

No. **36/01/2026-EO(SM-I)**
Government of India
Secretariat of the
Appointments Committee of the Cabinet
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
Department of Personnel and Training

New Delhi, **23.07.2026**

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

- i. **Shri Katikithala Srinivas, IAS (GJ:89)**, Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs as **Secretary, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region**.
- ii. **Shri Vineet Joshi, IAS (MN:92)**, Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education as **Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj** vice Shri Vivek Bhardwaj, IAS (WB:90) upon his superannuation on 31.07.2026.
- iii. **Shri Naresh Pal Gangwar, IAS (RJ:94)**, Secretary, Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying as **Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education** vice Shri Vineet Joshi, IAS (MN:92) upon his appointment as Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj.
- iv. **Shri Piyush Goyal, IAS (NL:94)**, Secretary, Ministry of Mines as **Secretary General, National Human Rights Commission (NHRC)** in the rank and pay of Secretary to the Government of India.
- v. **Shri T. K. Anil Kumar, IAS (KN:95)**, Additional Secretary, Department of Rural Development, Ministry of Rural Development as **Secretary, Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Education**.
- vi. **Shri Sushil Kumar Lohani, IAS (OR:95)**, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj as **Officer on Special Duty, Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying** in the rank and pay of Secretary to the Government of India. The officer will take over as **Secretary, Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying** vice Shri Naresh Pal Gangwar, IAS (RJ:94) upon his appointment as Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education.
- vii. **Ms. Archana Varma, IAS (AM:95)**, Mission Director, National Water Mission, Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation, Ministry of Jal Shakti as **Mission Director, National Water Mission, Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation, Ministry of Jal Shakti** in the rank and pay of Secretary to the Government of India by temporarily upgrading the post to Secretary

level. The officer will take over as **Secretary, Department of Official Language, Ministry of Home Affairs** vice Ms. Ansuli Arya, IAS (BH:89) upon her superannuation on 30.09.2026.

- viii. **Shri Keshav Chandra, IAS (AGMUT:95)**, presently in the cadre, as **Secretary, Ministry of Mines** vice Shri Piyush Goyal, IAS (NL:94) upon his appointment as Secretary General, National Human Rights Commission (NHRC).
- ix. **Ms. D. Thara, IAS (GJ:95)**, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs as **Secretary, Department of Capital Development, Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs** by operating a vacant Secretary level post.
- x. **Shri B. Rajender, IAS (BH:95)**, presently in the cadre, as **Director, Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, Department of Personnel & Training** in the rank and pay of Secretary to the Government of India by temporarily upgrading the post to Secretary level vice Shri Sriram Taranikanti, IAS (TR:92) upon his superannuation on 31.07.2026.
- xi. **Shri Chandra Bhushan Kumar, IAS (AGMUT:95)**, presently in the cadre, as **Secretary, Ministry of Labour & Employment** vice Ms. Vandana Gurnani, IAS (KN:91) upon her superannuation on 31.07.2026.
- xii. **Shri Satendra Singh, IAS (JH:95)**, Additional Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat as **Secretary, Department of Urban Development, Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs**.
- xiii. **Shri Suchindra Misra, IDAS:92**, Special Secretary, Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce & Industry as **Secretary, National Commission for Minorities, Ministry of Minority Affairs** in the rank and pay of Secretary to the Government of India.

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

- i. **Shri Mritunjay Kumar Narayan, IAS (UP:95)**, Registrar General of India and Census Commissioner, Ministry of Home Affairs as **Registrar General of India and Census Commissioner, Ministry of Home Affairs** in the rank and pay of Secretary to the Government of India.
- ii. **Shri Santosh Kumar Yadav, IAS (UP:95)**, Chairman, National Highways Authority of India, Ministry of Road Transport & Highways as **Chairman, National Highways Authority of India, Ministry of Road Transport & Highways** in the rank and pay of Secretary to the Government of India by restoring the post to Secretary level.

- iii. **Shri Rajeev Singh Thakur, IAS (RJ:95)**, Adviser, NITI Aayog as **Adviser, NITI Aayog** in the rank and pay of Secretary to the Government of India.
- iv. **Shri Dilip Kumar, IAS (PB:95)**, Director General (Training), Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship as **Director General (Training), Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship** in the rank and pay of Secretary to the Government of India.


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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. Kavita Singh, Joint Secretary**) w.r.t. their Dy. No.01/01/2026-CS(A) dated 23.07.2026.
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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