

Dr S.SIDDHARTH

SERVICE : IAS 1991 BIHAR (RETD on 30-November 2025)

PRESENT POST :

- **Principal Advisor to Governor Tamil Nadu (Present)**
- **Principal Advisor to Governor, Kerala (Present)**

POST HELD :

- Development Commissioner of Bihar.
- Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister, Bihar
- Additional Chief Secretary, Education Department
- Additional Chief Secretary Finance Department
- Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department
- Additional Chief Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat & Civil Aviation
- Additional Chief Secretary, General Administration Department
- Principal Secretary, Industries Department.
- Principal Secretary, Sugar Cane Department
- Secretary, Urban Development Department
- Secretary, Information Technology Department
- Secretary, Rural Works Department
- Secretary, Labour Department
- Secretary, Public Grievances Department
- Director, Ministry of Heavy Industries, Government of India
- District Magistrate of Districts of Muzzafarpur, Bhojpur, Aurangabad and Lohardaga
- Director General, Bihar Institute of Public Administration & Rural Development,
- Mission Director, Bihar Prashasnik Sudhar Mission
- Chairman Bihar Industrial Area Development Authority
- Chairman Bihar Khadi and Village Industries Commission
- Chief Executive Officer Bihar Foundation.
- Chairman and Director of Centre for Economic Policy and Public Finance
- Director of L N Mishra Institute of Economic Development and Social Change
- Director on the Board of many PSUs of Government of India and Government of Bihar.

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION :

- PhD in Information Technology from the Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi.
- MBA, Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad (1989).
- B Tech in Computer Science and Engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi (1987)
- Pursuing second PhD from the Banaras Hindu University in Economics.
- Pursuing LLB (Law) from Patliputra University, Bihar

EXPERTISE :

AI expert, E-Governance, Public Finance, Expert in Public Policy, Investments

As Additional Chief Secretary of the Finance Department for five years, Dr. S. Siddharth managed the finances of the State of Bihar during the Corona period without any deduction in salaries or payments. During his tenure, the fully paperless, online Comprehensive Financial Management System (CFMS) was designed and implemented, enabling complete digitalisation of financial processes across the state.

As Additional Chief Secretary of the Education Department, he led a comprehensive transformation of the education sector in Bihar. Under his leadership, significant initiatives were undertaken in teacher training, recruitment, attendance monitoring, and quality improvement. The department implemented the world's largest biometric attendance system for a single organisation, with nearly six lakh teachers marking their attendance twice daily. He developed E-Siksha Kosh, India's largest education ERP database, which integrates information on teachers, students, school inspections, and infrastructure. Social audits of schools were institutionalised through Panchayati Raj representatives and parent-teacher meetings. A centralised Control and Command Centre was established to record and monitor grievances from teachers, parents, and students.

As Secretary of the Urban Development Department, he was responsible for drafting the Bihar Urban Planning and Development Act 2014, the Bihar Urban Planning and Development Rules 2014, and the Bihar Building Bye-laws 2014. He initiated the preparation of the Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the Patna Metro and the Master Plan for the Patna Metropolitan Area. Several rules and regulations related to urban reform and governance were notified during his tenure.

As Principal Secretary of the Industries Department and Industrial Development Commissioner (IDC), he drafted key industrial policies, including the Bihar Industrial Policy 2016, Bihar Investment Act 2016, Bihar Investment Rules 2016, and Bihar Startup Policy 2017. His work extended to sectors such as handlooms, handicrafts, silk, and skill development. He also guided Ease of Doing Business reforms across departments responsible for industrial clearances. All major industry-related policies during this period were prepared under his leadership.

As head of the Civil Aviation Department, he played an instrumental role in the development of the Darbhanga, Patna, and Purnia airports. He initiated the development of state government airports and heliports and successfully revived the Bihar Flying Institute.

Beyond his administrative responsibilities, Dr. S. Siddharth is also a wildlife photographer, painter, cartoonist, electronics hobbyist, and trainee pilot.