

# UPSC Members Profile

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## 1. Mr Chhatar Singh:

Born 05-03-1953, an IAS officer of Haryana cadre, Mr.Chhatar Singh has held several key positions in the state government.

Though he retired on March 31, 2013, as the Principal Secretary to Mr. Hooda Singh managed to retain the key posts by getting re-employment under certain provisions of the Indian Administrative Service (Cadre) Rules, 1954, which had stirred a debate among the state's bureaucrats.

He was appointed member UPSC on September 2013 and it has stirred a hornets nest with some controversies regarding his appointment.

Shri Singh had played a key role in executing various projects of the state government of Haryana.



## 2. Shri Manbir Singh:

Former Secretary (Economic Relations), Ministry of External Affairs is an officer of Indian Foreign Service of 1976 batch.

He has held several important positions which includes Counselor (Commerce & Economics) in former USSR and later the Russian Republic.

He was Minister at the Embassy of India in the United Arab Emirates and also Chief of Protocol at Headquarters, New Delhi.

He was ambassador of India in Hungary, Iran and Netherlands.

Shri Singh has also served as India's representative to 'Convention on Prevention of Chemical Weapons' and the 'International Court of Justice'

So guys, get ready for a heady dose of IR from his panel.



**3. Vice Admiral (Retd.) Dewan PVSM, AVSM**, is an alumnus of National Defence Academy, Pune and was commissioned in the Indian Navy on 1st July 1973.

He qualified as a Gunnery Officer in 1978 and completed the advanced missile course in Russia in 1983.

He is a graduate of the Joint Staff Course, Paris, the Naval Higher Command Course and the Royal College of Defence Studies, London.

He has had wide national and international exposure and has experience in various fields such as operations, international relations and defence planning.

Having done his sea service in seven different ships, he took up duties of Deputy Director Naval Plans at the Naval Headquarters and managed naval budget for four years.

In Dec 2002, he was appointed Principal Director, Naval Plan at Naval Headquarters and was responsible for plans, foreign cooperation and budget.

After promotion to Rear Admiral in Nov '03, he has held the appointments of Senior Directing Staff(Navy) at National Defence College and Flag Officer Commanding Maharashtra Area (FOMA).

The Flag Officer was promoted to the rank of Vice Admiral on 20 Mar 07 and was appointed as Controller Personnel Services (CPS) at IHQ MoD (N) and has been the Chief of Personnel since 27 Jul 07.

His tenure as the VCNS is marked with some special achievements viz. he ensured 100% utilization of naval budget in the last two fiscal years with over 80% increase in capital expenditure.

He was instrumental in the promulgation of the 15 year Maritime Capability Perspective Plan 2012-2027.



**4. Mr. Vinay Mittal**, Born 20-06-1953, former Railway Board chairman and 1975 batch retired Indian Railway Traffic Service officer Mr. Vinay Mittal is the new Member of Union Public Service Commission (UPSC). Mittal who had served as General Manager of South Eastern Railway replaced Vivek Sahai as Railway Board chairman on June 30, 2011.

In his long career in Indian Railways, Mittal had worked as general manager of North Western Railway; additional general manager, Central Railway; divisional railway manager, Bilaspur; chief passenger transportation manager, chief freight transportation manager, chief commercial manager and chief operations manager of Central Railway and executive director, Traffic Transportation (Movement) in Railway Board.

He was a member of the Indian delegation which visited USA and China in 2005-06 in connection with wagon designs and freight operations.

He is also credited with improvement in freight loading and punctuality performance in Central Railway and North Western Railway.

As the Railway Board chairman, Mittal had to anchor the 14-lakh-strong railway parivar during the turbulent phase witnessing quick change of railway ministers and surfacing of the cash-for-post scam, popularly called Railgate.

At a personal level, Mittal is known to be honest, soft-spoken and highly well-mannered.

In many ways, aspirants facing the UPSC interview should feel happy if they spot him in the panel.



**5. Mrs. Alka Sirohi** joined the Indian Administrative Service in July, 1974. A post graduate in Western History, Smt. Sirohi is trained in management and issues related to sustainable development.

She has served in various capacities in Madhya Pradesh, as SDM, Collector and District Magistrate, Additional Secretary (Personnel), Administrative Reforms and Training and Additional Secretary, Housing and Environment, along with Executive Director, Environmental Planning & Coordination Organization and Director, General Disaster Management Institute.

