

## **Surendra Nath Tripathi IAS (OD 1985)**

### **Director, Indian Institute of Public Administration, New Delhi**

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S.N. Tripathi - SNT to his friends and well-wishers did his post-graduation in Political Science from Allahabad University and later had his MBA in Public Policy from University of Ljubljana Slovenia. He worked in Gramin Bank and lectured in Allahabad University before switching to administrative service.

Surendra Nath Tripathi joined Indian Administrative Service in 1985 and served in Odisha in various capacities like Sub Collector Deogarh and Jharsuguda, Project Director DRDA in Cuttack and Collector and District Magistrate Sambalpur before joining as Director Special Project in Panchayati Raj Department.

With brief stint as Consultant on Community Based Common Services and Project Hunger for UNICEF, Sri Tripathi worked as Managing Director Orissa State Cooperative Bank, Managing Director Orissa State Financial Corporation and Managing Director Orissa State Small Industries Corporation. He worked as Revenue Divisional Commissioner Cuttack before being appointed as Secretary Panchayati Raj and Rural Development where he served from 2003 to 2013. His works in strengthening accounting system of all the Gram Panchayats through PriaSoft web-based accounting system was awarded PM Award by Ministry PR GoI, Rs. 50 lakhs cash prize and was later adopted by other states for full automation of 3 tier Panchayati Raj Institutions.

As Secretary Panchayati Raj, Sri Tripathi initiated Concrete Roads scheme that got people's appreciation and end to Kuchha repair of road-Sadak Kucchi to Naukari Pakki.

Being Secretary Information Technology he initiated and got established IIIT Bhubhneswar in record time and was awarded with State e-Champion for automating entire filing and document management system in Rural Development Department that later became a benchmark in office automation.

In April 2013, Sri Tripathi joined as Joint Secretary in M/oMSME and worked for promotion of Khadi and Coir Sector and later functioned as Chairman Coir Board (June 14 to Nov 15) in addition to being on the management committee / boards of NSIC, ITPO, DSIIDC and GITA. He worked tirelessly for Office ISO 9001:2008 certification and Udyog Aadhaar as part of ease of doing business initiative of MoMSME.

On his promotion as Additional Secretary in October 2015 Sri Tripathi has been posted as Development Commissioner MSME and on transfer to Department of Agriculture Research & Education as Additional Secretary and Financial Advisor since September 2017. Before joining Director of Indian Institute of Public Administration, New Delhi he was Secretary of Parliamentary Affairs, GoI.

Ever ready to learn Mr. Tripathi is a social media enthusiast and has travelled extensively to US, UK, PRC Europe Australia and South East Asia including part of Africa like RWANDA and South Africa.