

Vinod Kumar Tiwari

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Shri Vinod Kumar Tiwari, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Coal, Government of India (since April 2019) is a 1986 batch Indian Forest Service officer of HP Cadre, holds double masters in Geology and in Forestry besides certificate in German language. In his career spanning over three decades, he served in various positions (HRD, IT, Legal, Personnel, Environment, Social and RR and M&E) before his appointment (April 2017) as Joint Secretary in Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India. He has served State Power Sector in various capacities for a decade including directorship in HP State PSU engaged in Power generation. He has been instrumental in registration of major CDM projects of hydro power sector under UNFCCC mechanism and also done WCD compliance besides various due diligences for carbon trading.



During his tenure in Ministry of Coal, he was instrumental in Clean Energy and sustainable development initiatives such as development of methane drainage project in BCCL, fast tracking CBM block development in Coal India Limited and overlap issues of coal and CBM blocks in CBM development. He was instrumental in adoption of sustainable development practices in coal mines and devising monitoring mechanism with a view to reduce adverse impact on environment and also IT initiatives in ease of doing business.

He has streamlined NGO grants process while making it an end-to-end online solution during his stint in Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Govt. of India. He was instrumental in bringing Eklavya Model Residential Schools for Tribal Students under Centre's umbrella with enhanced and assured support not only for education but also for the overall development of students. He has voluntarily done two year's stint in climatically harsh, remote and difficult tribal area (Pangi Sub-Division, Chamba district) of H.P.

He has been pivotal in the development of several important policies in State Power Sector, State's Environment and Forest Sector; besides CDM Project, WCD Compliance, EIA, EMP preparation and compliance monitoring etc. for Environment Management and on the tribal welfare and tribal development. He has travelled far and wide and is trained in various subjects in India and abroad. He has been a visiting faculty in the training academies of various services. He has contributed various articles to newspapers and magazines.