



Dr. Dinesh Dasa

Dr. Dinesh Dasa, a Member of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC), holds a M.Sc. in Agro-forestry from the Gujarat Agricultural University, Navsari. He earned his Ph.D. in Forest Laws and Sustainable Development from Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar, Gujarat. His profound understanding of forestry and sustainable development is evident through his research articles published in esteemed national and international journals.

Before joining the UPSC, Dr. Dasa served as a Member of the Gujarat Public Service Commission (GPSC) for ten months followed by a significant tenure as the Chairman of the Gujarat Public Service Commission (GPSC) from February 1, 2016 to January 31, 2022. At the age of 41, he was the youngest-ever Chairman of a State Public Service Commission in India. During his chairmanship, he introduced pioneering administrative and technological reforms, leaving a lasting impact on the operations of the Commission.

During his association with the GPSC, Dr. Dasa also served as a Member of the Standing Committee of All India Public Service Commission's during 2016 – 2022 and chaired the committee during 2020-22. During the tenure, he had an opportunity to head various committees including a noteworthy committee to bring uniformity in syllabus and exam pattern in conducting Civil Service Examinations across the states while retaining regional diversities. The report submitted by Dr. Dasa Committee was principally accepted in the 20th National Conference of the Chairpersons of all the PSCs of India organized in Goa in 2018. It was left to respective states to implement it.

Dr. Dasa's professional career commenced as an officer in the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC). His illustrious career exemplifies a balance of administrative and academic abilities as it also includes his services as a member of various academic/research bodies and institutions. During 2005-2012, he served as a member of the Academic Council, Board of Studies, and a member of the Syndicate of Veer Narmad South Gujarat University (VNSGU), Surat. He has also served on Board of Management, Gujarat Ayurveda University, Jamnagar, representative of the State Government in the Selection and Appointment Committee of Kaushalya – the Skill University, Ahmedabad. He was Convener of the Committee for Strategic Implementation of National Education Policy – 2020 at Indian Institute of Teacher Education (IITE) as well as a Member of Children University Planning and Development Committee, Gandhinagar.

Dr. Dasa was Director of Gujarat Tourism from 2011 to his appointment in GPSC in 2015.

Post successful completion of his tenure as the chairman of GPSC, Dr. Dasa also served as a Chairman and a Member of the Search Committee to appoint Vice-chancellors in various state universities.

Furthermore, Dr. Dasa's expertise is highly regarded, leading to invitations as a regular speaker on "Policy Interventions to Strengthen Governance" at Capacity Building Programmes organized by the National Centre for Good Governance (NCGG), Mussoorie where he has shared his valuable insights with the civil servants from various countries and Indian states.