. But in any circumstance, their commitment for the nation building is supreme and unwavering. The day actually fills all of us with pride for their contribution towards a better society. However, the day is to renew the commitment to serve the nation and fellow citizens. Thus, it is the day to introspect.

Yogesh Joshi

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Need for civil services reforms

The elite Civil service called the IAS has turned into an oligarchy that is out-of-sync with the ground realities. The simmering discontentment among some 20 other downtrodden organised services due to discriminatory treatment, might trigger a grassroots rebellion. This could throw the elites out of office. Giving a 2 year initial edge to Indian Administrative Service officers over those from less-fortunately circumstanced civil services, is arbitrary, irrational and bad in law. This results in recurring damage to the career progression of other bureaucrats.

A K Saxena (A former civil servant)

Indian and Pakistan political scenario quite different

The self-styled political observers should, first of all, know that India and Pakistan political scenario and the society at large are entirely different from each other. To say that the so called international lobby is trying to play politics in the internal affairs of us like what it might have done in Pakistan is simply absurd and the majority of our countrymen simply reject such outlandish theories.

K Srinivasa Rao

How many trains cancelled in lieu of Vande Bharat?

Can the whispers loudly announce how many regular trains in these sectors have been cancelled in-lieu of these 41 pairs of Vande Bharat Express trains introduced? No political move behind this question and it is only to assess the railway capability.

A R Rao

Population control, mind control, currency control?

Where are the members of the 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' being taken in this century? The twenty first century born have a better idea, as they are natives to the smartphone, internet & AI culture and foresee the future with aplomb unlike the worried earlier born

WRITE TO US

Attention Readers:

Are you aware of any major new initiative undertaken by your colleagues anywhere in India that has helped improve governance? Is there any achievement of yours or colleagues worth highlighting? If yes, kindly mail in your response along with a brief about the work and a good quality picture to

whisperseditor@gmail.com

Only a few departments performing well

Only a few departments deliver timely results. Income tax department is a silent good performer. It is unfairly on target of people, who want things to go their own way and most of its good work is not publicised due to its media shy nature and legal requirements. So fast in response and robust system which is better than many first world countries, I have been to.

Prithvi Raj

Corruption reduced after faceless IT

After introducing faceless in Income-tax, the PM has greatly reduced corruption. However, the investigation and central charges have become isolated centres of huge corruption in the department and all officers scramble to get these few posts.

Bharatm

Massive corruption

I agree that there is rampant corruption in investigations and central charges of Income Tax. Further in TDS also there is massive corruption for issuing low TDS certificates and dropping prosecutions.

Raghavan

CBDT doesn't know or care?

As a tax practitioner I agree with this post that corruption is rampant in investigation and central charges in the IT department from my personal experiences at Mumbai and Ahmedabad. It seems CBDT doesn't know or care.

AM Shah

Seizing 65 cr of Congress

It appears that BJP top brass is upset with CBDT for seizing 65 Cr from Congress and gifting a victim card when appeal is pending before tribunal. This may result in complete overhaul of CBDT after elections.

Amit

gen. In their view Covid in all its variants is experiment for population control as it has already reached 8 billion. Those in the 80 to 100 plus years age group add to the planners worry as there is not enough food or shelter or health facility for all of them after 2050. Besides, AI is going to replace more than 90% of workers and jobs. Employment etc are going to become a thing of the past. Moreover, the human mind can't match the speed of AI in finishing a job with almost 100% accuracy.

M L Gupta

Sandeshkhali incident

BJP is preparing to make the Sandeshkhali incident in West Bengal the biggest issue in the Lok Sabha elections. The party has prepared a strategy to not only keep this issue

alive till the elections but also to launch a powerful statewide movement. It is being said that under this, PM Narendra Modi may frequently visit Bengal. As a counter strategy, Trinamool Congress has also decided to launch the party's election campaign through a brigade rally. It remains to be seen amidst all this politics, whether justice will be done and the perpetrators brought to book.

Ankita Kumari

Himachal Pradesh crisis

The threat of collapse faced by the Sukhu government in HP has been averted at least for the time being with the disqualification of 6 MLAs but the problems of the CM are far from over. The disgruntled MLAs will lead to destabilization of the Govt and ultimately Congress will weaken as in Rajasthan, MP and Chhattisgarh.

Aditya Malviya

Setting up sports complexes in Delhi laudable

It is laudable that DDA has set up many Sports Complexes in Delhi and is reported to be adding on to them and improving upon the facilities therein. But no recreation facilities are being thought of for very senior citizens, like those over 70-75 years old and for the physically challenged. What about some facilities in these complexes for, say, bridge and carom?

Surinder Pal

Senior citizens not allowed visiting DDA's sports complex

Setting up sports complexes in Delhi is laudable. I am a 70-year-old man and I gave up the membership of DDA's Sports Complex in GTB Enclave in East Delhi. During extreme winter or extreme summer, senior citizens are advised not to visit the complex, similarly during rainy season, it is not possible for them to visit the complex. Thus, for most of the time, they are asked not to visit the complex.

Pradeep

Accreditation of colleges/universities a big scam

The accreditation of colleges and universities is a big scam which is happening in broad daylight. The institutions which are not even in existence are given the tag of "Institutes of eminence" and there is no opposition to such working of the national rating agency. There is little transparency in the working of the national rating agency and it is time that the organisation is held to task. Will anyone hear or respond?

Pramod Kumar

(The views expressed in the forum are exclusively of readers and the Whispers In The Corridors does not necessarily agree to it.)

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APPOINTMENTS



Dr S S Sandhu
Election Commissioner

Dr Sukhbir Singh Sandhu has been appointed as Election Commissioner in the Election Commission of India. He is 1988 batch IAS officer of Uttarakhand cadre. Throughout his illustrious career, Dr Sandhu held various pivotal positions across different government sectors. He has played instrumental roles in the administration of both the central government and the state governments of Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, and Punjab. Dr. Sandhu served as the Chairperson of the National Highways Authority of India and he earned recognition for his contributions as the Chief Secretary of Uttarakhand in 2021. Additionally, while serving as the Additional Secretary in the Department of Higher Education, Government of India, Dr Sandhu played a pivotal role in overseeing Technical Education. His career is marked by diverse roles spanning infrastructure development, finance, urban development, and more.



Gyanesh Kumar
Election Commissioner

Gyanesh Kumar has been appointed as Election Commissioner in the Election Commission of India. Kumar belongs to 1988 batch IAS officer of Kerala cadre. He superannuated as Cooperation Secretary on January 31, this year. Kumar was the Parliamentary Affairs Secretary at the Centre earlier and also served as the Additional Secretary in the Ministry of Home Affairs during the abrogation of Article 370 in 2019. He was looking after J&K and Ayodhya cells in MHA. Amit Shah was his boss in MHA and Cooperation ministry. During his tenure, the Cooperation Ministry saw enactment of the Multi-State Cooperative Societies (MSCS) (Amendment) Act, 2023, and formation of three new national cooperative bodies - Bharatiya Beej Sahakari Samiti Limited (BBSSL), National Cooperative Organics Limited (NCOL), and National Cooperative Export Limited (NCEL). He played a crucial role in the timely launch of the CRCS-Sahara refund portal for submission of claims by genuine depositors of four Multi-State Cooperative Societies of Sahara Group.



Navneet Sehgal
Chairman, Prasar Bharati Board

Former 1988 batch UP cadre IAS officer Navneet Kumar Sehgal has been appointed Chairman, Prasar Bharati Board for a term of three years. The post had been vacant for the last four years. Sehgal succeeds A Surya Prakash, whose term ended in February 2020 after he turned 70, the upper age limit for a person holding the post. Sehgal, who retired from service on 31 July, 2023, after a career spanning 35 years, was last posted as Additional Chief Secretary (sports) in the UP government. Earlier, he has successfully held the departments like information and public relations, MSME and export promotion, handlooms and textiles and khadi and village industries.



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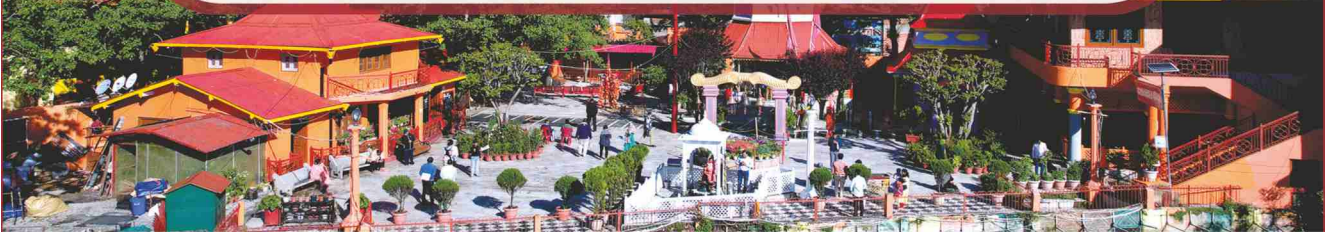
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APPOINTMENTS



Justice A M Khanwilkar

Chairperson, Lokpal

Former Judge of the Supreme Court of India Justice Ajay Manikrao Khanwilkar has been appointed as Chairperson of Lokpal. The President of India administered the oath of office of Chairperson, Lokpal to Justice Khanwilkar at a ceremony. He was enrolled as an Advocate on 10th February, 1982. He was appointed as Additional Judge of the Bombay High Court on 29th March, 2000 and confirmed as permanent Judge on 8th April, 2002. He was appointed as Chief Justice of the High Court of Himachal Pradesh on 4th April, 2013. Thereafter, he was appointed as Chief Justice of Madhya Pradesh High Court on 24th November, 2013. Finally, he was elevated as Judge of Supreme Court of India and assumed charge on May 13, 2016.



Brajesh Mehrotra

Chief Secretary, Bihar

Brajesh Mehrotra has been appointed as new Chief Secretary of Bihar. He is a 1989 batch IAS officer of Bihar cadre. He has assumed the new charge. Before joining here, he was additional Chief Secretary of Revenue and Land Reforms with the additional charge of General Administration and Parliamentary Affairs, besides being the state's Chief Information Commissioner. Brajesh Mehrotra, a seasoned bureaucrat brings a wealth of experience to his new role. Mehrotra's illustrious career is marked by dedication and competence.



TVSN Prasad

Chief Secretary, Haryana

TVSN Prasad, who was state Home Secretary has been appointed as new Chief Secretary of Haryana. He will continue to look after two other key departments - Revenue and Home. A 1988-batch IAS officer, Prasad has been looking after the state Home department since August 2022. In September 2023, the government had given him the responsibility of Additional Chief Secretary (Revenue) too. As the Chief Secretary, Prasad will look after important departments which include General Administration, Human Resources, Personnel and Training, Parliamentary Affairs and Vigilance. Prasad's retirement is due on October 31 this year.



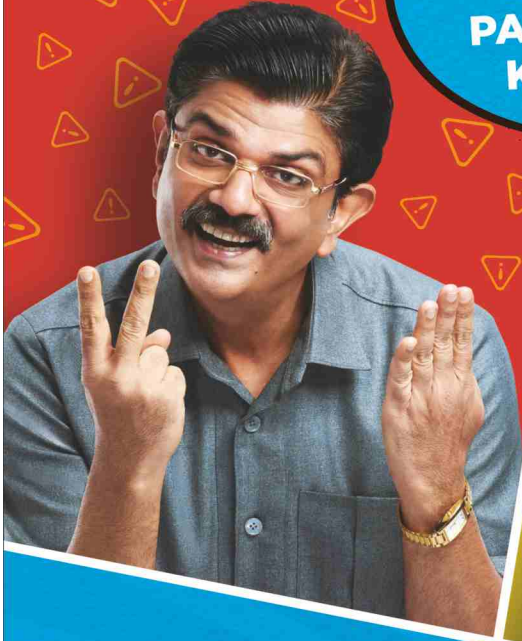
Daljit Singh Chaudhary

Director General, NSG

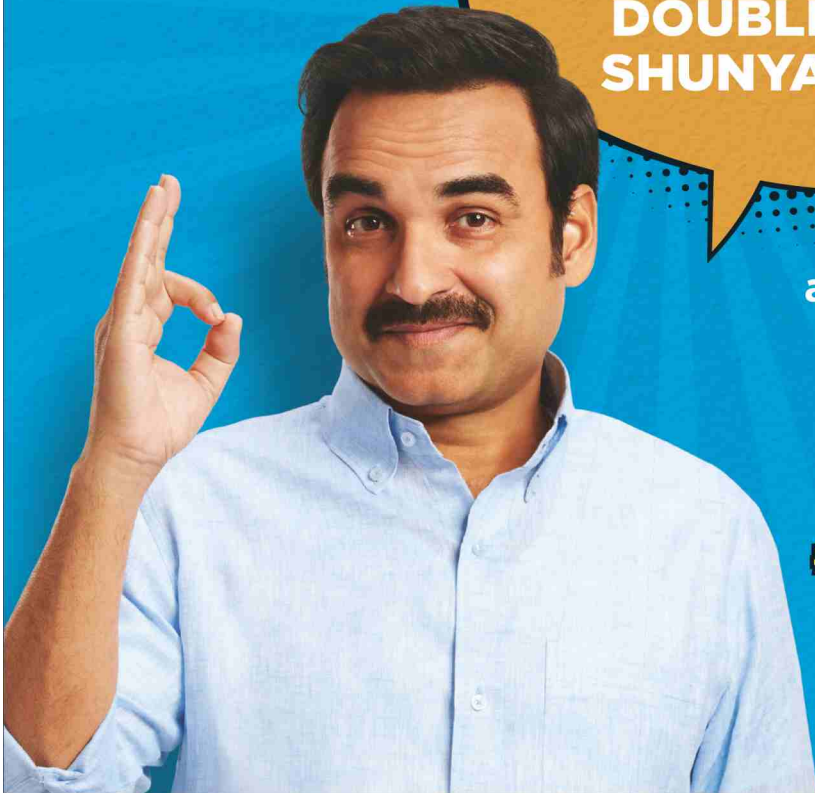
Senior IPS officer of 1990 batch, Daljit Singh Chaudhary has been appointed as new Director General of the elite National Security Guards (NSG). Also known as black cats, NSG is India's federal counter deployment force against terrorism. The force is trained to deal with specific situations and used only in exceptional circumstances as deemed by the government.

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Sadanand Vasant Date

Director General, NIA

The Centre has appointed Maharashtra Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) chief Sadanand Vasant Date as the Director General (DG) of the National Investigation Agency (NIA). Appointment of Date, a 1990-batch IPS officer of Maharashtra cadre has been made from the date of joining the post, for a tenure up to his superannuation on December 31, 2026, or until further orders, whichever is earlier. Date was among the first few officers who reached one of the places on the night of November 26, 2008, when Mumbai was under attack by 10 terrorists, and engaged in a counter-operation and got injured during the exchange of fire. His bravery and presence of mind in the extreme conditions led to the rescue of many citizens who were held hostage by Abu Ismail and Ajmal Kasab, the only terrorist that Mumbai Police arrested alive. The senior police officer was later awarded the President's police medal for gallantry. Date also worked as a DIG in the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and IG (Ops) in the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF). He also held the post of commissioner of police of Mira-Bhayandar and Vasai-Virar city near Mumbai.



Rajiv Kumar Sharma

Director General, BPR&D

Senior IPS officer Rajiv Kumar Sharma has succeeded Balaji Srivastava as DG, Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D) in level 16 of the pay matrix. His appointment is from the date of joining for a tenure of up to his superannuation on June 30, 2026. He is 1990 batch IPS officer of Rajasthan cadre. Previously, Sharma worked as DG, ACB in Rajasthan. He also held the post of Director, Rajasthan Police Academy in Jaipur and DG, Law and Order in the state.



Piyush Anand

Director General, NDRF

Piyush Anand has succeeded Atul Karwal as DG, NDRF on April 1. He is a 1991 batch IPS officer of UP cadre. Previously, he was appointed as Additional Director General (ADG) in the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) for a period of four years. According to an order issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs, the competent authority has approved the appointment of Piyush Anand to the post for a period of four years on deputation basis from the date of assumption of the charge of the post or until further orders, whichever is earlier. Presently, he is posted in the cadre as ADG (Administration), DGP headquarters.

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Development on March 26, 2024

In Punjab all political parties going alone in polls

(WE SAID THIS ON FEB 17, 2022)

Punjab witnessing a multi-cornered contest first time?

The Punjab battleground is turning out to be a tough call to make with the traditional bipolar contest witnessing a multi-cornered fight this time with four major contenders – the Congress, the Aam Aadmi Party, Shiromani Akali Dal and the newly formed Punjab Lok Congress - slugging it out. Who will Punjab pick this time ?

Development on March 25, 2024

BJP denies Lok Sabha ticket to 36 sitting MPs

(WE SAID THIS ON FEB 29, 2024)

BJP likely to deny LS ticket to 35 MPs ?

