

He joined the Indian Administrative Service in 2004 and belongs to the Uttar Pradesh cadre. Over his career spanning more than two decades, he has served in key administrative and leadership positions across the state and the Centre. He has worked as Secretary (Home & Vigilance), Government of Uttar Pradesh, and as Divisional Commissioner of Ayodhya, where he played a pivotal role in the city's transformation into a global religious tourism destination. Under his leadership, the Deepotsav 2024 celebration earned a Guinness World Record for the largest diya display. He has also served as District Magistrate in several key districts, effectively implementing flagship government programs and managing large-scale public and administrative operations. His experience spans governance, infrastructure development, urban transformation, and crisis management. Before his current assignment, he held various leadership roles in the state administration. A Physics graduate and alumnus of the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA), Mussoorie, Shri Dayal brings wide-ranging expertise in public policy, port operations, and sustainable development.