She has also served as Commissioner, Higher Education and has been Secretary/Principal Secretary in the State Government over a span of 15 years from 1991 to 2005, playing a key role in policy formulation in vital sectors of government like Agriculture, Cooperation and Command Area Development, Women and Child Development (where she drafted the first state policy for empowerment of women), Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Protection; Health and Family Welfare and Bhopal Gas Tragedy Relief and Rehabilitation; Commercial Taxes.

She also served as Development Commissioner and ex-officio Principal Secretary, Panchayats and Rural Development, where a number of systems were devised for ensuring a high quality of rural roads, which were subsequently adopted in other states also.

In the course of her career with the State Government, she took up a number of new innovations in the field of health including the very successful programme of universal immunization in her District in 1981 which aimed at coverage of all children below 5 years of age, against five vaccine preventable diseases including polio. The approach adopted was similar to that subsequently adopted in the modern day national Pulse Polio Programme.

In Government of India she has served in the Department of Defence Production and subsequently as Additional Secretary in the Department of Consumer Affairs, where she was closely associated with the designing and launching of a multimedia campaign for consumer awareness titled 'Jago Grahak Jago'.

She has been Secretary, Department of Food and Public Distribution in Government of India from September, 2008 till October, 2010, and prepared a comprehensive draft of a Food Security Law. She was Secretary, Department of Personnel and Training from November, 2010, which charge she was holding till January, 2012.

During this period, she was closely associated with the drafting of several anti-corruption legislation. She has a long experience of Personnel Management.



**6. Prof. Syiemlieh** is the third educationist from the northeast to be appointed to this coveted post after KR Damle in 1967 and Rose Mary Bathew (Khabuli) in 1992.

An alumnus of St Edmund's College, Shillong and the NEHU. Prof. Syiemlieh is also the president of the North East India History Association.

A Fulbright Fellow, he has published a number of books and papers on the history of the northeast.

He studied in Dr Graham's Homes, Kalimpong and graduated with history honours from St. Edmund's College, Shillong. This was followed with a Masters degree in History (1976), MPhil(1980) and PhD (1985) from the Hill University, Shillong.

He taught undergraduates in St. Edmund's College before joining the Department of History, NEHU, in 1979. He rose in the profession to become Professor in the Department of History.

He held numerous positions in the University, including Dean of Students' Welfare; Head Department of History; Controller of Examinations; Registrar and author of several books and articles on the history of North East India.

He is credited with discovering the date of death of Tirot Sing and locating the grave of Thomas Jones, the Welsh missionary who first arrived in the Khasi Hills.

Prof. Syiemlieh was Honorary Director of the Indian Council for Social Science Research, North Eastern Regional Centre, Shillong; Member of the Indian Council for Historical Research, New Delhi and Member, Indian Council for Social Science Research, New Delhi.

Prof. Syiemlieh was appointed as Vice-Chancellor of the Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh. He took charge on 5 October 2011.

He is recipient of the Charles Wallace Grant for research in the UK; India France Cultural Exchange for research in Paris, and the Senior Fulbright Fellowship for research in the US. He was affiliated to Notre Dame University.



**7. Dr. P. Kilemsungla** is an Indian educationist. She hails from Kohima, Nagaland. She is the first woman from Nagaland to be appointed as member of the Union Public Service Commission. She has been selected for Padma Shri for her contribution in the field of literature and education.

Before being appointed as member of UPSC, she had served as a member of Nagaland Public Service Commission (NPSC) between February 1, 2007 and September 12, 2012 and also worked as acting chairperson of NPSC from September 13, 2012 till her retirement on January 31. Kilemsungla, a noted educationist, has been a lecturer in Kohima Arts College and also taught at the Nagaland College of Teachers Education (NCTE). She was also Principal of District Institute of Educational Training, Government Polytechnic and then NCTE, Kohima.



**8. Mr Deepak Gupta, IAS** worked as Secretary to the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy, Government of India since 1 July 2008, Mr Deepak Gupta belongs to the 1974 batch of the Indian Administrative Service (IAS). A post-graduate in History from St.Stephen's College and M.Phil in International Relations from Jawaharlal Nehru University, he did a Masters in Public Administration from the Kennedy School, Harvard University in 1992 as a

Mason Fellow. He has worked in different areas in the central and state government, including a deputation to India Trade Centre, Brussels, as Adviser (Jute & Coir) in the eighties. He also served as Adviser with the World Health Organization in Delhi in 2004.