



## GOVERNANCE AWARDS

2014

13-12-2014

# EXCELLENT CONTRIBUTION AWARD

*Pratibha Singh*, IFS

For her remarkable efforts in conservation of wildlife and environment, thus contributing significantly towards achieving the national biodiversity target.

A 1994-batch IFS officer and an alumna of the University of Delhi, Pratibha Singh is the first officer ever in India to resign from the Indian Foreign Service and join the Indian Forest Service, placing on record her love for wildlife and the environment. A postgraduate in public policy and management from IIM, Bangalore she has to her credit yet another master's degree from Carnegie Mellon University, US in Public Management, specialising in Energy, Environment and Sustainability. She is a Leed Green Associate from the US Green Building Council and has expertise in working in zoos, both in India and abroad.

Her contribution is specifically laudable in the areas of forest conservation, afforestation, increasing green cover outside forest areas, forest and wildlife protection, man-animal conflict, and biodiversity conservation. Her efforts in establishment of the Pilibhit Tiger Reserve, the lion safari in Etawah, the declaration of ecosensitive zones, and upgradation of facilities in Kanpur and Lucknow Zoos have been widely acclaimed.

For the National Biodiversity Target 2020, she has made special efforts in Uttar Pradesh by taking steps such as preparing a People's Biodiversity Register and forming Biodiversity Management Committees for nine villages. She drew up the State Biodiversity Rules and is continuously engaged in preparing baseline data for biodiversity in the state. Several new species have been recorded for the first time. She has made commendable efforts to involve the youth in awareness programmes on biodiversity and has been instrumental in eliciting the participation of schools by taking biodiversity conservation to schools through state-level contests. She has also planned statewide plantation of more than 4 crore saplings over the 2014-15 monsoons.

She is at present Principal Secretary, Forests in the UP Government and is also working as a Conservator of Forests on the UP State Biodiversity Board.



THE  
JURY

**Prabhat Kumar**

Former Cabinet  
Secretary of India

**Anil Razdan**

Former Secretary,  
Power

**Vishnu Bhagwan**

Former Chief  
Secretary, Haryana

**M B Kaushal**

Former Secretary,  
Internal Security