

	1. Name	Dr. Arun Kumar Verma
	2. Service:	Indian Forest Service, (RR, GJ 1986) <b>Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Retired)</b>
	3. Date of Birth	07/07/1959
	4. Education:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ph.D. (Tribal Development Policy); [2013]</li> <li>• Post Graduate Programme in Public Policy &amp; Management (PGPPM); Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore &amp; Maxwell School of Citizenship and International Affairs, Syracuse University USA. [2004]</li> <li>• Associate of Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy, (Eq. M.Sc. Forestry); Forest Research Institute and College Dehradun; [1988]</li> <li>• M. Sc. (Physics); Bihar University, Muzaffarpur, Bihar; [1982]</li> </ul>
5. Brief Profile	<p>An Indian Forest Services officer of 1986 batch, Dr. A K Verma has an experience of over 33 years in governance and management. His experience encompasses rich association with both state and central government in various administrative capacities. Although varied, his areas of expertise belong to three broad domains of public management:</p> <p><b>1. Power Sector-</b> (Power Distribution, Reforms, Smart Grid, Urban Electric Systems &amp; Rural Electrification)</p> <p>Dr. Verma's association with Indian Power Sector began with his engagement as a <b>Managing Director of Uttar Gujarat Vij Company Limited (UGVCL)</b>, a state distribution company with more than 10 Million connected consumers and ~15 BU in power sales. He was responsible for overall financial and operational performance of the Utility. He managed and streamlined core functions such as Inventory Management, Load Forecasting, Power Procurement and Consumer Facilitation. <b>AT&amp;C loss of UGVCL was reduced to globally comparable level of 6.63%.</b> As a testimony to his performance, UGVCL received the GoI's <b>Gold Shield</b> for the Performance of 2010-11.</p> <p>Subsequently he was appointed as a <b>Joint Secretary to GoI</b> in the Ministry of Power, wherein he steered the most prolific nation-wide reforms throughout the power value chain – <b>fuel, generation, transmission, tariff, finances, conservation &amp; efficiency</b> under <b>UDAY</b>. He led the charge for 100% <b>village electrification</b> under Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (<b>DDUGJY</b>) and <b>universal household electrification</b> in the country through <b>SAUBHAGYA</b> and <b>completed</b> the tasks. <b>IEA</b> recognized the electrification work of India as a <b>global success story</b>. His expertise also includes strategic areas such as <b>IT enablement</b></p>	

	<p><b>of Discoms</b>, transparency in the power sector and enabling robust coordination between center and states. His policy and operational level efforts along with implementation of <b>Integrated Power Development Scheme (IPDS)</b> in the urban areas enabled '<b>Ease of doing business (getting electricity) Index</b>' of India to improve from <b>99 to 24</b> during his tenure. He led and operationalised one of the largest amalgamations of two large public sector NBFCs- <b>PFC and REC</b> in a shorter span of 4 months. He conceptualised integrated approach to planning in distribution sector, which led to the first ever '<b>Distribution Plan</b>' of the country with an aim of integrated, demand led planning of capital expenditure. Hydro Electric Projects were fast tracked through effective contract management involving pre-investment, investment and other policy aspects including R&amp;R settlement</p> <p>He had been Government Nominee <b>Director on the Boards</b> of large Companies e.g. <b>REC, PFC, NHPC, SJVNL, &amp; PTC</b></p> <p><b>2. Natural Resource Management</b> (Forest, Environment, Coastal zone Management &amp; Multilateral Environmental Agreements)</p> <p>Apart from his long career in Gujarat Forests Department in various positions, he also served for more than six continuous years as <b>Member of the Consultative Committee</b> advising Government of India on <b>Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD)</b> and <b>United Nation Convention for Combating Desertification (UNCCD)</b>. He is trained in <b>Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs)</b> and his thesis '<b>Indian Environmental Diplomacy: Focus &amp; Framework</b>' served as reference document on the subject. As Member Secretary, Gujarat Ecology Commission he was Director of World Bank funded <b>Integrated Coastal Zone Management Project</b> in Gujarat. He is expert in people's participation in management and also contributed to the greening of State through preparation of two <b>externally aided projects</b> namely <b>IFDP &amp; GFDP</b>. There are more than two dozen professional publications to his credit. He also guided more than ten research projects during his tenure in GEC.</p> <p><b>3. Development Administration</b> (Poverty Alleviation &amp; Development of Scheduled Tribes)</p> <p>As Commissioner, Tribal Development in Gujarat, he strategized and implemented largest ever development initiative for Scheduled Tribes in the country – '<b>Vanbandhu Yojana</b>' of Gujarat Government, which involved managing projects worth INR 150 Billion under Chief Minister's 10-Point Programme.</p>
<b>6. Awards &amp; Recognition</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UGVCL got Government of India Gold Shield for the performance of his period (2010-11)</li> <li>• Awarded Rashtriya Gaurav Award for outstanding Services, Achievements &amp; Contributions in public service in 2010</li> <li>• Conferred Digital India Award 2016 for the GARV App</li> </ul>