If sources are to be believed, BJP this time can deny Lok Sabha ticket to 35 sitting MPs . One can guess the names.

Development on March 24, 2024

Film actress Kangna Ranaut gets BJP ticket on March 24



(WE SAID THIS ON JUNE 3, 2021)

Another Smriti Irani in offing ?

Will Film actress Kangna join BJP and contest Lok Sabha election from Mandi constituency in Himachal Pradesh ? In BJP circles, people do not rule out the possibility and say there is going to be another fire brand Smriti Irani in the Lok Sabha. Election in Mandi is going to be held soon.

(WE SAID THIS ON MARCH 9, 2024)

Will Kangna Ranaut be another Smriti Irani in BJP?

Political observers believe in case film actress Kangna Ranaut enters the Parliament on BJP's ticket, she will be another firebrand leader in the party. She is likely to get ticket from Himachal Pradesh.

Development on March 22, 2024

OUR ASTROLOGICAL PREDICTIONS

(WE SAID THIS ON JAN 17, 2023)

What astrology says?

Astrologers say that from January Saturn transit in Aquarius may lead to upheaval in the politics. Now rulers will become brutal throughout the country.

(WE SAID THIS ON SEPTEMBER 4, 2023)

'Rajyog' of one top leader is over?

Astrological prediction says that 'Rajyog' because of *Rahu* planet for 20 years of a top politician is over.

Development on March 21, 2024

Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal arrested on March 21



(WE SAID THIS ON OCTOBER 31, 2023)

Will Kejriwal go to jail?

Political watchers say that after November 17 Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal will also go the Manish Sisodia and Sanjay Singh's way and go to the jail. One can wait and watch.

(WE SAID THIS ON MARCH 18, 2023)

Will it now be Kejriwal's turn?

Personal attacks on PM Narendra Modi always hurt him. By calling Modi illiterate Delhi CM, political observers believe, has invited the wrath of the PM and now after Sisodia and Jain may be his turn.

(WE SAID THIS ON OCTOBER 07, 2023)

Will Kejriwal go the Sanjay Singh's way?

Political observers believe that sooner or later Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal will go the Sanjay Singh's way. One can wait and watch.

(WE SAID THIS ON MARCH 07, 2024)

This week is crucial for Kejriwal ?

It is said that this week is going to be difficult for the Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal. One can wait and watch.

(WE SAID THIS ON MARCH 16, 2024)

Is Saturday crucial for Delhi CM?

Political watchers feel that Saturday that too before 3 pm is going to be crucial for Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal.

(WE SAID THIS ON FEB 21, 2024)

ED and Kejriwal?

Enough is enough - is reportedly thinking in the ED. Now political observers do not rule out the possibility of Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal going behind the bars within two weeks.

Development on March 20, 2024



Gagrani appointed Commissioner BMC on March 20

(WE SAID THIS ON FEBRUARY 28)

Will Gagrani replace Chahal in BMC?

Bhushan Gagrani is likely to replace I S Chahal as Commissioner Bombay Municipal Corporation. He is a 1989 batch IAS officer of Maharashtra cadre.

Development on March 19, 2024

To enter in poll arena, outgoing Indian Ambassador to US, Sandhu joins BJP on March 19

(WE SAID THIS ON FEB 1, 2024)

Two prominent IFS officers to enter poll arena?

Two prominent Indian Foreign Service officers are likely to contest Lok Sabha polls on BJP ticket. While India's former foreign secretary and G20's chief coordinator, Harsh Vardhan Shringla may be the BJP candidate from Darjeeling, outgoing Indian Ambassador to US Taranjit Singh Sandhu may be fielded from the Sikh pre-dominant Amritsar Constituency.

Development on March 18, 2024

Anil Gupta recommended for Member Planning AAI on March 18

(WE SAID THIS ON March 5, 2024)

Will Anil Gupta be Member Planning AAI?

Name of Anil Gupta ED Land Management has started doing the round for the post of next member Planning, Airport Authority of India. One can wait and watch.

Development on March 17, 2024

Major changes in Prant Pracharaks in RSS on March 17

(WE SAID THIS ON FEB 6, 2024)

RSS Pratinidhi Sabha to decide about Prant Pracharaks

The meeting of the Pratinidhi Sabha of the RSS is scheduled to be held in Nagpur in March. Major decisions about changes in Prant Pracharaks will be taken in the meeting.

Kriti Singh Deb Burman, elder sister of TIPRA Motha founder Pradyot Kishore Deb Burman is chosen Lok Sabha Candidate from Tripura on March 17

(WE SAID THIS ON MARCH 15, 2024)

Pradyut Deb Burman's sister to be Lok Sabha candidate from Tripura?

Erstwhile Mahraja Pradyut Deb Burman's sister is likely to be roped in as Lok Sabha candidate from Tripura, representing Tripura Motha party.

Development on March 15, 2024**K Kavitha arrested by ED on March 15****(WE SAID THIS ON MARCH 10, 2023)****Will Kavitha go the Sisodia's way ?**

Political watcher feel that KCR's daughter K Kavitha who is being interrogated by the ED may also go Manish Sisodia's way. One can wait and watch.

(WE SAID THIS ON JULY 6, 2022)**Now it's turn of KCR and family?**

The way PM Narendra Modi was given treatment in Telangana by CM KCR, political analyst do not rule out the possibility of central agencies action against CM KCR and his family members and close associates in coming months.

(WE SAID THIS ON APRIL 11, 2023)**PM's annoyance may cost dearly to KCR ?**

The way Telangana CM KCR ignored PM Narendra Modi during his state visit may cost him dearly. ED is again expected to call K Kavitha, minister and daughter of KCR, CM, Telangana in PMLA soon.

Development on March 13, 2024**B Sairam appointed CMD, NCL on March 13****(WE SAID THIS ON NOVEMBER 3, 2023)****B Sairam selected as CMD, Northern Coalfields Ltd**

B Sairam, Director (Technical/P&P), CCL, has been selected for the post of Chairman and Managing Director, Northern Coalfields Ltd at a Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) meeting held on November 3, 2023.

Development on March 12, 2024**Foreign Secretary Vinay Mohan Kwatra gets six months extension on March 12****(WE SAID THIS ON JANUARY, 29, 2024)****KEY POSITIONS (16) FOREIGN SECRETARY**

Vinay Mohan Kwatra is an Indian diplomat of IFS cadre serving as the 34th and the current Foreign Secretary of India since May 2022. In all probability, Kwatra is going to get an extension in May when he retires. Kwatra is considered very close to the PM. He was Joint Secretary, PMO and before that his interpreter.

Haryana CM ML Khattar resigns on March 12**(WE SAID THIS ON JANUARY, 11, 2023)****Will Khattar be changed?**

Speculations are rife that Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar is being moved to Delhi. One can only wait and watch.

Development on March 11, 2024**Nitish, Mamta and Mayawati did not join I.N.D.I.A.****(WE SAID THIS ON FEBRUARY 3, 2023)****Nitish, Mamta and Mayawati to play safe?**

Political observers believe that at least three leaders Nitish Kumar, Mamta Banerjee and Mayawati will remain neutral till a decisive scenario emerges in Indian politics. All the three are unlikely to join Rahul Gandhi front or KCR front.

Development on March 10, 2024**I.N.D.I.A buried in West Bengal - Mamta goes solo on March 10**

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Development on March 9, 2024

Arun Goel resigns as Member, Election Commission on March 9

(WE SAID THIS ON NOV 9, 2023)

Is all well in Election Commission?

In informal chats, bureaucrats are smilingly asking “is everything well in the Election Commission”?

Development on March 8, 2024

Congress releases first list of candidates on March 8

(WE SAID THIS ON MARCH 5, 2024)

Congress likely to release its first list this week

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Development on March 7, 2024

Raj Kumar Chaudhary selected as CMD, NHPC Limited on March 7

(WE SAID THIS ON JAN 4, 2023)

Raj Kumar Chaudhary in race for CMD, NHPC Ltd

Raj Kumar Chaudhary, ED, NHPC Limited, is in the race for the post of Chairman-cum-Managing Director, NHPC Limited.

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Central Government Employees; Cabinet Approves 4% DA Hike on March 7

(WE SAID THIS ON FEB 27, 2024)

Central government employees set for 4% DA boost

The Centre is poised to roll out a four per cent hike in dearness allowance (DA) for central government employees in March 2024. The computation of DA for employees and dearness relief (DR) for pensioners is made on the basis of the latest Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers (CPI-IW) brought out by the Labour Bureau every month. The DA hike will be in accordance with the accepted formula, based on the recommendations of the Seventh Central Pay Commission. In October last year, the Cabinet had increased the DA for government employees and DR for pensioners by four per cent. With that four per cent hike, the DA was increased from 42 per cent to 46 per cent.

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EC issues advisory to Rahul Gandhi on March 7

(WE SAID THIS ON NOV 25, 2023)

EC to issue advisory to Rahul Gandhi?

The Election Commission of India is likely to issue an advisory to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi for his word '*Panauti*' in public rallies. Any harsh action is unlikely.

Development on March 4, 2024

Secretary level changes in GoI on March 4

(WE SAID THIS ON MARCH 1)

Secretary level changes in GoI soon

Secretary level Changes are expected to take place in the Government of India in a week or two. Some new appointments are likely to be made.

Development on March 3, 2024

Bansuri Swaraj gets BJP ticket on March 3

(WE SAID THIS ON MARCH 1, 2024)

Will Bansuri Swaraj be BJP candidate from Delhi?

Bansuri Swaraj, daughter of late BJP leader Sushma Swaraj, is expected to get BJP ticket from a Delhi constituency. She has been quite active in politics these days.



Development on February 29, 2024



**Vijay Katariya promoted on Feb 29
(WE SAID THIS ON FEB 27, 2024)**

Vijay Katariya promoted to DGP grade in MP
Vijay Katariya has been promoted to the grade of Director General of Police (DGP) in Madhya Pradesh. He is a 1990 batch IPS officer of MP cadre.

Development on February 28, 2024

Chocklingam appointed CEO Maharashtra on Feb 28

(WE SAID THIS ON FEB 6, 2024)

Who will be new CEO Maharashtra?

Who will be Chief Election Officer (CEO) in Maharashtra? A panel of Chocklingam, Manisha Verma, and Santosh Kumar has reached the EC.

Development on February 27, 2024

Justice AM Khanwilkar appointed Lokpal on Feb 27



(WE SAID THIS ON NOV 4, 2022)

Will Justice Khanwilkar be new Lokpal?

Grapevine has it that former Judge of the Supreme Court Justice A M Khanwilkar is being appointed new Lokpal. He authored over 187 judgments and disposed of nearly 8,446 cases in the Supreme Court.

(WE SAID THIS ON FEB 9)

Name of Justice Khanwilkar cleared for new Lokpal?

It is said that the high power committee has cleared the name of ex- SC Judge, Justice AM Khanwilkar for the post of Lokpal. The meeting was held on Wednesday evening. PM Modi chaired the meeting.

(WE SAID THIS ON FEB 24, 2024)

Appointment of new Lokpal, Up Lokpal next week

Appointment orders of Justice A M Khanwilkar as Lokpal and Justice Sanjay Yadav as Up-Lokpal are likely to be issued next week.

There is beeline of Congress leaders to join BJP in Madhya Pradesh

(WE SAID THIS ON DEC 18, 2023)

Whom God wishes to destroy?

Political observers believe that the new team of Rahul Gandhi in Madhya Pradesh is going to be a disaster for the Congress. With the cross following in the state Kamal Nath and Digvijay Singh the new ambitious young leaders will now be unable to counter the mighty BJP and there is going to be a queue of Congress leaders for joining the BJP. Incidentally, the newly appointed PCC Chief Jitu Patwari lost in Vidhan Sabha election with a margin of 35 thousand votes. Right saying "Whom god wishes to destroy, he makes him mad". There is jubilation in the BJP camp over new appointments in the Congress.

Maharashtra DGP gets two years tenure on Feb 27

(WE SAID THIS ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2023)

Will Rashmi Shukla return to Maharashtra?

Insiders say that after the retirement of Rajnish Seth DG, SSB, Rashmi Shukla may return to Maharashtra as DGP. If 1988 batch IPS officer Rashmi Shukla returns to Maharashtra as DGP, she may get a stipulated two-year term.

SCIONS OF TODAY, CORPORATE MOGULS OF TOMORROW

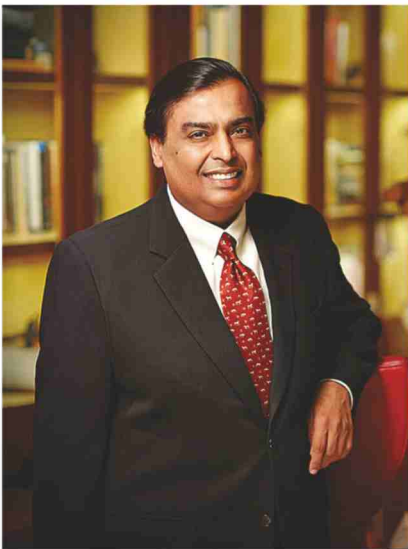
By Whispers In The Corridors Team

The famous Indian tycoons who once and still rule the roost have passed on their baton to the younger generation. Their timeless lessons, foresightedness, legacy, and a lot more are unmatched but the zeal and capability to adapt to new trends and concepts of the younger generation too are quite impressive.

Undoubtedly, the younger generation is a wonderful combination of alluring fusion of wealth, ambition, and responsibility.

In fact, they are adamant about carving out their own path while upholding their legacy and reputation as they navigate the challenging corporate environment.

Let's check out a bit more about these business scions with Whispers In The Corridors...



Mukesh Ambani - Reliance Industries Ltd
Net Worth: \$92 Bn



Isha Ambani Piramal

Isha Ambani Piramal plays a big role in her father's massive empire. This dynamic young lady has been contributing brilliantly to the Reliance group. Very recently, India's Apex Bank- Reserve Bank Of India approved her appointment as a director of Jio Financial. And a couple of weeks ago, her endeavour Reliance Retail took the world by storm as she redefined what luxury means and is the first choice of those who love to flaunt their luxury. In 2016, she also launched the company's online fashion portal, Ajio.com.



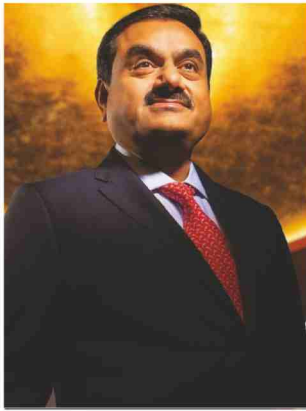
Akash Ambani

Chairman of Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited and Board Director Reliance Retail Ventures has been spearheading the creation of products and services that leverage technologies like 5G, Artificial Intelligence, Blockchain and the Internet of Things to bring about a generational shift in Commerce, Education and Healthcare delivery in India. Earlier, he was actively involved in building Jio's pan-India digital network that facilitated a data revolution in India.



Anant Ambani

Youngest of three Ambani siblings, Anant heads the energy businesses of Reliance Industries as well as its global operations in renewable and green energy. Apart from this he also serves as a director on the boards of Jio Platforms and Reliance Retail Ventures and is also the governing council of Jio Institute.



Gautam Adani - Adani Enterprises
Net Worth: \$68 Bn



Karan Adani

CEO of Adani Ports & SEZ Limited, Karan is also the director of Adani Airport Holdings Limited which includes Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport, Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport, Jaipur International Airport, Chaudhary Charan Singh International Airport, Mangalore International Airport, and Trivandrum International Airport. He is also the chairman of ACC Limited Board.



Jeet Adani

Jeet joined the Group CFO's office in 2019 and looked after the Strategic Finance, Capital Markets and Risk & Governance Policy. He also took over as the Director of Adani Airport Holdings in June 2020 and has been the Vice President of Group Finance and Director of Adani Digital Labs.

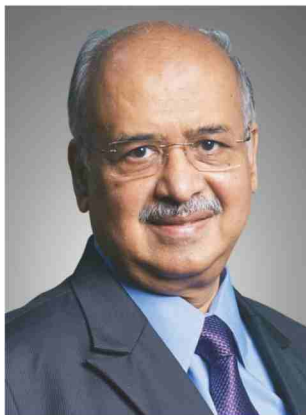


Shiv Nadar – HCL Enterprise
Net Worth- \$29.9 Bn



Roshni Nadar Malhotra

The only child of Shiv Nadar, Roshni is the Chairperson of HCLTech, a leading global technology organization, and the Chairperson of its CSR Board Committee. She is also the trustee of the Shiv Nadar Foundation which has contributed to nation-building institutions and driving transformational leadership. Roshni is also the Chairperson and driving force behind VidyaGyan, a leadership academy for the economically underprivileged, meritorious, rural students of Uttar Pradesh, and has been working towards nurturing future leaders from rural India who can be catalysts of change for their communities, villages and the nation at large.



