

## Profile of Dr. Rajender Kumar, IAS

**Dr. Rajender Kumar** is a 2004-batch officer of the Indian Administrative Service (IAS), belonging to the Gujarat Cadre. He holds a B.A.M.S. in Ayurvedic. He has over two decades of experience in public administration, public policy and development economics across leading national and international institutions.

He has served as District Development Officer of Bharuch and Ahmedabad, and as Collector & District Magistrate of Rajkot and Surat, contributing significantly to improvements in public service delivery, education, healthcare, sanitation, law and order, and disaster management.

From 2016 to 2021, he served in the Prime Minister's Office as Director, playing a key role in policy formulation and implementation of major national flagship initiatives including Swachh Bharat Mission, Smart Cities Mission, AMRUT, PMAY, Ayushman Bharat, National Digital Health Mission, and the formulation of the National Education Policy 2020. During the COVID-19 pandemic, he coordinated India's health response and vaccine strategy.

From 2021 to 2024, Dr. Kumar served on the Board of the World Bank as Advisor to the Executive Director for India and neighbouring countries, and as a Council Member of the Global Environment Facility, representing India at major global forums.

In July 2024, Dr. Kumar was appointed as Secretary to the Government of Gujarat, heading the Departments of Tourism, Civil Aviation, and the Pavitra Yatradham Vikas Board. Since January, 2026, he is posted as Commissioner of Transport, Government of Gujarat and holding charge of MD, GSFC Ltd.