



# New Chief Secretary of Madhya Pradesh

## Why in News?

Senior IAS officer **Anurag Jain** has been appointed as the **new Chief Secretary** of Madhya Pradesh.

## Key Points

- **Appointment:**
  - Anurag Jain has been appointed as the **35<sup>th</sup> Chief Secretary** of Madhya Pradesh.
  - He is a senior IAS officer from the **1989 batch**.
  - He held the position of Joint Secretary in the [Prime Minister's Office \(PMO\)](#).
  - Before this appointment, Jain was serving as the **Secretary in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways** on central deputation.
  - He was awarded the [Prime Minister's award in 2023](#) for his outstanding work.

## Chief Secretary

- The Chief Secretary is the highest-ranking civil servant in a state government, responsible for the overall administration and coordination of government functions.
- **Appointment:** The Chief Minister selects the Chief Secretary, who is usually an IAS officer. The Chief Minister may consult with the Union government, ministerial colleagues, or the cabinet, but this is not mandatory.
- **Role and Responsibilities:**
  - **Administrative Head:** Acts as the principal advisor to the Chief Minister and oversees the administration of the state government.
  - **Coordination:** Ensures coordination among different departments and agencies within the state government.
  - **Policy Implementation:** Responsible for the implementation of government policies and programs at the state level.
  - **Liaison:** Acts as a liaison between the state government and the central government.

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