Born in District Shimla Rakesh Sharma, IAS (Retd.) did his schooling from Nahan and Hamirpur before completing his degree in Electrical Engineering from Govt. Engineering College Jabbalpur, M.P. He was commissioned in Indian Air Force as Aeronautical Engineer (Electronic) in the year 1985. After serving the Air Force for 6 years he got into teaching and then into Himachal Pradesh Police Services. He joined Himachal Pradesh Administrative Services in the year 1998 and remained posted as Sub Divisional Magistrate at Jaisinghpur, Dharmshala, Dehra and Una. He was also posted as Additional District Magistrate at Una and Additional Deputy Commissioner at Kangra and Kullu. He has the distinction of being first Municipal Commissioner of Dharmshala when it was made 2<sup>nd</sup> Municipal Corporation of H.P. in the year 2015. After having served for long 22 years in Himachal Pradesh Administrative Services he was inducted into Indian Administrative Services and then severed in H.P. Secretariat as Special Secretary, Home, Vigilance, Chief Minister and Director Vigilance. He also had the opportunity of holding the posts of Director Prosecution and Director Forensic services.

He has been very sincere hardworking and disciplined officer during his entire carrier of 27 years and worked with utmost sincerity and devotion.