Dilip Shanghvi- Sun Pharmaceuticals Industries Ltd
Net Worth- \$19.8 Bn



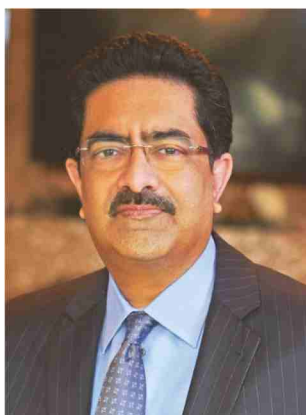
Aalok Shanghvi

Now working in the capacity of Executive Director, Aalok Shanghvi has handled various roles in Marketing, R&D, Project Management, Purchase, and communications. He has headed Bangladesh and also took over the Emerging Markets business, which is spread across 80 countries covering Africa, the Middle East, APAC, Eastern Europe, CIS, and Latam. Subsequently, he also took charge of Global Generic R&D, Global Generic Business Development, and API.



Vidhi Salgaocar

She became the first choice to lead Sun Pharma Consumer Healthcare products when Sun Pharma expanded its product portfolio and entered the anti-fungal powder OTC category with Abzorb.



Kumarmangalam Birla - Aditya Birla Group
Net Worth: \$17.5 Bn



Ananyashree Birla

Popularly known as Ananya, she founded Svantra Microfin Private Limited at the age of 17. The firm gives small loans on the lowest interest rate to women entrepreneurs based in rural India. Svantra won the Gold Award for Best Start-Up in 2014. In 2016, she became the founder and CEO of Ikai Asai an inventory-based global luxury e-Commerce platform. Adding more feathers to her cap, in 2022, she made her acting debut and released famous music numbers before assuming her role in her father's massive empire.



Aryaman Birla

The famous Indian cricketer was recently appointed as one of the directors of Aditya Birla Fashion and Retail (ABFRL). ABFRL portfolio includes brands like Louis Philipp, Van Heusen, Allen Solly, and even Peter England. Its International Brands portfolio includes The Collective and select mono-brands such as Simon Carter, Hackett London, Ted Baker, Ralph Lauren, American Eagle, and Fred Perry.



Adi Godrej- Godrej Group
Net worth-\$16.7 Bn



Pirojsha Godrej

The Executive Chairperson of Godrej Properties, Godrej Housing Finance, and Godrej Fund Management and a Non-Executive Director at Godrej Consumer Products and Godrej Agrovet, Pirojsha has led the company through a phase of rapid growth. In 2016, Godrej Properties for the first time became India's #1 publicly listed real estate developer by residential sales, a position it has retained since then. Under Pirojsha's leadership, Godrej Properties has been at the forefront of the sustainable development movement. Godrej Properties in 2016 was ranked #2 in Asia and #5 in the World in terms of its sustainability performance in the Global Real Estate Sustainability Benchmark Report. The Indian Green Building Council (IGBC) has awarded Pirojsha the IGBC Green Champion Award 2016 for his contribution to the sustainability of India's built environment. In 2017, Pirojsha was appointed the Executive Chairperson of Godrej Properties. He also assumed the role of Executive Chairperson of Godrej Fund Management.

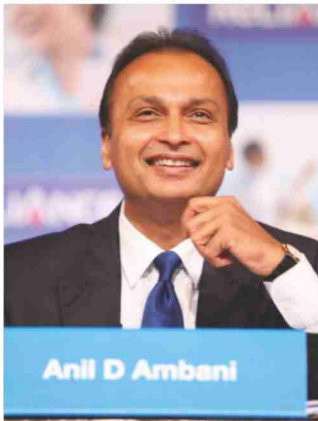


Ajay Piramal – Piramal Group
Net Worth: \$3.9 Bn



Anand Piramal

The Non-Executive Director, Piramal Group, Anand runs the financial services businesses of the group. It is one of India's largest and most diversified NBFCs in the country with strong capabilities in affordable home lending, SME lending, construction finance and digital embedded finance. Anand also oversees Piramal's Alternatives business which counts CDPQ, Bain Capital, CPPIB, IFC and Apollo as its partners. He efficiently runs Piramal Realty, the real estate arm of the group and is the founder of a rural healthcare start-up called 'Piramal eSwasthya'



Anil Ambani - ADA Reliance Group
Net Worth: \$2.5 Bn



Jai Anmol Ambani

Anmol joined Reliance Mutual Fund in 2014 and scaled ranks within the Group. By September 2017 he was ED Reliance Capital. Subsequently, he joined the boards of Reliance Nippon and Reliance Home in April 2018. His induction coincided with a 40% surge in the company's share price, garnering praise from his father, Anil.



Jai Anshul Ambani

Currently working with Reliance Infrastructure as a management trainee, Anshul also has experience with Reliance Mutual Fund and Reliance Capital. He is soon working extensively to become a part of important decision-making processes at the company.

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Celebrating 'Steel Frame of India'

By Harsha Bhatnagar

Every year on April 21st, the Indian government celebrates Civil Services Day. The day is an acknowledgement of the hard work, dedication, and commitment of civil servants and a renewed pledge to dedicate themselves to the cause of citizens and excellence in work. The day is also an opportunity to acknowledge, appreciate the civil servants for maintaining law and order, promoting social justice, and ensuring good governance.

It was during the Colonial era that Warren Hastings laid the foundation of Civil Services but it was Charles Cornwallis who reformed, modernised, and rationalised it and is thus known as "Father of Civil Service in India".

After independence, it was the first Home Minister of Independent India Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's vision to make the values of integrity, impartiality, and merit as its guiding principles and his address to the probationers of Administrative Services Officers in April 1947 at Metcalf House, Delhi. He referred to civil servants as the 'Steel Frame of India'.

Since then, the Services have grown and been modified but the commitment remains the same. Of course, while conversing with many of them one thought came across strongly and that was to celebrate the day on an open platform and not restrict it to the bureaucrats alone. Whispers In The Corridors wishes all Civil Servants and shares their views on Civil Services Day.

Did You Know?

- **Satyendranath Tagore, the elder brother of Rabindranath Tagore, became the first Indian to qualify for the Indian Civil Service through the competitive exams in London in 1863. He was allocated the Bombay Presidency as his cadre.**
- **With the inauguration of the Constitution of India on January 26, 1950, the Federal Public Service Commission came to be known as the Union Public Service Commission.**
- **Anna Rajam Malhotra was the first woman IAS officer of independent India. She was posted in Madras State in 1951.**



It's a day of pride for us. A career in the Civil Service is an extremely enriching and fulfilling experience. My best wishes to all those in service. I wish that they reach their full potential, perform well and deliver their best to the citizens of the country.

- Arvind Singh, IAS:1988
Secretary, Ministry of Tourism, Delhi

In the face of heightened citizen expectations and accelerated communication, Civil Services confront daunting hurdles, necessitating a renewed allegiance to core values alongside the acquisition of new skill sets. Upholding integrity, impartiality, and a dedication to public welfare remains paramount. Meanwhile, adeptness in leveraging technology, fostering transparency, and exhibiting agility are vital for meeting the escalating demands within shorter response windows. Only through this blend of traditional values and contemporary capabilities can civil services effectively navigate the complexities of modern governance, ensuring responsiveness and trust in the eyes of an evolving society.

- Manu Kumar Srivastava, IAS:1986
Chief Commissioner,
Maharashtra State Commission for Right to Service



On Civil Services Day, I am reminded of the profound significance of our role as civil servants in the grand endeavour of nation-building. This day holds immense significance for me as it serves as a moment of reflection on our journey, accomplishments, and the challenges that lie ahead. Over the years, I have seen our services adapt and modify to meet the changing needs and demands of our society, all in the pursuit of serving our nation. From implementing innovative policies to addressing emerging issues, our commitment to nation-building has been unwavering. Today, as I contemplate the significance of this day, I am filled with a sense of pride for the contributions we have made towards the socio-economic progress of our beloved nation, India. As we celebrate Civil Services Day, let us not only rejoice in our past achievements but also renew our commitment to serving our fellow citizens with unwavering dedication and compassion. Together, let us continue to strive towards building a brighter future for generations to come. Happy Civil Services Day!

- M G Rajamanickam, IAS, Kerala
General Secretary, IAS Association, Kerala



IAS officers of 1988 batch roaring in bureaucracy!

By Whispers In The Corridors Team

The 1988 batch retired IAS officers have been re-employed and are holding top portfolios in the bureaucracy nowadays. These officers, who received postings of great importance in recent past, are accustomed to understand the priority areas and have better record of policy implementation. The Government has entrusted them with significant functional responsibilities. The appointment of two Election Commissioners was made from the same batch. Let us dig out, how many officers of this batch were given plum posts.

SS Sandhu

Election Commissioner

SS Sandhu has been chosen as the Election Commissioner by a panel, headed by the Prime Minister. His redeeming quality is to quietly accomplish the responsibilities assigned to him. He is known as very competent bureaucrat who translates vision into reality. Sandhu is the retired IAS officer from Uttarakhand cadre. He has served as the Secretary to the Lokpal. He has also worked in the Ministry of Education (formerly known as the Ministry of Human Resource Development). Sandhu was appointed as Uttarakhand's Chief Secretary, in his home cadre earlier.



Gyanesh Kumar

Election Commissioner

Gyanesh Kumar is known as a stickler for accuracy and time management. As a bureaucrat of 1988 batch, he has transformed the Government's thoughts into actuality by keeping the road-map before the colleagues. He enjoys an image of perfectionist with result-oriented administrator. He keeps track of all the projects and ensures their delivery on or before time. He also cracks the whip on non-performing officials. Gyanesh Kumar, a 1988-batch Kerala cadre IAS officer (retd), superannuated as Cooperation Secretary on January 31, this year. Kumar was the Parliamentary Affairs Secretary at the Centre earlier and also served as the Additional Secretary in the Ministry of Home Affairs during the abrogation of Article 370 in 2019.



Dharmendra Sharma

Senior Deputy Election Commissioner

Dharmendra Sharma is known to send waves through his colleagues by changing conventional norms. He is also talked about following modern processes that reward efficiency and integrity eliminating corruption and lethargy. A no-nonsense man was the officer of 1988 batch, AGMUT cadre. He has served as Director General (DG), India International Institute of Democracy and Election Management (IIIDEM) earlier.



Navneet Sehgal

Chairman, Prasar Bharti Board

The appointment of Navneet Sehgal as Chairman of the Prasar Bharti has further strengthened the power of this batch. He enjoys the confidence of the Government, thanks to his ability to comprehend its vision and demand implementation by the bureaucracy. He was instrumental in formulating many policies and also sensitized various departments about the dynamics of the newly formulated policies. His appointment has been made for a term of three years or until he attains the age of seventy years, whichever is earlier. Sehgal is a 1988 batch officer from the Uttar Pradesh cadre. He played a significant role in UP's global investor summit.



S K Dev Verma

Chairman, Manipur Public Service Commission

S K Dev Verma is known for his comprehensive vision. He has successfully steered some of the important Government defining policies. He held important departments in state and centre. He belongs to 1988 batch, Manipur cadre. His Central deputation tenure as Additional Secretary, Ministry of Minority Affairs, was extended for a period of six months. The Manipur Governor has appointed him as the Chairman of Manipur Civil Services Commission for a period of 6 years.



Praveen Kumar Srivastava

Commissioner, Central Vigilance Commission

Praveen Kumar Srivastava is the Commissioner of this premier anti-corruption watchdog. The tenure of a CVC is of four years or till the incumbent attains the age of 65 years. Srivastava is a 1988 batch retired officer of Assam-Meghalaya cadre. He superannuated as Secretary (Coordination), Cabinet Secretariat on January 31st this year. During his tenure as Special Secretary and Additional Secretary in the Ministry of Home Affairs, he had handled matters relating to cadre management of Indian Police Service, personnel and general administration of central armed police forces and Union Territories. He also assisted the government in negotiations relating to trade in services under the World Trade Organisation (WTO) as Director/Deputy Secretary, Department of Commerce.



Special Story

Why Narendra Modi is invincible in Varanasi!

Decodes Yogesh Joshi after visiting Banaras, where PM is an MP



Varanasi - one of the oldest living cities on the planet - is witnessing how spirituality, development and the politics are merged together. Not only Kashi or Banaras (old names of Varanasi) seeing development on an unprecedented scale, the people of this sacred city are also experiencing, what it is like to have a 'Karmayogi' PM as their MP. The Prime Minister has picked up his Varanasi theme accurately and is connecting two greatest symbols of the city - Baba Vishwanath temple and river Ganga. Truly speaking, no Indian Prime Minister or the Member of Parliament has changed any city as fast as Modi is developing Varanasi. On occasions, he has reinforced his commitment to the constituency, he is representing since 2014. He has not only succeeded in impressing the visitors to this ancient town with the massive developmental activities but also enhanced the pilgrim sense of identity. The holy river Ganga is after all, not just a carrier of flowing water but a cultural stream and an embodiment of the mother figure for the majority. Geographically, the holy city is close to the mid-way point of the land tract comprising the two regions of Uttar Pradesh - Eastern UP and Poorvanchal, that jointly account for almost half of the parliament seats of UP. Modi has asserted cultural nationalism here. This article decodes, why Modi is nearly invincible in Varanasi constituency.

Varanasi epitomizes the best of Modi's developmental model

In the last 10 years, Varanasi has witnessed a holistic infrastructure-wise transformation, better to say, transformative revolution. From world-class infrastructure to express trains, from a cultural convention centre to modern traffic control, from a multimodal terminal to a container depot for perishables, Varanasi has witnessed a transformation. Importantly, the projects are completing in record time. The over 17 kilometre-long airport road developed is called the Gateway of Varanasi.

Strategic Visits and Developmental Bonanza

The visit to Varanasi is not just a spiritual journey for Narendra Modi but a calculated political move. In every visit, Modi has laid down a strong marker for his and the BJP's intent for greater victory in the state. But at the same time, he has never forgotten to showcase his focus on the development. In Varanasi, he has always pushed for enhancing connectivity and infrastructure and thus bringing a sea-change to this ancient city.

Blended politics with spiritual symbolism

Trinity makes Varanasi, a magical city

Varanasi has been continuously inhabited for more than 2000 years. To a majority of the population, it is a holy place for liberation of one's soul. The trinity of Ganga (Ganges), Kashi Vishwanath temple of Lord Shiva and Kashi city has created such magic that almost everyone finds the city interesting to understand the Indian society and mysticism of Hindu religion.

The strategic maneuvers of the Prime Minister with comprehensive approach is what has made the real difference. His vision is indicative of his comprehensive approach towards the upcoming Parliamentary polls. By blending developmental politics with spiritual symbolism, he has reinforced his image as a leader committed to both progress and cultural heritage. Narendra Modi has become a name synonymous with development. His popularity is sure to catapult him to a bigger victory in 2024.

Live Public Engagement earned huge admirers

Modi is undoubtedly hugely admired in Varanasi. The crowd turns up in big number during his visits, which is a reminder of the unprecedented popularity. His personal engagement with the electorate sets

a high bar for his political adversaries. His actions speak volumes about his confidence and the party's strategy to consolidate its presence in Uttar Pradesh and beyond. The attendance in his programs are a testament to his deep connection with the city. He enjoys broad support across different sections of the society.

Kashi Vishwanath Corridor, a dream that has realized

The temple was ensconced in the tiny lanes of Varanasi and access to the same was invariably a problem - especially on occasions when the crowds swelled. The temple lacked direct visibility from the Ganga River. But the 20-25 feet wide corridor now connects Lalita Ghat on the Ganga to the Mandir Chowk in the temple premises. Now it is a place to chant, meditate and peace.

Becoming unique seat of holistic learning

Within last 10 years, Varanasi has transformed into a thriving medical hub of Purvanchal region, and is known as the unique seat of holistic learning with a humanist vision. The hospitals here provide comprehensive treatment to the patients from Uttar Pradesh, and nearby states of Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Bihar.

Top-notch facilities for pilgrims

Top-notch facilities are being created for pilgrims coming from all over India to worship lord Shiva in Kashi Vishwanath, one of the country's most ancient temples. Varanasi is also on the bucket list of virtually every international tourist who comes to India. Varanasi has been provided with 'smart signages' with Quick Response (QR) code. These signages give information to visitors and tourists alike about cultural importance of heritage sites and the 84 iconic ghats of the city, which are known for their antiquity and architectural beauty.



INDIAN ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE

Whispers

Uttarakhand Chief Secretary Mrs Raturi gets extension



Uttarakhand Chief Secretary Mrs Radha S Raturi has been given extension in service for 6 months from April 1 to September 30, 2024. She is a 1988 batch IAS officer of Uttarakhand cadre.

State Govt wanted three months extension but PMO cleared six months? It looks strange but it is a fact that one state Government wanted three months extension in service to the Chief Secretary but instead of three months the PMO gave six months extension. What is the indication?

