



# Vijay Vardhan: Chief Information Commissioner of Haryana

## Why in News?

- On March 25, 2022, former Chief Secretary of Haryana and retired IAS Vijay Vardhan became the new Chief Information Commissioner of the state. Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar administered the oath of office and secrecy to him at his Haryana residence in Chandigarh.

## Key Points

- Along with this, the Chief Minister administered the oath of office and allegiance to retired IAS Satyaveer Singh Phulia as State Information Commissioner. Both the retired IAS officers took oath in Hindi.
- The Governor has made these appointments on the recommendation of the Search and Statutory Committee constituted under sub-section 3 of Section 15 of the Right to Information Act, 2005.
- It is worth mentioning that the State Government had constituted this committee this month to fill the vacant posts of Chief Information Commissioner and State Information Commissioner. After sorting out the applications for both the posts, the committee had stamped the names of Vardhan and Phulia.
- The post of Chief Information Commissioner fell vacant after the completion of the tenure of retired DGP Yashpal Singhal on March 23. He was appointed to this post on April 27, 2017.

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