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PRESS NOTE

Shri Anup Chandra Pandey takes over as new Election Commissioner

Shri Anup Chandra Pandey today assumed charge as the new Election Commissioner (EC) of India. Shri Pandey joins the Election Commission of India as second Election Commissioner in a three-member body headed by Chief Election Commissioner Shri Sushil Chandra and Election Commissioner Shri Rajiv Kumar.



Born on 15th February 1959, Shri Anup Chandra Pandey has been a 1984 batch Indian Administrative Service Officer. During the span of about 37 years of distinguished Government of India service, Shri Pandey has worked in various Ministries & Departments at the Centre and his state cadre of Uttar Pradesh.

Shri Anup Chandra Pandey, a career bureaucrat holds a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering from Punjab Engineering College and a Master's degree in Materials Management from Panjab University. Shri Anup Chandra who has a keen interest in study of history holds a Doctorate of Philosophy in Ancient Indian History from Magadh University.

Shri Pandey, superannuated as Chief Secretary, Government of Uttar Pradesh in August 2019. Prior to joining the Election Commission of India, Shri Pandey served as a Member National Green Tribunal Oversight Committee, Uttar Pradesh.

Under his administrative leadership as Chief Secretary, the state successfully organized the Kumbh Mela at Prayagraj and Pravasi Bhartiya Diwas at Varanasi in 2019.

Earlier, Shri Anup Chandra served as Industrial Development Commissioner of the state and successfully organized a mega Investor's Summit at Lucknow in 2018. He also introduced various policy reforms in the industries and business sector including single window NiveshMitra Portal.

As Additional Chief Secretary (Finance), Government of Uttar Pradesh. Shri Pandey's endeavours led to successful designing, planning and implementation of Uttar Pradesh Farm Loan Waiver Scheme.

Shri Pandey has held diverse portfolios during his deputation with the central government. He served as Additional Secretary, Ministry of Defence and Joint Secretary, Ministry of Labour & Employment, Government of India where he represented the country at various international forums like G20 and International Labour Organization. He was also Director in Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and Department of Consumer Affairs.

Shri Pandey has a keen interest in writing and has authored a book titled "Governance in Ancient India" which explores the evolution, nature, scope, functions and all related aspects of ancient Indian Civil Service from the Rig Vedic period to 650 AD.



Chief Election Commissioner, Shri Sushil Chandra, and Election Commissioner Shri Rajiv Kumar, formally welcoming Election Commissioner Shri Anup Chandra Pandey

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