Tenure of Ms V Radha as AS, NITI Aayog extended

The central deputation tenure of Ms V Radha working as Additional Secretary, NITI Aayog has been extended upto April 30, 2024. She is a 1994 batch IAS officer of Maharashtra cadre.

MP Chief Secretary Veera Rana gets extension



Services of Madhya Pradesh Chief Secretary Mrs Veera Rana have been extended for a period of six months from April 1 to September 30, 2024. She is a 1988 batch IAS officer of MP cadre.

Mystery shrouds in shifting of Manoj Joshi?

Secretary in the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs Manoj Joshi was shifted to the Department of Land Resources. This shifting of 1989 batch Kerala cadre IAS officer is widely debated in the bureaucratic circles.

Mital appointed DG, Mission for Clean Ganga

Rajeev Kumar Mital has been appointed as Director General, National Mission for Clean Ganga, Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation, Ministry of Jal Shakti in the rank and pay of Additional Secretary. He is a 1998 batch IAS officer of Maharashtra cadre.

Will Dr Hansmukh Adhia join PMO?



Power galleries are abuzz that Dr Hansmukh Adhia, whose term as non-executive Chairman of the BoB has ended on Feb 29 will join the PMO in the third term of PM Modi (in all probabilities). He is a former 1981 batch Gujarat cadre IAS officer and retired as the Finance Secretary.

Nidhi Chhibber appointed Advisor, NITI Aayog

Ms Nidhi Chhibber has been appointed as Advisor, NITI Aayog in the rank and pay of Additional Secretary by temporarily upgrading the post and extending the central deputation tenure of the officer for a period of one year beyond March 24, 2024. She is a 1994 batch IAS officer of Chhattisgarh cadre.

Manoj Joshi is new Secretary, Land Resources



Manoj Joshi has been appointed as Secretary, Land Resources. He is a 1989 batch IAS officer of Kerala cadre.

Bharti appointed Addl Secretary, Women and Child Development

Gyanesh Bharti has been appointed as Additional Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development by temporarily upgrading vacant post of Joint Secretary in the Ministry. Gyanesh is a 1998 batch IAS officer of AGMUT cadre.

A P Das Joshi appointed Additional Secretary, DoPT

A P Das Joshi has been appointed as Additional Secretary, Department of Personnel & Training, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions. He is a 1994 batch IAS officer of Assam Meghalaya cadre.

Three rising stars in MP bureaucracy!



In Madhya Pradesh, the bureaucrats now talk about the three rising stars in the IAS cadre. They are: Manoj Govil of 1991 batch, Pankaj Agrawal of 1992 batch and Vivek Agrawal of the 1994 batch.



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MEETING SOCIETY'S NEEDS GLOBALLY

Sushil Chandra appointed Member, Lokpal



Former Chief Election Commissioner Sushil Chandra has been appointed as Member of Lokpal. Earlier he also held the post of Chairman, CBDT.

Pankaj Kumar appointed Member, Lokpal

Former IAS officer Pankaj Kumar has been appointed as Member of Lokpal. He has assumed the office.

Ex-CS Lalmalsawma is new Chairperson, Mizoram Lokayukta
Lalmalsawma, former Chief Secretary of Mizoram, has been appointed as Chairperson, Mizoram Lokayukta. He is a 1983 batch retired IAS officer of AGMUT cadre.

Chandraker Bharti posted to J&K
Chandraker Bharti has been posted to the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir consequent upon his repatriation from the Central deputation.

Raj Pratap Singh appointed as State Election Commissioner, UP
Raj Pratap Singh has been appointed as State Election Commissioner in Uttar Pradesh. He is a retired IAS officer.

Ajay Tirkey appointed Member, Lokpal



Former Secretary in GoI Ajay Tirkey has been appointed as Member of Lokpal. He is former 1987 batch IAS officer of Madhya Pradesh cadre.

Additional charge of Jayanthi S extended

The Government has extended the additional charge of Mrs Jayanthi S on the post of Director, HR, ITI for a further period of six months wef February 26, 2024. She is presently Director, Production in ITI.

Rupesh Kumar Thakur is also CVO, ESIC

Rupesh Kumar Thakur, Joint Secretary & CVO, Ministry of Labour & Employment, has been entrusted with an additional charge of CVO, Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) for a period of three months. He is a 2006 batch IAS officer of AGMUT cadre.

Former CS is new Chairman, Bihar Electricity Regulatory Commission



Bihar's former Chief Secretary Amir Subhani will take over as chairman of the Bihar Electricity Regulatory Commission. Subhani, who is to attain the age of superannuation in a month, would be heading the commission "for five years from the date of assuming the charge, or till the age of 65 years, whichever is earlier".

Tamboli Ayyaj Fakirbhai appointed Director, Cabinet Secretariat

Tamboli Ayyaj Fakirbhai has been appointed as Director in the Cabinet Secretariat. He is a 2009 batch IAS officer of Chhattisgarh cadre.

Pawan Kumar appointed as Director, Rural Development

Pawan Kumar has been appointed as Director in the Department of Rural Development. He is a 2008 batch IAS officer of UP cadre.

Sharma gets charge of ACS, Home & Vigilance in HP

Onkar Chand Sharma has been assigned additional charges of Home & Vigilance in Himachal Pradesh, Shimla. He is a 1994 batch IAS officer of HP cadre.

S K Dev Verma is Chairman, Manipur Public Service Commission



S K Dev Verma has been appointed as Chairman of the Manipur Public Service Commission for a period of six years. He is a 1988 batch retired IAS officer of Manipur cadre.

Special Secretary to LG Delhi, Dr Sonali Swaroop shifted

Dr Sonali Swaroop has been shifted from the post of Special Secretary to LG, Delhi to Arunachal Pradesh. Dr Sonali is a 2012 batch IAS officer of AGMUT cadre.

Pradeep Singh Kharola is also Chairman, SSC

Pradeep Singh Kharola, CMD, Indian Trade Promotion Organization, has been assigned an additional charge of Chairman, Staff Selection Commission (SSC) with effect from May 1, 2024 till the appointment of regular incumbent. He is a 1985 batch retired IAS officer of Karnataka cadre.

Mrs Kakaria Usha is new Principal Secretary, Housing in TN

In Tamilnadu, Mrs Kakaria Usha has been appointed as Principal Secretary, Housing & Urban Development. She is an IAS officer of TN cadre.

Tenure of Awanish Awasthi as Advisor to CM in UP extended



The tenure of Awanish Awasthi as Advisor to Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh has been extended upto February 28, 2025. He is a retired IAS officer.



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Rahul Singh appointed as Chairperson, CBSE



Rahul Singh has been appointed as Chairperson, Central Board of Secondary Education in the rank and pay of Additional Secretary by temporarily upgrading the post. He is a 1996 batch IAS officer of Bihar cadre.

Anurag Jain gets additional charge of Housing

Anurag Jain has been assigned an additional charge of Secretary, Housing & Urban Affairs. He is a 1989 batch IAS officer of MP cadre.

S Chockalingam appointed as CEO, Maharashtra

S Chockalingam has been appointed as the Chief Electoral Officer of Maharashtra in place of SM Deshpande.

Ms Maninder Kaur Dwivedi is also Commissioner, NESTS

Ms Maninder Kaur Dwivedi has been assigned an additional charge of Commissioner, National Educational Society for Tribal Students (NESTS) till a regular incumbent is appointed. She is a 1995 batch IAS officer of Chhattisgarh cadre.

Faiz Ahmed Kidwai gets additional charge of CEO, NRAA



Faiz Ahmed Kidwai has been assigned an additional charge of CEO, National Rainfed Area Authority (NRAA) till the joining of new CEO. He is a 1996 batch IAS officer of MP cadre.

Kailas Shinde appointed as Municipal Commissioner, Navi Mumbai

Kailas Shinde has been appointed as Municipal Commissioner, Navi Mumbai in Maharashtra. He is a 2013 batch IAS officer of Maharashtra cadre.

Rao appointed as Municipal Commissioner, Thane

Saurabh Rao has been appointed as Municipal Commissioner, Thane, Mumbai in Maharashtra. He is a 2003 batch IAS officer of Maharashtra cadre.

Chaitanya Prasad appointed Development Commissioner in Bihar

Chaitanya Prasad has been posted as Development Commissioner in Bihar. He will hold additional charge of Chairman-cum-Member, Revenue Board and ACS, Water Resources. He is a 1990 batch IAS officer of Bihar cadre.

Deepak Kumar appointed ACS, Home, in UP



Deepak Kumar has been appointed Additional Chief Secretary, Home, in UP. He is a 1990 batch IAS officer.

Tenure of Shantanu as Joint Secretary, DoNER extended

The central deputation tenure of Shantanu working as Joint Secretary, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region has been extended for a period of three months beyond March 27, 2024. He is a 1997 batch IAS officer of Tripura cadre.

Vidhu Shekhar appointed SDO in West Bengal

Vidhu Shekhar has been appointed as Executive Magistrate and Sub-Divisional Officer (SDO), Dinhata, Cooch Behar, in West Bengal.

Bhushan Gagrani appointed as Commissioner, BMC, Mumbai

Bhushan Gagrani has been appointed as Commissioner, BMC, Mumbai in Maharashtra.

(We said this on Feb 28, 2024)

A K Rakesh appointed ACS, Home, in Gujarat



A K Rakesh has been appointed ACS, Home in Gujarat. He is 1989 batch IAS officer.

Naveen Aggarwal appointed as Deputy Secretary, Health

Naveen Aggarwal has been appointed as Deputy Secretary in the Department of Health and Family Welfare. He is a 2013 batch IAS officer of AGMUT cadre.

Ravi Prakash appointed DCO/DCR, A&N Islands

A S P S Ravi Prakash has been appointed as Director of Census Operations (DCO)/Director of Citizen Registration (DCR), Andaman & Nicobar Islands on additional charge basis. He is a 2012 batch IAS officer of AGMUT cadre.

Anupama Anjali is also Municipal Commissioner, Rewari in Haryana

Anupama Anjali, Addl Deputy Commissioner-cum-District Citizen Resources Information Officer, Rewari, will also hold charge of District Municipal Commissioner, Rewari, Haryana in addition to her present duties. She is a 2018 batch IAS officer of Haryana cadre.

Dilip Jawalkar appointed Home Secretary, Uttarakhand



Dilip Jawalkar has been appointed new Home Secretary of Uttarakhand, He is a 2003 batch IAS officer.



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Appointments as Joint Secretary



Abhijit Sinha appointed as Joint Secretary, Home Affairs

Abhijit Sinha has been appointed as Joint Secretary, Home Affairs. He is a 2000 batch IAS officer of Nagaland cadre.



Pushendra Rajput appointed as Joint Secretary, Health

Pushendra Rajput has been appointed as Joint Secretary, Health & Family Welfare. He is a 1999 batch IAS officer of HP cadre.



Saurabh Jain appointed as Joint Secretary, Health

Saurabh Jain has been appointed as Joint Secretary, Health & Family Welfare. He is a 2002 batch IAS officer of Kerala cadre.



Gulzar N appointed as JS, Food & Public Distribution

Gulzar N has been appointed as Joint Secretary, Department of Food & Public Distribution. He is a 1999 batch IAS officer of AP cadre.



Ms Swati Meena Naik appointed as Joint Secretary, Drinking Water

Ms Swati Meena Naik has been appointed as Joint Secretary, Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation. She is a 2007 batch IAS officer of MP cadre.



Ravi Shankar appointed as Joint Secretary, Food

Ravi Shankar has been appointed as Joint Secretary, Department of Food & Public Distribution. He is a 2007 batch IAS officer of Gujarat cadre.



Siddharth Mahajan appointed as Joint Secretary, Commerce

Siddharth Mahajan has been appointed as Joint Secretary, Department of Commerce. He is a 2003 batch IAS officer of Rajasthan cadre.

Samayamoorthy appointed Commissioner, Tourism in TN

C Samayamoorthy is the new Commissioner, Tourism in Tamilnadu. He has taken over the charge. He is an officer of Tamilnadu cadre.

No empanelment as Secretary in GoI from 11 cadres

No empanelment of 1993 batch IAS officers has been made for holding Secretary or Secretary equivalent posts in the Government of India from 11 States.

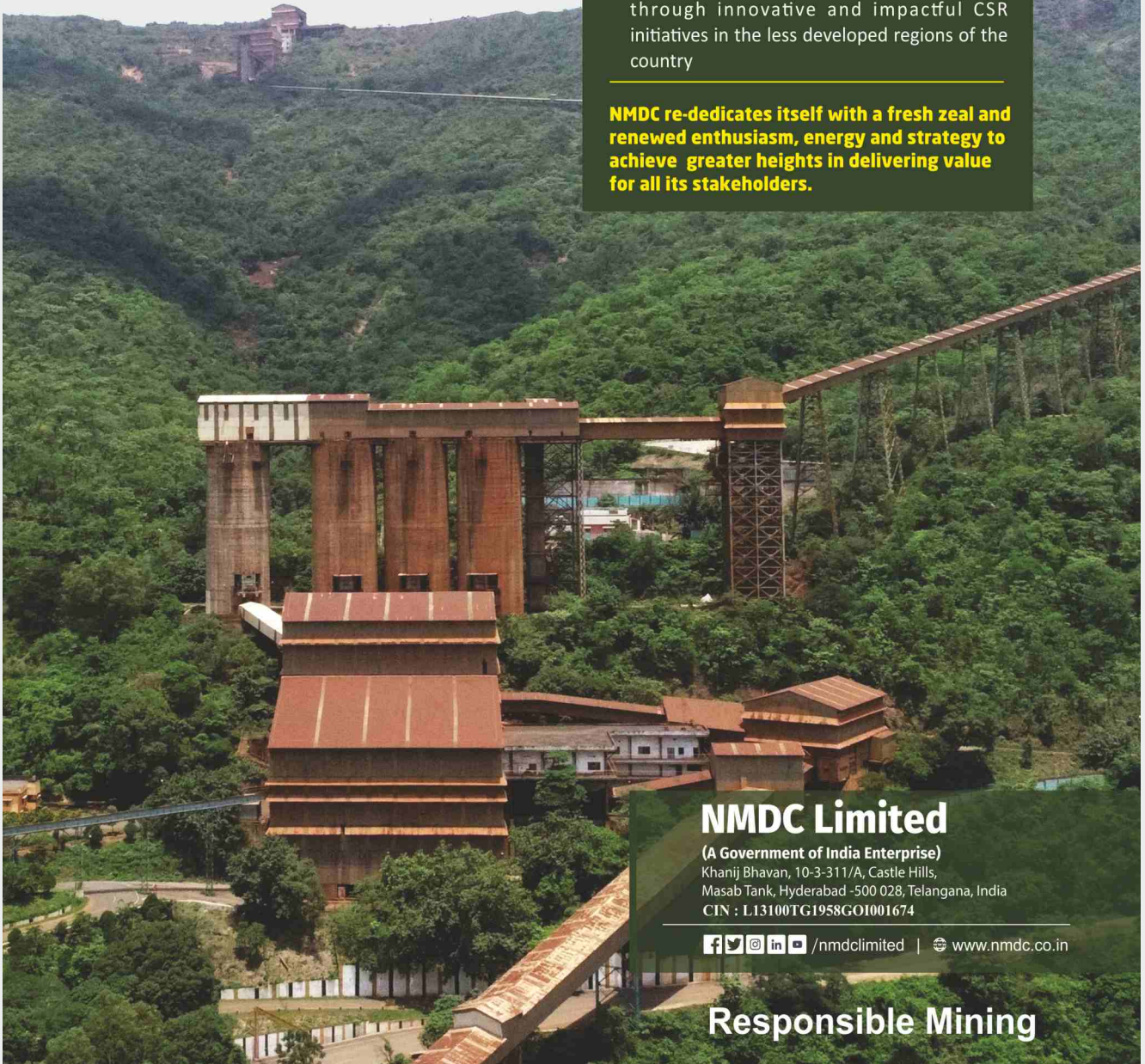


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Whispers

Former DGP, West Bengal Rajeev Kumar is ACS, IT



Former DGP Rajeev Kumar has been appointed as Additional Chief Secretary, Information Technology & Electronics Department in West Bengal. He is a 1989 batch IPS officer of West Bengal cadre.

AC Karmakar promoted to ADG grade

AC Karmakar has been promoted to the grade of Additional Director General (ADG) (Medical) in the Combined Medical cadre of Central Armed Police Forces, National Security Guards & Assam Rifles.

Praveer Ranjan is now ADG, Airports in CISF

Praveer Ranjan has been posted as ADG Airports in CISF. 1993 batch IPS officer of UT cadre had earlier been DG of Chandigarh police.

Sudhir Saxena is senior-most DGP in Country



Madhya Pradesh DGP Sudhir Saxena is the senior-most DGP in the country. He is a 1987 batch IPS officer of MP cadre.

