



### **Shri ARVIND SAXENA**

Shri Arvind Saxena joined UPSC as a Member on May 8, 2015, and on June 20, 2018 assumed the charge of Chairman, UPSC.

Shri Saxena studied Civil Engineering at the Delhi College of Engineering and did his M.Tech. in Systems Management from the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), New Delhi.

Selected for the Civil Services, Shri Saxena joined the Indian Postal Service in 1978. Shri Saxena worked as Divisional Head of Postal Services at Bharatpur and Kota, covering the districts of Bharatpur, Dholpur, Kota, Jhalawar, and Baran in Rajasthan. In 1982 he was appointed as Officer on Special Duty in-charge of arrangements for postal services for the IXth Asian Games and the 7<sup>th</sup> Non-Aligned Summit Meet. His work and contribution towards making these events successful were appreciated on record. 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 Sharanpur, UP. During this assignment he worked with the Committee of Experts for Excellence in Postal Services. He was instrumental in drafting the papers for the Committee, which included reports on the largest ever consumer and employees survey for the postal services and 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.

In 1988, he left the Indian Postal Service to join the Research & Analysis Wing of the Cabinet Secretariat, where he specialised in the study of strategic developments in neighbouring countries, including Nepal, China and Pakistan. Shri Saxena served in different countries and in the States of Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab and Himachal Pradesh. He travelled extensively in India and abroad over a period of twenty seven years and had the opportunity to interact and establish productive relations with the senior-most echelons of leadership in various countries covering areas of local politics, intelligence, military, international relations, terrorism, finance and commerce. He also worked on activities of various insurgent, radical and terror groups operating outside India. He attained domain specialisation in these areas.

He took over as Special Secretary in-charge of the Aviation Research Centre (ARC) in 2014, where he strengthened working ties with similar agencies of other countries and interacted closely in India with the Chiefs of the three Defence Services and Heads of Central Armed Police Forces.

Shri Saxena was given awards for meritorious services (2005) and distinguished services (2012), conferred by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India in recognition of his exemplary work and unblemished service record in the R&AW. He continued to head the ARC till he demitted the charge in May 2015 to join UPSC as a Member.