

Native of a small village next to Shimla airport, Capt. Rameshwar Singh Thakur, IPS (Retd) did his schooling from Government High School Ghanahatti- Shimla and BA (Hons) from the then Government Boys Degree College Sanjauli- Shimla. While pursuing PG Degree in Economics from HP University he got selected for Short Service Commission in Indian Army and after training at OTA Chennai he got Commission into a very old Infantry Battalion (**OUTRAMS**) where he served from 1986-1991. While in army he excelled in his work and was adjudged the “Best in Tactics” in his Young Officers Training Course and did excellent work during anti-militancy operations of his Battalion in the valley. After leaving the Army he served as Security Officer in IDBI and thereafter joined HPPS in 1994. He has the rare distinction of securing all the 3 awards of ‘Best in Indoor’, ‘Best in Outdoor’ and the ‘All Round Best Officer’ as a trainee police officer in the Punjab Police Academy.

Known for professionalism and dedication during field postings, he was handpicked for various challenging assignments in the State such as SDPO Paonta Sahib, SDPO Salooni and Additional SP Sirmour where he served till May 2001. He was selected in 2001 for India’s elite VVIP Protection unit “**Special Protection Group**” (**SPG**) looking after the security of Prime Minister of India and Ex-Prime Ministers and has the honour to serve with Ex Prime Ministers Late Sh P.V. Narasimha Rao, Sh I.K. Gujral, Sh H. D. Deve Gowda and the then Prime Ministers Late Sh A. B. Vajpayee and Dr Manmohan Singh till 2010.

On return from SPG worked as SP, Crime Branch and as SP Sirmour. For excellent conduct of Vidhan Sabha elections in 2012 in Sirmour he was adjudged the best SP in the state by the Election Commission of India and was one of three SsP from all over India shortlisted for best practices award for the year 2012 by the Commission.

After his stint as SP Sirmour he again proceeded on deputation to Government of India in the **Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (WCCB)** in 2013. Being a new organization he was instrumental not only in getting many notorious wildlife criminals arrested, prosecuted and convicted by establishing an effective intelligence network but also made the presence of WCCB, a relatively new organization, felt amongst the wildlife crime enforcement agencies of the country as well as internationally. His excellent work in combating wildlife crime has been internationally recognized.

On return from WCCB in 2020 after completion of his extended deputation tenure of 7 years, he served as DIG, CID –Narcotics where again he was instrumental in strengthening the newly created Narcotics unit in the State. On promotion as Inspector General, he served as IGP, Vigilance & Anti-Corruption and then as IGP Intelligence- State CID till joining the Commission

He is the recipient of **Police Medal for Meritorious Services in 2006, Police Special Duty Medal (SPG) in 2010 and President Police Medal for Distinguished Services in 2016.** He has also been conferred with the prestigious international **“Clark R. Bavin Wildlife Enforcement Award”** for his excellent work in combating wildlife crime in 2019 at Geneva. He has the rare distinction of receiving **the “Interpol Appreciation”** for his outstanding work in the field of combating wildlife crime in Asia.

He has been an excellent intelligence officer, investigator and a well sought after instructor for teaching investigation to Forest and Police Officers and has been a regular faculty to various Forest and Police Academies and training institutes across the country including NPA, CBI Academy, NICFS, BPR&D, IGNFA & CASFOS Dehradun.

Known for clean image and considered a no-nonsense professional officer, he has brought laurels to the organization and post wherever he served. Widely travelled to various countries of the world during his deputation to SPG and WCCB, he has gained vast experience in all the fields and has the honour to interact with senior political and government functionaries of various countries,. A true team leader, he has the expertise to take his team along with him.

He is a Dharti putra who is actively involved in agricultural and dairy farming activities at his native village. A well-known figure he is considered a non-controversial and very social personality.