Tsering Dorjai promoted as IG, Sashastra Seema Bal

IPS officer Tsering Dorjai has been promoted to the grade of Inspector General in Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB).

Vipul Aggarwal is new Principal Commissioner, DDA

Vipul Aggarwal has been appointed as Principal Commissioner, Delhi Development Authority (DDA). He is a 2001 batch IPS officer.

Senior IPS officer in Odisha promoted to DG rank

Senior IPS officer in Odisha, Lalit Das has been promoted to the DG rank. He is an officer of 1992 batch, Odisha cadre.

EC appoints Sanjay Mukherjee as new DGP, West Bengal



Election Commission of India appointed Sanjay Mukherjee as the new state Director General of Police in West Bengal. The poll panel had appointed IPS officer Vivek Sahay as the next DGP based on his seniority. However, since Sahay is scheduled to retire in the final week of May before the Lok Sabha elections conclude, the Election Commission named Mukherjee as the DGP. Sanjay Mukherjee is a 1989 batch IPS officer.

Danesh Rana gets additional charge of Director NEPA

Danesh Rana has been assigned the additional charge of the post of Director, North Eastern Police Academy (NEPA). He is also serving the post of Inspector General, Central Reserve Police Force (NE Sector). He is a 1996 batch IPS officer of AGMUT cadre.

Senior IPS officer Mrs Sapna Tewari promoted to DG rank



Senior IPS officer Mrs Sapna Tewari has been promoted to the DG rank. She is an officer of 1992 batch, Odisha cadre. She is on Central Deputation and has been allowed pro-forma promotion.

Tenure of Anshuman Yadav as IG, CRPF extended

The deputation tenure of Anshuman Yadav working as IG, CRPF, has been extended for a period of two years beyond May 27, 2024. He is a 1998 batch IPS officer of MP cadre.

Only two 1987 batch IPS officers are DGPs in country
Sudhir Saxena and Alok Mohan are the only two DGPs of the 1987 batch in the country. Saxena is an MP DGP while Alok Mohan is Karnataka DGP.

Patil Ketan Baliram is new Additional Director, NCB



Patil Ketan Baliram, currently posted as DIG, NHRC, has been appointed as Additional Director, Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) up to December 26, 2027 i.e. combined deputation tenure of 5 years. He is a 2010 batch IPS officer of Punjab cadre.

Rahul Bhagat is also Secretary, Good Governance



Rahul Bhagat, Secretary to Chhattisgarh Chief Minister, has been assigned additional charge of Secretary, Good Governance and Convergence Department. He is a 2005 batch IPS officer.

A K Choudhary appointed Chairman, JKPS

A K Choudhary has been appointed as Chairman, Jammu and Kashmir Public Service Commission (JKPSC). He is a 1991 batch IPS officer of AGMUT cadre.

Agarwal appointed Parliament security chief

Senior Indian Police Service (IPS) officer Anurag Agarwal has been appointed joint secretary (security) of the Lok Sabha secretariat. Agarwal, a 1998 batch officer of the Assam-Meghalaya cadre, is currently serving as the Shillong-based Inspector General of the Central Reserve Police Force.

Dr Thaosen is new Chief Commissioner of Assam Right to Public Services

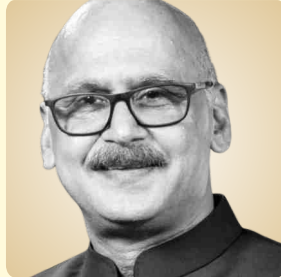


Outgoing DG BSF Dr Sujoy Lal Thaosen has been sworn in as Chief Commissioner of the Assam Right to Public Services at Raj Bhawan, Guwahati. Dr Thaosen, who belongs to a 1988 batch IPS officer of MP cadre, will be first incumbent to the office.

Vijay Kataria gets DG rank in Madhya Pradesh

Vijay Kataria has been given DG rank in Madhya Pradesh. He is 1990 batch IPS officer of MP cadre.

Mrityunjay Kumar Singh is now Advisor to SHRACHI group at Kolkata



Mrityunjay Kumar Singh, IPS Retired (1987, West Bengal) has assumed the role of "Advisor" to the SHRACHI group at Kolkata. Singh has completed his Master of Arts in Political Science from University of Delhi. A member of the Indian Police Service of 1987 batch, he has more than 36 years of experience with West Bengal Police. Apart from serving West Bengal Police and Kolkata Police in different capacities, he has worked in various capacities like as Counsellor of the Embassy of India, Jakarta, represented India as a member of the working committee to formulate scope and objectives of 'Bali Democracy Forum', represented India in UNICEF's multilateral discussion, worked for SAARC summit in Dhaka in 2005 and many more. He is also remembered as an established poet and writer of both Bhojpuri and Hindi, and has earned immense laurels in the various literary festivals of India. He is an established category folk singer of ICCR too. He is largely associated with Publications, Literary & Cultural works. His poems include 'Draupadi', 'Aas ke Aabhas', drama includes 'The Dice of Desire', Novel includes 'Ganga Ratan Bidesi' in Bhojpuri and Hindi.

AK Chowdhary is Chairman, Public Service Commission, J&K

AK Chowdhary has been appointed as Chairman, Public Service Commission for the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir. He is a 1991 batch IPS officer of AGMUT cadre.
(We said this on Feb 15, 2024)

Amitabh Dhillon appointed ADGP, ACB in Haryana



The Haryana government has appointed senior IPS officer Amitabh Dhillon as the Additional DGP of the State's Anti-Corruption Bureau. Besides, the 1997 batch officer will also be ADGP, Modernisation and Welfare.

Upadhyay appointed Chairman, Police Recruitment Board

Former IPS officer Santosh Kumar Upadhyay has been appointed Chairman, Odisha Police Recruitment Board for a period of two years.

Makrand Deoskar is now head Western Command in BSF

Makrand Deoskar is now heading the Western Command of BSF in Jodhpur. He is 1997 batch IPS officer of Madhya Pradesh cadre.

Amit Garg to continue as Director, SVP NPA

Amit Garg, Additional Director, SVP NPA will continue to hold additional charge of the post of Director, SVP NPA for a further period of three months beyond February 29, 2024. He is a 1993 batch IPS officer of AP cadre.

Rajiv Krishna is also Chairperson & DG, PR & PB



Rajiv Krishna has been assigned an additional charge of Chairperson/DG, Police Recruitment & Promotions Board (PR&PB) in Uttar Pradesh. He is a 1991 batch IPS officer of UP cadre.

Promotions as IG



Princee Rani promoted as IG, NSG

Mrs Princee Rani, DIG, National Security Guard (NSG), has been promoted as IG, NSG. She is a 2005 batch IPS officer of Tripura cadre.



M S Singh promoted as IG, BSF

Maninder Pratap Singh, DIG, BSF, has been promoted as IG, BSF. He is a 2005 batch IPS officer of Gujarat cadre.



K Mahesh Kumar promoted as IG, NIA

Kaliraj Mahesh Kumar, DIG, NIA, has been promoted as IG, NIA. He is a 2005 batch IPS officer of Kerala cadre.



RGK Rao promoted as IG, CRPF

R Gopala Krishna Rao, DIG, CRPF, has been promoted as IG, CRPF. He is a 2005 batch IPS officer of Tripura cadre.



P S Mahanta promoted to IGP rank in Assam

Partha Sarathi Mahanta, DIGP (Admn.), Ulubari, Guwahati with additional charge of DIGP (STF), Assam and DIG (CWR), Guwahati, has been promoted to the rank of IGP. He is a 2006 batch IPS officer.

MK Sharma promoted as IG, CISF

Manoj Kumar Sharma, DIG, CISF, has been promoted as IG, CISF. He is a 2005 batch IPS officer of Maharashtra cadre.

Nirbhay Singh promoted to IG grade in ITBP

Nirbhay Singh has been promoted to the grade of Inspector General in Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP).

IPS officers empaneled as IG or equivalent posts



Harshitam Attaluri empaneled as IG in GoI

Mrs Harshitam Attaluri has been empaneled for holding Inspector General (IG)/Inspector General Equivalent posts in the Government of India. She is a 2002 batch IPS officer of Kerala cadre.



Mrinalini Shrivastava empaneled as IG in GoI

Mrs Mrinalini Shrivastava has been empaneled for holding Inspector General (IG)/Inspector General Equivalent posts in the Government of India. She is a 2002 batch IPS officer of Sikkim cadre.



N Kannan empaneled as IG in GoI

Dr N Kannan has been empaneled for holding Inspector General (IG)/Inspector General Equivalent posts in the Government of India. He is a 2002 batch IPS officer of Tamil Nadu cadre.



Santosh Kumar empaneled as IG in GoI

Santosh Kumar has been empaneled for holding Inspector General (IG)/Inspector General Equivalent posts in the Government of India. He is a 2002 batch IPS officer of Tamil Nadu cadre.



Sonia Singh empaneled as IG in GoI

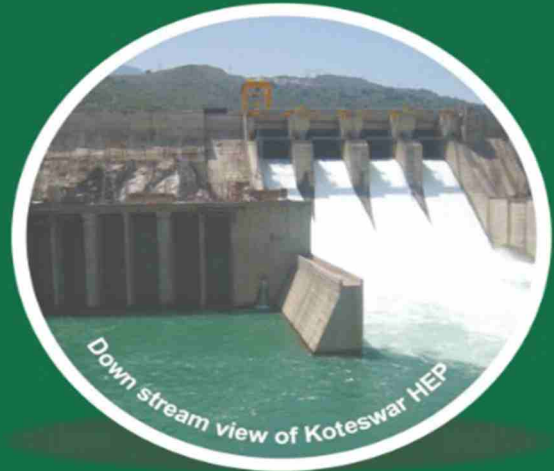
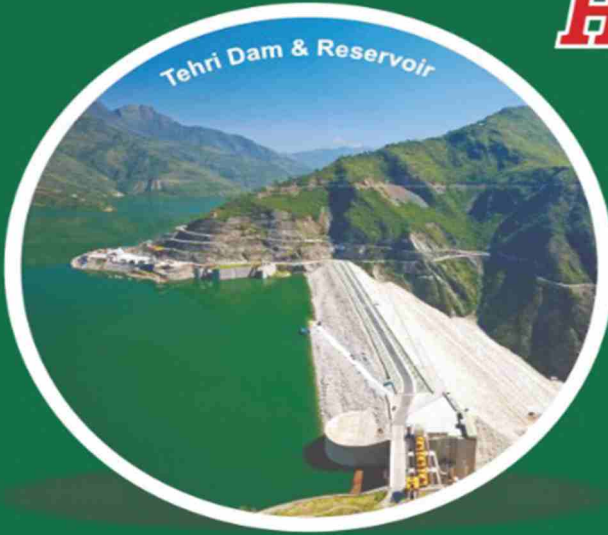
Sonia Singh has been empaneled for holding Inspector General (IG)/Inspector General Equivalent posts in the Government of India. She is a 2003 batch IPS officer of Nagaland cadre.



Kavita Jalan empaneled as IG in GoI

Kavita Jalan has been empaneled for holding Inspector General (IG)/Inspector General Equivalent posts in the Government of India. She is a 2003 batch IPS officer of Odisha cadre.

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Promotions of IPS officers as DIG in CISF

Ratan Kumar promoted as DIG, CISF

Ratan Kumar has been promoted as DIG, CISF and shifted to RSP, Rourkela, CISF.

Nirvilar promoted as DIG, CISF

Nirvilar has been promoted as DIG, CISF and shifted to SECL, Bilaspur, CISF.

Hari Om Gandhi promoted as DIG, CISF

Hari Om Gandhi has been promoted as DIG, CISF and shifted to AP (E&NE) HQ Kolkata, CISF.

Gyanendra Kumar promoted as DIG, CISF

Gyanendra Kumar has been promoted as DIG, CISF and shifted to FHQ, New Delhi (I&P) Branch, CISF.

Empanelment as Joint Secretaries



Lhari Dorjee Lhatoo empaneled as Joint Secretary in GoI

Lhari Dorjee Lhatoo has been empaneled for holding the posts of Joint Secretary or equivalent in the Government of India. He is a 1999 batch IPS officer of Manipur cadre.



Anisa Husain empaneled as Joint Secretary in GoI

Anisa Husain has been empaneled for holding the posts of Joint Secretary or equivalent in the Government of India. Anisa is a 2001 batch IPS officer of Tamil Nadu cadre.



Mahesh Chandra Laddha empaneled as Joint Secretary in GoI

Mahesh Chandra Laddha has been empaneled for holding the posts of Joint Secretary or equivalent in the Government of India. He is a 1998 batch IPS officer of AP cadre.

Sumit Chaturvedi empaneled as Joint Secretary in GoI

Sumit Chaturvedi has been empaneled for holding the posts of Joint Secretary or equivalent in the Government of India. He is a 2001 batch IPS officer of West Bengal cadre.

Rakesh Rathi empaneled as Joint Secretary in GoI

Rakesh Rathi has been empaneled for holding the posts of Joint Secretary or equivalent in the Government of India. He is a 2002 batch IPS officer of Bihar cadre.

Rajesh S Kamble empaneled as Joint Secretary in GoI

Rajesh S. Kamble has been empaneled for holding the posts of Joint Secretary or equivalent in the Government of India. He is a 1998 batch IPS officer of Tripura cadre.

Manjunath shifted to DOS Zone-I HQ Bangalore

Manjunath, DIG, CISF has been shifted to DOS Zone-I HQ Bangalore, CISF. He is an IPS.

D Kalyana Chakravarthy to return Madhya Pradesh

S B CBI D Kalyana Chakravarthy is returning to the parent Madhya Pradesh cadre after completion of central deputation tenure. He is 2010 batch IPS officer.

Dr Ashok Malik posted to Delhi Police

Dr Ashok Malik has been posted to Delhi Police. The period from the date of his joining the cadre to the date of issue of this order may be treated as 'awaiting posting'. He is a 2009 batch IPS officer of AGMUT cadre.

Ananthnag is also Commandant, SAP3 Battalion, Barrackpore

VSR Ananthnag, Senior Superintendent of Police Enforcement Branch, West Bengal, has been given additional charge of commandant of SAP3 Battalion, Barrackpore. He is a 2011 batch IPS officer of W Bengal cadre.

Tenure of P Murugan as DIG, CBI extended

The tenure of P Murugan as DIG in Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has been extended upto March 15, 2027. He is a 2010 batch IPS officer of Jharkhand cadre.

Tenure of Dr Vidyut Vikash as SP, CBI extended

The tenure of Dr Vidyut Vikash as SP, Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has been extended upto February 18, 2026. He is a 2008 batch IRS-C&IT officer.

Ms Sarah Sharma appointed as DIG, CBI

Ms Sarah Sharma has been appointed as DIG in Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on deputation basis. She is a 2010 batch IPS officer of Odisha cadre.

Tejinder Singh posted to UT of J&K

Tejinder Singh has been posted to the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir consequent upon his repatriation from the Central deputation. He is a 2008-batch IPS officer of AGMUT cadre.

Sumer Pratap Singh goes on inter-cadre deputation to UT cadre

An inter-cadre deputation of Sumer Pratap Singh has been approved from Haryana to AGMUT cadre Chandigarh segment for a period of three years. He is a 2012 batch IPS officer of Haryana cadre.

Ilakkiya Karunakaran appointed SSP, NHRC

Mrs Ilakkiya Karunakaran has been appointed as SSP, NHRC on deputation basis. She is a 2012 batch IPS officer of Karnataka cadre.

DEFENCE SERVICE

Whispers



Central deputation of Yogesh Mohan Dixit , Director, Home extended

The central deputation tenure of Yogesh Mohan Dixit working as Director, Ministry of Home Affairs has been extended upto September 30, 2025. He is a 1998 batch IOFS officer.



Director, Pension given premature repatriation

Ruchir Mittal, Director in the Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare, has been given premature repatriation to his parent cadre on personal grounds. He is a 2006 batch IDAS officer.



Additional charge of Secretary, National Jute Board extended

Additional charge of Secretary, National Jute Board, Kolkata to Moly Chandan Chakraborty, Jute Commissioner, Kolkata, has been extended upto May 5, 2024. He is a 1993 batch IDAS officer.



Ms Mamta transferred and posted as Defence Estates Officer

Ms Mamta, Chief Executive Officer, Cantonment Board, Barrackpore, has been transferred and posted as Defence Estates Officer, Jalandhar. She is a 2011 batch IDES officer.



Ms Tanu Jain posted as Deputy Director, NIDEM

Ms Tanu Jain has been transferred and posted as Deputy Director in the National Institute of Defence Estates and Management (NIDEM), Delhi Cantt. Prior to this posting, she was holding the charge of Additional Defence Estates Officer and DEO in

Jalandhar. She is a 2015 batch IDES officer.

