

## **Sudhansh Pant to step in as new Union Health Secretary**

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**Previously serving as Secretary in the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways**

Sudhansh Pant has been appointed as the Officer on Special Duty in the Department of Health and Family Welfare. He will take over as Secretary in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare upon retirement of Rajesh Bhushan on July 31, 2023.

Pant holds a B. Tech (Hons.) degree from IIT Kharagpur. He joined the Indian Administrative Service (IAS) in the year 1991 in the Rajasthan Cadre.

In the early years of his service he has worked as Collector & District Magistrate in the districts of Jaisalmer, Jhunjhunu, Bhilwara and Jaipur. He has also worked as Chairman and Managing Director of the State Power Transmission Corporation, the State Power Distribution Companies and the State Renewable Energy Corporation.

He has been Secretary in the Mines and Petroleum Department in Government of Rajasthan besides having worked as Commissioner of the Jaipur Development Authority and Secretary in the Urban Local Bodies and Housing Department. He has a long experience in working in the Cooperative Sector and has headed several Co-operative Federations.

He was earlier working as Joint Secretary in the Department of Pharmaceuticals, looking after Pharmaceuticals Policy, Planning, Development of Pharma Industry, Research and Development in Pharma sector, Pricing and International Cooperation issues.

He has received several awards from the Government of Rajasthan, Government of India and the Election Commission of

India for meritorious achievement in different fields during the course of his career.