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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
Appointments Committee of the Cabinet
& Establishment Officer