Tenure of Director, Food & Public Distribution extended

The central deputation tenure of Sangeet working as Director in the Department of Food and Public Distribution has been extended upto March 12, 2025. He is a 2004 batch IDAS officer.

Empanelment/Appointment as Joint Secretaries



Rajeev Kumar empaneled as Joint Secretary in GoI

Rajeev Kumar has been empaneled for holding Joint Secretary or equivalent posts in the Government of India. He is a 2000 batch IOFS officer.

Mihir Kumar appointed as Joint Secretary, Home Affairs

Mihir Kumar has been appointed as Joint Secretary, Home Affairs. He is a 1996 batch IDAS officer.

Sushil Satpute empaneled as Joint Secretary in GoI

Sushil Satpute has been empaneled for holding Joint Secretary or equivalent posts in the Government of India. He is a 1999 batch IOFS officer.

Bibhuti Bushan Dash empaneled as Joint Secretary in GoI

Bibhuti Bushan Dash has been empaneled for holding Joint Secretary or equivalent posts in the Government of India. He is a 1999 batch IOFS officer.

Raghendra Singh empaneled as Joint Secretary in GoI

Raghendra Pratap Singh has been empaneled for holding Joint Secretary or equivalent posts in the Government of India. He is a 2000 batch IOFS officer.

Jitendra Trivedi empaneled as Joint Secretary in GoI

Jitendra Trivedi has been empaneled for holding Joint Secretary or equivalent posts in the Government of India. He is a 2000 batch IOFS officer.

JUDICIARY

Whispers



Justice Swamy appointed Judicial Member, Lokpal

Justice Lingappa Narayana Swamy has been appointed as Judicial Member of Lokpal. Justice Swamy, before joining as Judicial Member of Lokpal of India, was the Chief Justice of Himachal Pradesh High Court. He is also a former judge of the Karnataka High Court.



Justice Sanjay Yadav appointed Judicial Member, Lokpal

Former CJ of Allahabad High Court Justice Sanjay Yadav has been appointed as Judicial Member of Lokpal. He, before joining as Judicial Member of Lokpal, was the Chief Justice of Allahabad High Court. He is also a former Judge of the Allahabad High Court and Madhya Pradesh High Court.



Justice RR Awasthi appointed Judicial Member, Lokpal

Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi has been appointed as Judicial Member of Lokpal. He was Enrolled as an Advocate on Feb 01, 1987. He also worked as Assistant Solicitor General of India at Lucknow before elevation. He was elevated as Additional Judge on April 13, 2009. He took oath as

permanent Judge on December 24, 2010. He was made Chief Justice of Karnataka High Court on October, 11, 2021.



Justice DV Ramana appointed Judge, MP HC

Justice Duppala Venkata Ramana, Additional Judge of the Madhya Pradesh High Court, has been appointed as Judge of that High Court.



Ms Justice Bhattacharya is new Judge, Telangana HC

Ms. Justice Moushumi Bhattacharya, Judge, Calcutta High Court, has been transferred and appointed as a Judge of Telangana High Court.



Justice Paul appointed Judge, Telangana HC

Justice Sujoy Paul, Judge, Madhya Pradesh High Court, has been transferred and appointed as Judge of Telangana High Court.



Ms Justice Sivaraman appointed Judge, Karnataka HC

Ms. Justice Anu Sivaraman, Judge, Kerala High Court, has been transferred and appointed as a Judge of Karnataka High Court.



Wani is new Addl. Judge, J&K and Ladhak HC

Mohammad Yousuf Wani, Judicial Officer, has been appointed as Additional Judge of the Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court.



SC Collegium recommends transfer of Justice Chandel to Patna HC

The Supreme Court Collegium has recommended the transfer of Justice Arvind Singh Chandel, Judge, Chhattisgarh High Court, to Patna High Court.



SC Collegium recommends transfer of Justice Rao to Karnataka HC

The Supreme Court Collegium has recommended the transfer of Justice V Kameswar Rao, Judge, Delhi High Court, to Karnataka High Court.

RAILWAYS

Whispers

Anand Madhukar appointed Additional DG, ASI



Anand Madhukar has been appointed as Additional DG, Archaeological Survey of India (ASI). He is a 1997 batch IRPS officer.

Post of Bhaskar upgraded as Director, Women & Child Development

The post of Bhaskar has been upgraded as Director in the Ministry of Women and Child Development. He is a 2010 batch IRTS officer.

Anant Kumar appointed as Director, Sports

Anant Kumar has been appointed as Director in the Department of Sports. He is a 2004 batch IRSME officer.

Ms Sawkmie appointed Director, Youth Affairs

Ms Sarah Jayal Sawkmie has been appointed as Director in the Department of Youth Affairs. She is a 2006 batch IRTS officer.

Rituraj Misra appointed as Director, Ports



Rituraj Misra has been appointed as Director in the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways. He is a 2010 batch IRPS officer.

Vipin Singh appointed CVO, NCCF

Vipin Kumar Singh, Director (Coaching), Railway Board, has been selected for deputation as Chief Vigilance Officer (CVO) in National Cooperative's Consumer Federation (NCCF), Delhi.

Dileep Rajput appointed Deputy Secretary, MoHFW

Dileep Kumar Rajput has been appointed as Deputy Secretary in the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW), Delhi, with effect from March 1, 2024, for a period up to December 28, 2026. He is an Indian Railway Service of Signal Engineers (IRSSE) officer.

A K Khandelwal appointed Member Infrastructure, Railway Board



Anil Kumar Khandelwal, General Manager of East Central Railway has taken over the charge of Member Infrastructure, Railway Board & Ex-Officio Secretary to the Government of India in the Ministry of Railways. Khandelwal is a 1987 batch officer of the Indian Railway Service of Engineers.

Verma appointed Dy. CRS (Tech.) (S&T), CCRS

Upendra Kumar Verma, Director (Signal), Research Designs and Standards Organisation (RDSO), has been selected for deputation to the post of Deputy Commissioner of Railway Safety (Tech.) (Signal & Telecommunications) in the Office of Chief Commissioner of Railway Safety, New Delhi.

Singh appointed Director, Housing & Urban Affairs



Mukesh Bahadur Singh has been appointed as Director in the Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs. He is a 2008 batch IRPS officer.

Vijay moved as ED, Admin, RDSO

Vijay has been transferred from Banaras Locomotive Works (BLW), Varanasi, to Research Designs and Standards Organisation (RDSO) and posted as Executive Director (Administration). He is an Indian Railway Service of Electrical Engineers (IRSEE) officer.

Nishchal Srivastava sent as ED (TI), RDSO

Nishchal Srivastava has been transferred from North Central Railway (NCR) to Research Designs and Standards Organisation (RDSO) and posted as Executive Director (TI).

Ashish Gupta appointed Deputy Secretary, Rural Development



Ashish Gupta, Manager (Data Science), Centre for Railway Information Systems (CRIS), has been selected for deputation as Deputy Secretary in the Department of Rural Development, Delhi for a tenure up to December 30, 2025.



VP Singh appointed Addl. Member (PU), Railway Board
Vijay Pratap Singh, Additional Member (Traction), Railway Board, has been assigned additional duties of the post of Additional Member (Production Units), Railway Board. He is an Indian Railway Service of Electrical Engineers (IRSEE) officer.



Sanchit Tyagi appointed JD Traffic (Public Grievances), RB
Sanchit Tyagi has been posted as Joint Director, Traffic (Public Grievances), Railway Board. He has also been assigned additional duties of the post of Joint Director (NFR). He is an Indian Railway Traffic Service (IRTS) officer.



Malge is new JS, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship
Shreeshail Malge, who is presently posted in Northern Railway (NR), has been appointed on deputation basis to the post of Joint Secretary, Department of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship for period of five years. He is an Indian Railway Accounts Service (IRAS) officer.



Bhaskar Choradia appointed as Additional CPFC, EPFO
Bhaskar Choradia has been appointed as Additional CPFC (Hq), Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO). He is a 2000 batch IRAS officer.



Ms Singh appointed CPO, Northern Railway
Ms. Praveen Kumari Singh, who is returning from deputation to Central Vigilance Commission (CVC), has been posted in Northern Railway (NR) as Chief Personnel Officer (Construction). She is an Indian Railway Personnel Service (IRPS) officer.

Ms Aparajita Rai appointed Director (Fin), Railway Board
Ms. Aparajita Rai, Director, Finance (Stores), Railway Board, has been assigned additional duties of the post of Director, Finance (Budget), Railway Board. She is an Indian Railway Accounts Service (IRAS) officer.

Empanelment as Joint Secretaries in GoI



Pranab Patel empaneled as Joint Secretary in GoI
Pranab Kumar Patel has been empaneled for holding Joint Secretary or equivalent posts in the Government of India. He is a 1998 batch IRSS officer.



Shobhit Gupta empaneled as Joint Secretary in GoI
Shobhit Gupta has been empaneled for holding Joint Secretary or equivalent posts in the Government of India. He is a 2000 batch IRSEE officer.



Pawan Kalarwal empaneled as Joint Secretary in GoI
Pawan Kumar Kalarwal has been empaneled for holding Joint Secretary or equivalent posts in the Government of India. He is a 2000 batch IRSSE officer.

Vivek Bajpai empaneled as Joint Secretary in GoI
Vivek Kumar Bajpai has been empaneled for holding Joint Secretary or equivalent posts in the Government of India. He is a 1999 batch IRSME officer.

Mahendra Kumar empaneled as Joint Secretary in GoI
Mahendra Kumar has been empaneled for holding Joint Secretary or equivalent posts in the Government of India. He is a 1999 batch IRSEE officer.

Anvita Sinha empaneled as Joint Secretary in GoI
Anvita Sinha has been empaneled for holding Joint Secretary or equivalent posts in the Government of India. He is a 2003 batch IRPS officer.

Kamlesh Mishra empaneled as Joint Secretary in GoI
Kamlesh Kumar Mishra has been empaneled for holding Joint Secretary or equivalent posts in the Government of India. He is a 2003 batch IRTS officer.

FOREIGN SERVICE

Whispers



Tenure of Kwatra as Foreign Secretary extended

The tenure of Vinay Mohan Kwatra as Foreign Secretary has been extended for a period of six months till October 31, 2024. He is a 1988 batch IFS officer. He was set to complete his extended tenure on April 30 this year.

(We said this on Jan 29, 2024)



Former Indian Ambassador to US joins BJP

Outgoing Ambassador of India to the United States Taranjit Singh Sandhu has joined the BJP. Sandhu hails from Amritsar.



Will Navy Chief go as High Commissioner to New Zealand?

Grapevine has it that Navy Chief R Hari Kumar, who is superannuating by April end is being appointed Indian High Commissioner to New Zealand.



Prashant Pise appointed Ambassador of India to Slovenia

L Prashant Pise, presently Ambassador of India to the Republic of Iraq, has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Slovenia. He is a 1995 batch IFS officer.



Soumendu Bagchi appointed Ambassador of India to Iraq

Soumendu Bagchi, presently DDG, ICWA, has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Iraq. He is a 1993 batch IFS officer.



Ms Abhilasha Joshi appointed as new Ambassador of India to Republic of Chile

Ms. Abhilasha Joshi (IFS: 1995), presently Additional Secretary in the Ministry, has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Chile.



Vinay Kumar appointed Ambassador of India to Russia

Vinay Kumar, presently Ambassador of India to Myanmar, has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Russian Federation. He is a 1992 batch IFS officer.



Changsan appointed Ambassador of India to Republic of Cuba

T Armstrong Changsan (IFS: 1997), presently Joint Secretary in the Ministry, has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Cuba.



Deputation tenure of Ms Esha Srivastava extended

The central deputation tenure of Ms Esha Srivastava working as Joint Secretary, Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas has been extended for a period of two years beyond March 19, 2024. She is a 2004 batch Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer.

Naresh Kumar appointed Ambassador to Mauritania
Naresh Kumar (YOA:2006), presently Joint Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs, has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania.

Parveen Kumar relieved to join as ED, IMF, Washington
Parveen Kumar has been relieved to join as Advisor to the Executive Director, International Monetary Fund (IMF), Washington DC, USA on deputation.

INDIAN REVENUE SERVICE

Whispers

Former CEC Sushil Chandra appointed member, Lokpal of India



Sushil Chandra has been appointed as the new member, Lokpal of India. He is a 1980 batch IRS-IT officer. Before joining as Member of Lokpal of India, he was the 24th Chief Election Commissioner of India. He has also served as the Chairman, Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT).

Pramod Kumar Choudhary appointed as CVO, TCIL

Pramod Kumar Choudhary has been appointed as CVO, Telecommunications Consultants India Limited (TCIL), Delhi. He is a 1998 batch IRSS officer.

Abhay Kumar Lokhande appointed as Director, Trade Remedies

Abhay Kumar Lokhande has been appointed as Director, Directorate of Trade Remedies. He is a 2010 batch IES officer.

Ms Bhumika Verma appointed as Director, Expenditure



Ms Bhumika Verma has been appointed as Director in the Department of Expenditure. She is a 2007 batch IES officer.

Satish Sharma promoted to Joint Commissioner grade

Satish Chandra Sharma has been promoted as Joint Commissioner on regular basis. He is a 2002 batch IRS (C&IT) officer.

Mrs Rupa Dhande appointed as Deputy Commissioner, IT

Mrs Rupa Dhande has been appointed as Deputy Commissioner of Income Tax. She is an IRS-IT officer.

Arya appointed as Joint Secretary, Women & Child Development

Sarwesh Kumar Arya has been appointed as Joint Secretary, Women & Child Development. He is a CSS officer.

Lalit Kumar Chandel appointed as Economic Adviser, Civil Aviation



Lalit Kumar Chandel has been appointed as Economic Adviser, Ministry of Civil Aviation. He is a 1995 batch IES officer.

Sanjay Pandey appointed as FA & CAO, EPFO

Sanjay Pandey has been appointed as FA & CAO, Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO). He is a 1994 batch ICAS officer.

Harish Kumar Vashisht appointed as Joint DG, DGCA

Harish Kumar Vashisht has been appointed as Joint DG, Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA). He is a 2001 batch IRS-C&IT officer.

Aldar appointed as OSD to union minister



Vaibhav Kumar Pandurang Aldar has been appointed as Officer on Special Duty (OSD) to Raosaheb Patil Danve, MoS for Railways. He is a 2013 batch IRS-C&CE officer.

Mondal appointed as Financial Adviser, Tea Board

Dhananjay Mondal has been appointed as Financial Adviser and Chief Accounts Officer at Deputy Secretary level, Tea Board, Kolkata. He is a 2011 batch ICoAS officer.

Deepak Narain appointed Financial Adviser, I&B

Deepak Narain has been appointed as Additional Secretary & Financial Adviser, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting. He is a 1993 batch IA&AS officer.

D Venkateswara Reddy is also CVO, MDSL



D Venkateswara Reddy, CVO, BEML, has been assigned an additional charge of CVO, Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDSL), Mumbai till the appointment of a regular incumbent. He is a 1995 batch IRS-C&CE officer.



RK Mishra is also Development Commissioner, SEEPZ, SEZ
R K Mishra, ADGFT, Mumbai, has been assigned an additional charge of Development Commissioner (JS level), Santa Cruz Exclusive Export Processing Zone (SEEPZ), SEZ Mumbai. He is a 1995 batch IRS-C&IT officer.



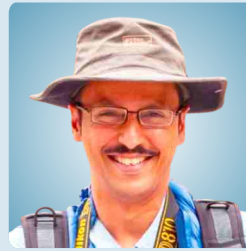
Vedant Kanwar appointed Under Secretary, CBDT
Vedant Kanwar has been appointed as Under Secretary in the Investigation Division of CBDT on deputation. He is an IRS-IT officer.

Kunal Kashyap appointed as Commissioner, DDA
Kunal Kashyap has been appointed as Commissioner Housing in the Delhi Development Authority. He is a 2008 batch IRS-C&CE officer.

Reddy posted Senior Development Commissioner
S B S Reddy has been posted as Senior Development Commissioner of Sri City SEZ. He will also hold the charges of RA, Hyderabad and existing charge at DGFT HQ. He is a 1989 batch Indian Trade Service officer.

Vikash Kumar appointed as Deputy Secretary, Revenue
Vikash Kumar has been appointed as Deputy Secretary in the Department of Revenue. He is a 2013 batch IRS-C&IT officer.

Ms Smriti Krishnia appointed as Under Secretary, CBDT
Ms Smriti Krishnia has been appointed as Under Secretary in FT&TR Division of CBDT on deputation. She is an IRS-IT officer.



Deepankar Aron appointed JS, Chemicals & Petrochemicals
Deepankar Aron has been appointed as Joint Secretary, Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals. He is a 1996 batch IRS-C&IT officer.



Vikram Sahay returns to parent cadre
Vikram Sahay has been appointed as PCIT(OSD) in the Office of Principal CCIT Delhi, Delhi region on return from deputation. He is an IRS-IT officer.

