



**GOVERNANCE  
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2018**  
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**EXCELLENT  
CONTRIBUTION AWARD**

*Ramesh Kumar Pandey, IFS*

(Chief Conservator, Forests, and Field Director, Dudhwa Tiger Reserve)

For outstanding contribution in biodiversity conservation and environment protection

*A* 1996-batch Indian Forest Service (IFS) officer of the Uttar Pradesh cadre, Shri Ramesh Kumar Pandey has a track record of achieving remarkable accomplishments under challenging circumstances especially in the areas of biodiversity conservation and environment protection across the country. He was bestowed 10 awards by the Vice President of India and got the gold medal for topping the 1999 batch at the Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy.

As Deputy Project Director in the World Bank-assisted watershed management project, his river training efforts in Nandaaur saved seven villages from the recurring flood problem, changing the economic landscape of the area. He led the battle against notorious poacher gangs at Kashi, Chuka and Katarniaghat Wildlife Sanctuary, restoring their glory as major ecotourism spots in UP. As DFO of Pilibhit division, his work in tiger conservation was a stepping stone for the creation of the Pilibhit Tiger Reserve.

Working at the Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (WCCB) in New Delhi, Shri Pandey played an emblematic role in combating organised wildlife crime and implementing multilateral environmental agreements. Serving as Joint Development Commissioner in the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Government of India, he successfully implemented and upscale the Lean Manufacturing Scheme and conceptualised the ZED certification matrix for Zero Defect Zero Effect manufacturing.

As Conservator of Forests, Agra, he cracked the whip on the interstate mining mafia and seized 1,092 vehicles and more than Rs 4 crore revenue was realised in a record one month. More than 200 encroachments in and around Goverdhan Parvat and Parikrama Marg in Mathura were demolished during his stint. He also envisaged making of 'sugandhyaprasad'agarbatti and itr, from the flowers offered in the temples of Mathura-Vrindavan by involving widow mothers living in destitutes' homes.



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