

**A brief introduction about Dr. Pawnesh Kumar, Member, Himachal Pradesh Public Service Commission:**

Dr. Pawnesh Sharma, IFS (Retd.), born in village Busal, Tehsil Baroh, District Kangra, did schooling from Government Sr. Secondary School Baroh in science stream. After schooling, joined Agriculture University for B.Sc (Agriculture) 1980-84 and graduated with Hon's. Thereafter joined Dr. Y.S. Parmar University of Horticulture & Forestry, Nauni, Solan; completed M. Sc in 1986 with College & overall University Gold Medals by securing first positions. Continued in tandem for Ph.D. programme which was completed in 1989. During the intervening period, Dr. Pawnesh was selected as Assistant Professor- University and also as Scientist SCI in Ministry of Agriculture, Govt. of India through ARS-Examination conducted at all India level. Dr. Pawnesh appeared for Indian Forest Service Exam-1988 conducted by Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) and got selected and was allotted to Himachal Pradesh (topper from H.P. and 2<sup>nd</sup> position in overall merit). After completion of Foundation Course from Lal Bahadur Shashrti National Academy of Administration and professional course from Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy Dehradun, joined in the State of Himachal Pradesh in 1991. In addition Dr. Pawnesh remained a regular NCC cadet during Graduation programme and obtained prestigious "B" & "C" certificates and was selected (from Himachal Pradesh) for 26<sup>th</sup> January parade on the Rajpath.

Since 1991, Dr. Pawnesh served in different positions in the Forest Department, right from Dy. Conservator to Pr. Chief Conservator Forests and Head of Forest Department in the capacity of Head of Forest Forces (HoFF) in the highest pay scale in the State (Apex Scale). In addition, Dr. Sharma also served as Managing Director of State Forest Development Corporation Ltd. and as Chief Project Director of a World Bank funded Project. Dr. Sharma also attended/participated in several National level workshops/Trainings/Seminars on a variety of Subjects connected with welfare of people at large. Dr. Pawnesh, Superannuated on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024 after serving for more than thirty five yrs in the State of Himachal Pradesh as an IFS officer.

Dr. Pawnesh Kumar has been appointed as Member, HP Public Service Commission vide notification No. Per(AP-B)B(2)-2/2024, dated 26<sup>th</sup> July 2025 and joined the prestigious HP Public Service Commission on 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2025 after being administered oath by His Excellency, The Governor, Himachal Pradesh.

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