Reddy promoted to HAG in Trade Service
SBS Reddy has been promoted to HAG against the vacancy year of 2023, on a regular basis. He is a 1989 batch Indian Trade Service officer. He is posted as Addl DGFT.

Ms Meera Srivastava relieved to join as Joint Secretary, Health
Ms Meera Srivastava has been relieved to join as Joint Secretary in the Department of Health and Family Welfare. She is an IRS-IT officer.

Puneet Meena relieved to join as Deputy Secretary, CVC
Puneet Meena has been relieved to join as Deputy Secretary in the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC). He is a 2012 batch IRAS officer.

Appointments as Director



Bhagwati Charan appointed as Director, CBDT
Bhagwati Charan has been appointed as Director (V&L) in the V&L Division of CBDT on deputation. He is an IRS-IT officer.

Ms Ridhima Vasisht appointed as Director, Defence
Ms Ridhima Vasisht has been appointed as Director in the Ministry of Defence. She is a 2010 batch IRS-IT officer.

Vivek Gupta appointed as Director, Financial Services
Vivek Gupta has been appointed as Director in the Department of Financial Services. He is a 2008 batch IRS-C&CE officer.

Tatung Padi appointed as Director, Skill Development
Tatung Padi has been appointed as Director in the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship. He is a 2009 batch IRS-IT officer.

Sunil Sharma relieved to join as Director, School Education & Literacy
Sunil Sharma has been relieved to join as Director in the Department of School Education & Literacy on deputation. He is an IRS-IT officer.

Post of Ms Swapna Devireddy upgraded as Director, Drinking Water
The post of Ms Swapna Devireddy has been upgraded as Director in the Department of Drinking Water & Sanitation. She is a 2010 batch IRS-IT officer.

FOREST SERVICE

Whispers



Gobind Bhardwaj to hold charge of DDGF (C), RO

Gobind Sagar Bhardwaj, ADGF (Project Tiger) & Member Secretary (NTCA), MoEF&CC, New Delhi, has been assigned additional charge of DDGF (C), Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Chandigarh. He is a 1994 batch Indian Forest Service officer of Rajasthan cadre.



MK Yadava re-engaged as Special CS, Forest

MK Yadava, IFoS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Assam has been re-engaged as Special Chief Secretary (Forest) for a period of one year wef March 1, 2024 after his superannuation on February 29.



Ms Dash to look into MHA Central Security matters

Ms Monalisa Dash Director VS, has been designated as CPIO in the IS-I Division of the Ministry of Home Affairs and will look after the matters related to Central Security. She is a 2003 batch Indian Forest Service (IFoS) officer from Sikkim cadre.



ADGF Anjan Kumar Mohanty given fresh assignments

Anjan Kumar Mohanty, ADGF, has been allocated fresh assignments. He will look after work of NAEB (GIM)/SU/EAP/FPD/FC/Descertification Cell.



ADGF Sushil Kumar Awasthi given new responsibilities

ADGF Sushil Kumar Awasthi has been given new work allocation. He has been allocated the responsibility of Wildlife/RT/Forest Policy/FE and works related to Project Lion, Project Dolphin and G-20.



George Thomas appointed as Deputy Secretary, Petroleum

George Thomas has been appointed as Deputy Secretary in the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas. He is a 2015 batch IFoS officer.



Angshuman Dey is also Secretary, NECS

Angshuman Dey, Joint Secretary, DoNER, has been assigned an additional charge of Secretary, North Eastern Council Secretariat (NECS) till the appointment of a regular incumbent. He is a 1997 batch IFoS officer of Tripura cadre.



Rajesh S appointed IGF, MoEFCC on deputation

Rajesh S has been appointed to the post of Inspector General of Forests, MoEFCC, New Delhi on deputation basis under the Central Staffing Scheme of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change for a period of 5 years. He is a 2000 batch IFoS officer.



Upgraded posting of Charanjit Singh to AS level extended

The upgraded posting of Charanjit Singh as Additional Secretary in Department of Rural Development has been extended for a term up to December 31, 2024. He is a 1990 batch IFoS officer of MP cadre.

Jagdish S appointed Director, Horticulture in CG
Services of Jagdish S, 2005 batch Indian Forest Service (IFoS) officer, have been handed over to GAD in Chhattisgarh and he has been appointed as Director, Horticulture, Raipur.

Nandi promoted as PCCF in Chhattisgarh
Anita Nandi, APCCF (Wildlife), Chhattisgarh, has been promoted to the rank of PCCF. She is a 1991 batch IFoS officer.

OTHER SERVICES

Whispers



Ms Sheyphali B Shahran to be acting Pr DG, PIB

MIB has issued an order and accordingly, Ms Sheyphali B Shahran, 1990 batch officer, has been assigned to look after the charge of Pr DG, PIB after superannuation of Manish Desai, Pr DG. She has taken over the charge.



RK Gupta re-employed as Deputy Election Commissioner

R K Gupta has been re-employed as Deputy Election Commissioner, Election Commission of India on contract basis for a period of three months upto May 31, 2024. He is a CSS retired officer.



Ms Sameera Saurabh appointed as Adviser, DG Anti-dumping

Ms Sameera Saurabh has been appointed as Economic Adviser, DG Anti-dumping. She is a 2003 batch IES officer.



Dr Sumantra Pal appointed as Economic Adviser, DPE

Dr Sumantra Pal has been appointed as Economic Adviser, Department of Public Enterprises. He is a 2001 batch IES officer.



Virender Singh appointed Economic Adviser, Labour Bureau

Virender Singh has been appointed as Economic Adviser, Labour Bureau, Chandigarh. He is a 2001 batch IES officer.



Parthasarathi Gurrela appointed as JS, Home

Parthasarathi Gurrela has been appointed as Joint Secretary, Home Affairs. He is a CSS officer.

Lokesh HD promoted to Senior Administrative Grade

Lokesh H D has been promoted to the Senior Administrative Grade and designated as Additional Director General Foreign Trade/ Development Commissioner, Special Economic Zone/Trade Advisor. He is ITS officer.

Ms Maushami Chakraborty is acting DG, AIR News

Ms Maushami Chakraborty, a 1991 batch officer, has been posted as DG AIR, after the superannuation of Vasudha Gupta, Pr DG, AIR news in April.

Dhyani relieved to join as ED, Food Safety

Uma Shankar Dhyani has been relieved to join as Executive Director in the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), on deputation.

Appointments /Upgradations as Director in different ministries

Sanjay Kumar appointed as Director, Financial Services

Sanjay Kumar, Director in the Department of Financial Services has been given premature repatriation to his parent cadre to avail the benefit of promotion. He is a 2003 batch IP & TA & FS officer.

Mahendra Gupta appointed as Director, Tribal Affairs

Mahendra Prakash Gupta has been appointed as Director in the Ministry of Tribal Affairs. He is a 2001 batch ITS officer.

Ms Das appointed Director, Women & Child Development

Ms Arkaja Das has been appointed as Director in the Ministry of Women & Child Development. She is a 2010 batch IPoS officer.

Ravikiran Ubale appointed as Director, Pension

Ravikiran Ubale has been appointed as Director in the Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare. He is a 2010 batch IA & AS officer.

Post of V S Arvind upgraded as Director, Skill Development

The post of V S Arvind has been upgraded as Director in the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship. He is a 2010 batch IP&TA&FS officer.

Post of Koottil Ajith upgraded as Director, Defence

The post of Koottil Variam Ajith has been upgraded as Director in the Ministry of Defence. He is a 2009 batch officer of Indian Supply Service (ISS).

Kishor Makwana assumes charge of Chairman, NCSC



Kishor Makwana has assumed the charge of Chairman of National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC) in New Delhi. Luv Kush Kumar also assumed the charge of Member of National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC).

Alok Mishra appointed as Joint Secretary, Labour

Alok Mishra has been appointed as Joint Secretary, Ministry of Labour & Employment. He is a 1998 batch IInfoS officer.

Tenure of Manoj Kejriwal as Secretary, NCMEI extended

The tenure of Manoj Kumar Kejriwal as Secretary, National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions (NCMEI) has been extended for a period of one year with effect from February 28, 2024. He is a CSS officer.

Pankaj Kumar empanelled as Joint Secretary in GoI

Pankaj Kumar has been empanelled for holding Joint Secretary or equivalent posts in the Government of India. He is a 1991 batch ITS officer.

Manoj Madholia appointed Joint Director, Heavy Industries



Manoj Kumar Madholia has been appointed as Joint Director, Ministry of Heavy Industries. He is a 2012 batch IES officer.

M Bhadru returns to parent cadre

Consequent upon repatriation from the Government of Telangana, M Bhadru has been posted in BSNL. He is a JAG level ITS officer.

ITS officer appointed Pr Advisor in TRAI HQ

Sheo Bhadra Singh has been appointed as Principal Advisor in TRAI HQ on deputation basis for a period of two years. He is an ITS officer.

Dr Behera appointed Chief Executive, NFDB

Dr Bijay Kumar Behera has been appointed as Chief Executive in the National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB).

AIIMS Bhopal takes a significant leap to prevent cervical cancer



AIIMS Bhopal, under the leadership of Prof. (Dr.) Ajai Singh, Executive Director, has taken significant initiative aimed at combating cervical cancer, a leading cause of mortality among women in India. In a milestone collaboration, Vishwanath Care Foundation has generously provided AIIMS Bhopal with 262 doses of cervical cancer prevention vaccines. These vaccines, valued at approximately Rs 4000 each, are being administered free of cost to 131 girls aged 9 to 14 years, on a first-come-first-serve basis.

Raj Kapoor Raina appointed as Deputy Director, RG&CC

Raj Kapoor Raina, Scientist 'F' has been appointed as Deputy Director General (IT), in the office of Registrar General & Census Commissioner, India.

Rathore appointed OSD to minister Arjun Munda

Kuldeep Singh Rathore has been appointed as Officer on Special Duty to Arjun Munda, the Union Minister.

Ms Sonal Ramesh appointed as Joint Director, CACP



Ms Sonal Ramesh has been appointed as Joint Director, Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP). She is a 2014 batch IES officer.

Ms Panda empanelled as JS in GoI

Ms Sai Ahlladini Panda has been empanelled for holding Joint Secretary or equivalent posts in the Government of India. She is a 2000 batch IA & AS officer.

B Selva Kumar promoted to HAG+

B Selva Kumar has been promoted to the Higher Administrative Grade (HAG+). He is an IPoS officer.

Akhil Akhouri appointed as Deputy Secretary, Defence

Akhil Akhouri has been appointed as Deputy Secretary in the Ministry of Defence. He is a 2010 batch CWES officer.

Jitender Singh appointed Director, Agriculture

Jitender Singh has been appointed as Director in the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare. He is a 2008 batch IES officer.

Dr Pushkar Misra appointed Director, RRL



Dr Pushkar Misra has been appointed as Director, Rampur Raza Library (RRL), Rampur, Uttar Pradesh for a period of three years.

PUBLIC SECTOR UNDERTAKINGS

Whispers

By Sunil Salve

B Sairam appointed as CMD, NCL



B Sairam, Director (Technical/P&P), Central Coalfields Limited (CCL), has been appointed as Chairman and Managing Director (CMD), Northern Coalfields Limited (NCL). The Appointments of the Committee of Cabinet (ACC) has approved his appointment to the post.

Tenure of Ms Kalyani Sethuraman as CVO, HAL extended

The deputation tenure of Ms Kalyani Sethuraman working as CVO, Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), Bengaluru has been extended upto April 18, 2026. She is a 1994 batch IRAS officer.

Chaudhary selected as CMD, NHPC Limited



Raj Kumar Chaudhary, Director (Technical & Projects), NHPC Limited, has been selected for the post of Chairman-cum-Managing Director, NHPC Limited at a Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) meeting held on March 7, 2024. As many as seven persons were interviewed for the same.

(We said this on January 4, 2023)

Rajendra Gupta selected as Director (Fin) Cotton Corporation

Rajendra Kumar Gupta, Chief General Manager, CCI, has been selected as Director (Finance), Cotton Corporation of India Limited at a Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) meeting held on February 15, 2024. As many as eight persons were interviewed for the same.

Atul B Patil quits as Director Marketing NFL

Atul B Patil, Director Marketing, National Fertilizers Limited (NFL) has resigned from the post and he has been relieved from his duties.

Santosh Kumar Jha appointed as CMD, KRCL



Santosh Kumar Jha, Director, KRCL, has been appointed as Chairman-cum-Managing Director, Konkan Railway Corporation Limited (KRCL). The Appointments Committee of Cabinet (ACC) has approved his appointment to the post.

Purohit is Chairperson, VO Chidambaranar Port Authority

Susanta Kumar Purohit, who is serving as Joint Secretary, Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals on deputation basis, has been appointed on deputation as Chairperson (JS level), VO Chidambaranar Port Authority, Tuticorin, under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways for an overall tenure up to May 26, 2027. He is an Indian Railway Service of Electrical Engineers (IRSEE) officer.

Mundkur Shyamprasad Kamath appointed as MD, MRPL



Mundkur Shyamprasad Kamath, ED, MRPL, has been appointed as Managing Director, Mangalore Refinery & Petrochemicals Limited (MRPL). The Appointments Committee of Cabinet (ACC) has approved his appointment to the post.

Vineet Gupta appointed CVO, HUDCO

Vineet Gupta, who is presently posted in South Eastern Railway (SER), has been appointed as Chief Vigilance Officer, Housing and Urban Development Corporation Limited (HUDCO), Delhi, under the Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA), for a period of three years. He is an Indian Railway Service of Electrical Engineers (IRSEE) officer.

K Ravishankar gets addl. charge of CMD, HMT Ltd



K Ravishankar has been entrusted with the additional charge of Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of HMT Limited in place of Rajeev Singh, consequent upon cessation of his tenure.

Rahul Himalian appointed Director (T& M), IRCTC



Rahul Himalian, who is presently serving as Group General Manager (GGM) in Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation Limited (IRCTC) on deputation basis, has been appointed to the post of Director (Tourism & Marketing), IRCTC. He is an Indian Railway Traffic Service (IRTS) officer.

Satish Kumar appointed CVO, Mecon Ltd

Satish Kumar, who is presently posted as Chief Project Manager in Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL), Ranchi, has been appointed as Chief Vigilance Officer (CVO), Mecon Limited, Ranchi under the Ministry of Steel for a period of three years. He is an Indian Railway Service of Engineers (IRSE) officer.

Ms Kalyani Sethuraman is also CVO, BEL

Ms Kalyani Sethuraman, CVO, HAL, Bengaluru, has been assigned additional charge of CVO, Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL), Bengaluru upto April 18, 2024.

Shobhit Bhatnagar appointed Director (O&BD), DFCCIL



Shobhit Bhatnagar, who is presently posted in Northern Railway (NR), has been appointed as Director (Operations & Business Development) in Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Limited (DFCCIL) on immediate absorption basis. He is an Indian Railway Traffic Service (IRTS) officer.

Pradeep Kumar appointed CVO, MECL

Pradeep Kumar, Additional Divisional Railway Manager (ADRM), Jabalpur, West Central Railway (WCR) has been appointed as Chief Vigilance Officer (CVO), Minerals Exploration and Consultancy Limited (MECL), Nagpur, under the Ministry of Mines for a period of three years. He is an Indian Railway Service of Engineers (IRSE) officer.

Ashok Kumar appointed CVO, DoT

Ashok Kumar, who is presently posted in South Eastern Railway (SER), has been appointed as Chief Vigilance Officer (CVO), Department of Telecommunications Delhi (DoT) for a period of three years.

Ravindra Kumar appointed as Director (Ope), NTPC



Ravindra Kumar, ED, NTPC Limited, has been appointed as Director (Operations), NTPC Limited. The Appointments Committee of Cabinet (ACC) has approved his appointment to the post.

Harsh Baweja selected as Director (Fin), REC Ltd

Harsh Baweja, ED (Finance), REC Limited, has been selected for the post of Director (Finance), REC Limited at a Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) meeting held on February 17, 2024. As many as 11 persons were interviewed for the same. Baweja has earlier worked with HUDCO and carries 33 years of experience in the finance sector.

Sanjay Sharma is also Director (PS), SECI

Sanjay Sharma has been given the additional charge of the post of Director (Power System) Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited (SECI). Currently, he is serving the post of Director (Solar) SECI.

Mrs Rashmi Govil appointed as Director (HR), IOCL



Mrs Rashmi Govil, ED, IOCL, has been appointed as Director (Human Resources), Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL). The Appointments Committee of Cabinet (ACC) has approved her appointment to the post.

Ms Akanksha Sharma appointed CVO, NHDC

Ms Akanksha Sharma, Deputy Commissioner, Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD), has been appointed as Chief Vigilance Officer (CVO), National Handlooms Development Corporation Limited (NHDC) and Central Cottage Industries Corporation of India Limited (CCIC), Delhi, under the Ministry of Textiles for a period of three years. She is an Indian Railways Stores Service (IRSS) officer.

