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Government of India  
Secretariat of the  
Appointments Committee of the Cabinet  
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions  
Department of Personnel and Training

..... North Block, New Delhi, 25.08.2025

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the following appointments:

- i. **Shri Sanjay Rastogi, IAS (OR:91)**, Additional Secretary & Financial Advisor, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports as **Director General, National Archives of India, Ministry of Culture** in the rank and pay of Additional Secretary to the Government of India.
- ii. **Shri Anil Kumar Singhal, IAS (AP:93)**, as **Chief Executive Officer, National Rainfed Area Authority, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare** in the rank and pay of Additional Secretary to the Government of India by temporarily downgrading the post to Additional Secretary level and by modifying the order dated 02.07.2025.
- iii. **Shri Sudeep Jain, IAS (TN:94)**, Additional Secretary, Ministry of New & Renewable Energy as **Member Secretary, National Commission for Women, Ministry of Women & Child Development** in the rank and pay of Additional Secretary to the Government of India.
- iv. **Shri Dheeraj Sahu, IAS (UP:96)**, Managing Director, Small Farmers Agri-Business Consortium, Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare. Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare as **Additional Secretary, Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Education**.
- v. **Shri A. Anbarasu, IAS (AGMUT:96)**, presently in the cadre, as **Additional Secretary & Director General (Acquisition), Department of Defence, Ministry of Defence**.
- vi. **Shri Lav Aggarwal, IAS (AP:96)**, presently in the cadre, as **Additional Secretary, Ministry of Women & Child Development** vice Shri Gyanesh Bharti, IAS (AGMUT:98) upon his appointment as Deputy Election Commissioner, Election Commission of India by continuing the temporary upgradation of the post held by Shri Bharti.
- vii. **Shri Sunil Kumar Barnwal, IAS (JH:97)**, Additional Secretary, Department of Higher Education as **Chief Executive Officer, National Health Authority**, in the rank and pay of Additional Secretary to the Government of India by temporarily downgrading the post to Additional Secretary level.
- viii. **Shri Manish Bhardwaj, IAS (GJ:97)**, Deputy Director General, Unique Identification Authority of India, Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology as **Secretary, National Disaster Management Authority, Ministry of Home Affairs** in the rank and pay of Additional Secretary to the Government of India by temporarily downgrading the post to Additional Secretary level.



- ix. **Shri Akash Tripathi, IAS (MP:98)**, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Power as **Managing Director, Solar Energy Corporation of India Ltd., Ministry of New & Renewable Energy** in the rank and pay of Additional Secretary to the Government of India by temporarily upgrading the post to Additional Secretary level.
- x. **Shri Gyanesh Bharti, IAS (AGMUT:98)**, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development as **Deputy Election Commissioner, Election Commission of India** in the rank and pay of Additional Secretary to the Government of India by temporarily upgrading a vacant post of DS/Director in the Commission.
- xi. **Shri Hirdesh Kumar, IAS (AGMUT:99)**, Managing Director, Tribal Co-operative Marketing Development Federation of India, Ministry of Tribal Affairs as **CEO, NATGRID, Ministry of Home Affairs** in the rank and pay of Additional Secretary to the Government of India.
- xii. **Shri Diwakar Nath Misra, IAS (AM:2000)**, presently in the cadre, as **Additional Secretary, Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance**.
- xiii. **Shri Akhil Kumar, IPS (UP:94)**, presently in the cadre, as **Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer, Digital India Corporation, Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology** in the rank and pay of Additional Secretary to the Government of India.
- xiv. **Shri Sandeep Sarkar, IDAS:95**, presently in the cadre, as **Additional Secretary & Financial Advisor, Department of Agricultural Research & Education**.
- xv. **Ms. Anu P. Mathai, IES:95**, presently in the cadre, as **Additional Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance** by temporarily upgrading a vacant post of Joint Secretary in the Department.

2. The ACC has also approved *in-situ* upgradation of the following officers to the level of Additional Secretary to the Government of India as a measure personal to them by temporarily upgrading the posts held by them:

- i. **Shri Shantanu, IAS (TR:97)**, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region, as **Additional Secretary, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region**.
- ii. **Shri Pawan Kumar Sharma, IAS (MP:99)**, Joint Secretary, Department of Defence, Ministry of Defence as **Additional Secretary, Department of Defence, Ministry of Defence** by restoring the post to Additional Secretary level.

  
 25.8.2025  
**(Manisha Saxena)**  
 Secretary

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To

1. Cabinet Secretary.
2. Principal Secretary to PM
3. Secretary to President of India.
4. Secretary to Vice President of India.
5. Secretary General, Rajya Sabha Secretariat.
6. Secretary General, Lok Sabha Secretariat.
7. Secretary, Department of Personnel & Training.
8. Secretary (Coordination & PG), Cabinet Secretariat.
9. All Secretaries to the Government of India (As per standard list).
10. PS to Home Minister.
11. PS to all Union Ministers.
12. PS to MOS (PP).
13. Officer concerned
14. Chief Secretaries of all States.
15. Cabinet Secretariat (**Ms. Mrunmai Joshi**, Deputy Secretary) w.r.t. their Dy. No. 02/01/2025-CS(A) dated 25.08.2025.
16. DG (M&C), PIB.
17. Editor, Civil Services News and Deputy Secretary, D/o Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances.
18. PSO to Secretary (P)/ PPS to EO/ EO(CM)/ Guard File.
19. NIC, DoPT.

  
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