

Distinguished Alumni



Arvind Saxena

Shri Arvind Saxena studied Civil Engineering at the Delhi College of Engineering between 1971 and 1976 and did his M.Tech. in Systems & Management from the Indian Institute of Technology, New Delhi in 1978.

During the B.Sc. Civil Engineering program, he worked with two major civil engineering companies in New Delhi and during the M.Tech. program he worked with Hindustan Photo Films in Ootacamund, Tamil Nadu, Operations Research Group, a Sarabhai Group company in Baroda, Gujarat and, Engineering Projects (India) Ltd. in New Delhi, gaining experience in management and control of large and complex projects.

Selected for the Civil Services, he joined the Indian Postal Service in 1978, where he worked as Divisional Head of Postal Services at Bharatpur and Kota, covering the districts of Bharatpur, Dhoulpur, Kota, Jhalawar, and Baran, in Rajasthan. He was brought to Delhi in 1982 to take over as Officer on Special Duty, in-charge of arrangements for postal services for the IX Asian Games and the 7th Non-Aligned Summit Meet. After handling these assignments, he took over as Philately Officer at the Postal Directorate in New Delhi and subsequently as OSD for modernisation of the Stamps and Seals Factory in Aligarh. He was posted as Director, Mail Planning Operations at Bombay, looking after mail arrangements in the states of Maharashtra, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh before being selected as Principal of the prestigious P&T Training Centre at Saharanpur, U.P. During this assignment he worked with the Committee of Experts for Excellence in Postal Services. He drafted papers for this Committee, which included reports on the largest ever consumer and employee survey for the postal services and inputs from experts on induction of technology and modern management practices in postal operations in India. He also underwent a program for trainers at the University of Manchester in U.K.

He joined the Research & Analysis Wing of the Cabinet Secretariat in 1988 and specialised in study of strategic developments in neighbouring countries. Served in five countries and the State of Jammu & Kashmir, he travelled extensively, attaining domain specialisation in developments relating to China, Pakistan and other regional countries as well as economic, military, international terrorism and S&T issues. He took over as Special Secretary in-charge of the Aviation Research Centre in 2014, where he continued till he demitted charge in May 2015.

Shri Arvind Saxena joined as Member, UPSC on May 08, 2015.