SC Gupta continues as Director (Tech.), MRVC

Subhash Chand Gupta, who is presently serving as Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of Mumbai Railway Vikas Corporation Ltd (MRVC Ltd), will continue to hold the additional charge of the post of Director (Technical), MRVC, beyond February 29, 2024.

Dr Ranbir Singh re-employed as Chairman, Brahmaputra Board



Dr Ranbir Singh has been re-employed as Chairman, Brahmaputra Board on contract basis. He is a 1991 batch retired IAS officer of AGMUT cadre.

BANKING & INSURANCE SERVICES

Whispers



Girija Subramanian selected as CMD, New India Assurance
Girija Subramanian, CMD, Agriculture Insurance Company (AIC), has been selected as Chairperson-cum-Managing Director, New India Assurance.



Dhanaraj T appointed ED, IOB
Dhanaraj T, Chief General Manager, Indian Bank, has been appointed as Executive Director of Indian Overseas Bank (IOB).



Rajiv Mishra appointed ED, BOI
Rajiv Mishra has been appointed as Executive Director of Bank of India (BOI).



RK Babbar appointed ED, Bandhan Bank Ltd
Rajendra Kumar Babbar has been appointed as Executive Director of Bandhan Bank Limited.



Malhotra is new Shareholder Director, Indian Bank
Pradeep Kumar Malhotra has been appointed as Shareholder Director of Indian Bank.



AK Gupta appointed ED, ICICI Bank Ltd
Ajay Kumar Gupta has been appointed as Whole-Time Director (Executive Director) of ICICI Bank Limited.



Batra is Chairman, ICICI Prudential Life Insurance
Sandeep Batra has been appointed as Chairman on the Board of ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Company Limited with effect from June 30, 2024. He will succeed M S Ramachandran consequent upon his retirement.



Munish Sharda appointed ED, Axis Bank
Munish Sharda has been appointed as Executive Director of Axis Bank Limited.



Sinha is new NE Director, ICICI Bank Ltd
Pradeep Kumar Sinha has been appointed as Non-Executive Independent Director of ICICI Bank Limited.



Tenure of Dr Hasmukh Adhia as Non Executive Chairman, BoB ends
Tenure of Dr Hasmukh Adhia as Non-Executive Chairman Bank of Baroda has ended. He is 1981 batch former IAS officer of Gujarat cadre.

Bhupesh Sushil Rahul selected as CMD, United India Insurance

Bhupesh Sushil Rahul, General Manager, AIC, has been selected as Chairman-cum-Managing Director, United India Insurance.

BK Divakara appointed ED, CSB Bank Ltd
BK Divakara has been appointed as Whole-Time Director, designated as Executive Director of CSB Bank Limited.

Ms S Srimathy bows out as ED, IOB
Ms S Srimathy has demitted office as Executive Director of Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) on completion of her tenure.

CORPORATE

Whispers

By Pawan Saluja



Mrs Bhanumathi is new NE Director, Adani Ports & SEZ
Mrs MV Bhanumathi has been appointed as Non - Executive Independent Director of Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Limited.



Kalyanaraman re-appointed MD, Kalyan Jewellers
TS Kalyanaraman has been re-appointed as Managing Director of Kalyan Jewellers India Limited with effect from June 20, 2024. He succeeded Kamlesh Kanaiyalal Joshi, who has stepped down from the post.



Sethi is NE Independent Director, J K Cement
Rakesh Sethi has been appointed Non - Executive Independent Director, JK Cement.



Kirloskar re-appointed Chairperson, Kirloskar Oil Engines
Atul Kirloskar has been re-appointed as Chairperson, Kirloskar Oil Engines Limited.



Ms Vinita Bali appointed NE Director, Bajaj Auto Ltd
Ms Vinita Bali has been appointed as Non-Executive Independent Director of Bajaj Auto Limited with effect from April 1, 2024.



Dr Krishnan is new NE Director, Ramco Systems Ltd
Dr MS Krishnan has been appointed as Non-Executive Independent Director of Ramco Systems Limited with effect from February 7, 2024.



Roy re-appointed CEO, Astec Lifesciences
Anurag Roy has been re-appointed as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Astec Lifesciences Limited with effect from July 28, 2024.



Dr Shukla appointed MD & CEO, Rallis India Ltd
Dr Gyanendra Shukla has been appointed as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) of Rallis India Limited with effect from April 1, 2024.



Singh is new Executive V-C, Goodricke Group Ltd
Arun Narain Singh has been appointed as Executive Vice-Chairman and Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) of Goodricke Group Limited.



Kulumani appointed MD, Galaxy Surfactants Ltd
Natarajan Krishnan Kulumani has been appointed as Managing Director (MD) of Galaxy Surfactants Limited.



Singh re-appointed Executive Chairman, GNA Axles Ltd
Gursaran Singh has been re-appointed as Executive Chairman of GNA Axles Limited with effect from April 1, 2024.



Gaurav Ghai appointed MD, Graviss Hospitality Ltd
Gaurav Ghai has been appointed as Managing Director of Graviss Hospitality Limited.

POLITICS

Whispers

UP CM Yogi Aditya Nath will be brought to centre as the new Home Minister?



Narendra Modi is going to be the PM again-this is a foregone conclusion. In the corridors of power people have started talking about the next Home Minister. It is widely believed that the present Home Minister will be again Home Minister but in one knowledgeable circle, people say that UP CM Yogi Aditya Nath will be brought to centre as the new Home Minister.

Six new 'Sah-sarkaryavah' in new body of RSS

Six new 'Sah-sarkaryavah': Krishn Gopal, Mukund, Arun Kumar, Ramdatt Chakradhar, Atul Limaye and Alok Kumar have been inducted in the newly constituted body of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS).

Minister is Cabinet Secretary, others Secretaries



At a discussion, one retired bureaucrat said that in the Power Ministry, the minister is the Cabinet Secretary and the rest are Secretaries, Additional Secretary and Joint Secretaries. And the Ministry is running well. Minister Raj Kumar Singh is a retired 1975 batch IAS officer of Bihar cadre.

Major overhaul in next Modi Cabinet?

In the third term of Narendra Modi, there is going to be a major overhaul in his new Cabinet. High profile Ministers may be out and there will be new faces from the youth and women category, whispers in the corridor learnt.

In New Lok Sabha, MPs won't get PAs of their choice?

As per sources, MPs of the new Lok Sabha are unlikely to get PAs of their choice. It is said that now the house will provide them PAs.

Former 1979 batch IAS topper joins BJP

Dr Hrusikesh Panda, a former Secretary in the GoI has joined the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). He is the topper of the 1979 batch.

Narendra Modi 3.0: Corrupt BJP leaders will not be spared!



Opposition is crying about Modi Government that uses of ED, CBI and IT is not fair but those who know Modi from close quarters say that in the next term same action of the agencies will be taken against the corrupt BJP leaders to clean up the Indian system.

In presence of Modi, why Telangana CM admires Gujarat model?

At a function Revanth Reddy, Telangana CM, appreciated the Gujarat model and PM Modi's assurance that India will be the third economy in the world during his third term. He said all these when Modi was present and listening him attentively.

Similarity between Narendra Modi and Mohan Yadav !



It seems Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Dr Mohan Yadav is the rising star in the Indian Political scene. In fact, Dr Yadav started his first innings with a clear mindset as CM similar to the style of Narendra Modi's first stint as CM of Gujarat. Dr Yadav's first few announcements are the indication of his clear vision-pro-Hindu and pro-RSS.

Who will be Ajit Pawar of Karnataka?

Who will join the BJP to take over the reins of Karnataka? Political observers do not rule out the possibility of some Congress leader joining hands with BJP to become Chief Minister of Karnataka.

Who suggested Yusuf's name to Mamta?



In the political circles people are curious to know the sudden induction of ex- IPL player of Kolkata Knight Riders Yusuf Pathan in the TMC's LS candidates list. He will fight election against Congress' Adhir Ranjan Chowdhary. People are curious to know who suggested to Mamata Banerjee to pick a Gujarati to defeat Congress in Bengal? Pathan is from Vadodara.

Awards & Honours

IIT Roorkee & EIL forge strategic partnership to advance research and innovation

By Abul Hasan



A historic collaboration has been forged between Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee (IIT Roorkee), an esteemed academic institute of national importance, and Engineers India Limited (EIL), a leading Engineering, Technology and Total energy consultancy company. This landmark partnership aims to drive innovation and advance research in critical areas of green technologies, marking a significant milestone in the pursuit of scientific excellence. The memorandum of understanding (MOU) signed between IIT Roorkee and EIL outlines a comprehensive framework for cooperation in research-related activities. Leveraging their respective expertise and resources, both organizations are set to embark on collaborative projects focusing on cutting-edge research initiatives. At the forefront of

this collaboration is a joint commitment towards sustainability and resource utilization. Key research domains identified for exploration include innovative methods for converting carbon dioxide (CO₂) into valuable chemicals, demonstrating a dedication to mitigating greenhouse gas emissions while unlocking economic opportunities. This also includes pioneering efforts in the tri-reforming of methane to produce syngas, catalytic conversions of CO₂ into olefin and methanol, and the development of catalytic processes for converting lignocellulosic biomass into high-value chemicals. These endeavors signify a profound commitment of both the organizations towards environmental stewardship and the transition towards a circular, green and bio-based economy. This collaboration between IIT Roorkee and EIL signifies a significant advancement in the pursuit of sustainable innovation. Together, the partnership leverages collective expertise and resources to address pressing environmental challenges and pioneer solutions for a greener and more prosperous future. By combining strengths and a shared commitment to excellence, this collaboration is poised to drive impactful change and create a lasting legacy of sustainability for generations to come. The partnership signifies a fusion of academic excellence and industry prowess, poised to deliver impactful solutions with global relevance. Through this collaboration, both entities aim to address pressing challenges in fields such as renewable energy, sustainable development, and environmental conservation. Ms. Vartika Shukla, Chairman & Managing Director at Engineers India Limited (EIL), New Delhi, emphasized the significance of the collaboration, stating, "We are thrilled to embark on this strategic partnership with IIT Roorkee. By harnessing the collective strengths of our organizations, we aim to drive innovation and make significant contributions to research and development in critical areas." Speaking about the collaboration Prof. KK Pant, Director IIT Roorkee, said: "Collaboration is at the heart of innovation, and our partnership with Engineers India Limited represents a pivotal moment in our journey towards scientific excellence. Together, we're poised to unlock new possibilities, push boundaries, and create solutions that will shape a brighter, more sustainable future for generations to come." The MOU between IIT Roorkee and EIL underscores a commitment to collaborative research, knowledge exchange, and mutual growth. It sets the stage for a dynamic partnership that promises to push the boundaries of innovation and contribute to the advancement of science and technology.

Foundation stone laid for NLC's 300 MW Solar Power Plant in Barsingsar

NLC India Limited, a leading player in the mining and power generation sector, celebrated a momentous occasion today with the foundation stone laying ceremony of its 300 MW Solar Power Project in Barsingsar, Rajasthan, by Prime Minister Narendra Modi through video conference mode. The esteemed event was graced by other dignitaries including Bhajan Lal Sharma, Chief Minister of Rajasthan; Gopal Verma, MLA; Kailash Sharma, MLA; Sudhansh Pant, Chief Secretary, Govt of Rajasthan; Abhay Kumar, Additional Chief Secretary, Water Resources Planning Department, Govt of Rajasthan. This landmark project, under MNRE's CPSU Scheme and awarded by IREDA on 04.10.2021, marks a significant stride towards bolstering India's renewable energy portfolio and fostering sustainable development. The total project cost is estimated at Rs. 1,756 crore, with scheduled commissioning in September 2024, demonstrating NLC India Ltd's commitment to delivering projects of national importance within stipulated timelines. Speaking on the occasion via video conference, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said, "India has started moving at a fast pace in generating solar power, and in giving an impetus to this mission, today, foundation stone has been laid for various solar power projects in Rajasthan. The projects will not only provide green and cheap power to the region but also provide great employment opportunities to the youth."



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Awards & Honours

Secretary, MoP appreciates progress of THDCIL's 1320 MW Khurja STPP

By Abul Hasan



Pankaj Agarwal (IAS), Secretary, Ministry of Power, Government of India along with team of other Senior Officers of MoP, Praveen Gupta, Member (Thermal), CEA and Piyush Singh, Joint Secretary (Thermal) carried out inspection visit of the Under-Construction 1320 MW Khurja STPP to review the progress of the project ahead of its commissioning in 2024. R K Vishnoi, CMD THDCIL conveyed his Heartiest welcome to Secretary, Ministry of Power and other Senior officers on their visit to the THDCIL's maiden Thermal Power Plant. The delegates were welcomed by Bhupender Gupta, Director (Technical), THDC India Limited and team of other senior officers of THDCIL at Khurja STPP. In view of the upcoming Boiler Light Up and Synchronization of unit#1, an in-depth visit and review of various components of the project namely- Coal Handling System, Boiler, ESP, TG, Chimney etc. was carried out. During the visit Agarwal inaugurated the Condensate Extraction Pump

(CEP) from the control room. He motivated the entire project team and undertook a detailed assessment of the progress of different packages and timelines of various upcoming milestones while imparting valuable insights. Sh. Gupta, Director (Technical) appraised the delegates for the successful completion of various milestones such as TG Barring Gear, Auxiliary Boiler commissioning etc. and underscored their commitment of timely commissioning the 1st unit (660 MW) of the project by May 2024. Pankaj Agarwal, Secretary (Power) addressed the KSTPP team and highlighted the impact of the project upon the energy landscape in north India, particularly in state of Uttar Pradesh, in light of the nation's steadfast commitment of exponential increase in power generation. R K Vishnoi, Chairman and Managing Director, THDCIL conveyed his heartfelt gratitude to Secretary for his valuable guidance and inspiration. Vishnoi highlighted that THDCIL supported by its dedicated team, strategic partners, and committed stakeholders, is poised to make substantial strides in the energy industry. With a shared vision of progress, THDCIL remains committed to leveraging its expertise and resources to contribute significantly to the nation's energy security and overall development. The site visit was followed by a plantation drive by the delegates to commemorate the occasion. Senior Officials of THDCIL, NTPC, BHEL, LMB Thyssenkrupp etc. were also present during the entire event. THDCIL is one of the premier PSU, which has expertise in harnessing of Hydro, Solar, Wind and Thermal Energy sources. It has installed capacity of 1587 MW with commissioning of Tehri Dam & HPP (1000MW), Koteshwar HEP (400MW) in Uttarakhand, Wind Power Projects of 50MW at Patan & 63MW at Dwarka in Gujarat, 24MW Dhukwan Small Hydro Project, Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh and 50 MW Solar Power Project at Kasaragod, Kerala to its credit. Also, it is worth mentioning that THDCIL has operational coal mines at Amelia, and Singrauli in MP.

NSE celebrates second listing on social stock exchange segment

The Social Stock Exchange (SSE) achieves yet another milestone with the successful second listing, featuring Ekalavya Foundation, on the SSE Segment. The listing ceremony took place at National Stock Exchange's Headquarters in Bandra Kurla Complex (BKC), Mumbai, marking a significant step forward in the realm of impact-driven finance. The inaugural listing of SGBS Unnati Foundation on December 13, 2023, set the stage for historic moments on the SSE platform. The current listing, celebrated with enthusiasm, witnessed a gathering of distinguished dignitaries, officials, and representatives from Non-Profit Organizations (NPOs), NABARD, donors such as Zerodha and other stakeholders. Ekalavya Foundation successfully mobilized funds amounting to approximately INR 85.30 lakhs. These funds will play a pivotal role in facilitating the training of tribal farmers in the state of Telangana. The focus of the training will be on sustainable livelihood development in agriculture-allied sectors. Sriram Krishnan, Chief Business Development Officer of NSE extended heartfelt congratulations to the Ekalavya Foundation team. He expressed "I am reminded of the words of our Finance Minister, Government of India Mrs Nirmala Sitharaman of taking "the capital markets closer to the masses and meet various social welfare objectives related to inclusive growth and financial inclusion", during the budget session of 2019, where the vision for an SSE was cast, a vision that is no longer a distant dream but a tangible reality." He also gave a special mention to SEBI that played a pivotal role in launching the Social Stock Exchange framework in India. The SSE platform continues to grow and today we have more than 50 registered Non-Profit Organizations (NPOs). Among these, a few more NPOs have successfully raised funds, and many others are in the process of doing so. The initiatives span diverse developmental areas, including education, skilling, agriculture, and poverty alleviation for tribal farmers. The SSE platform remains committed to bridging the gap between financial markets and social welfare objectives, bringing about inclusive growth and financial empowerment. As more NPOs express their intent to raise funds through SSE, the platform solidifies its role as a catalyst for positive social change.



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COUNTERS

13 GREEN
COVER
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