

# Major reshuffle of IAS, IPS officers on cards

With several senior officials in the bureaucratic and police wings retiring soon, a flurry of transfers and promotions can be expected soon



**IAS:** Parmar retired on Friday; Mukim, Vaghela to retire next; **IPS:** Jha retired on Friday; Singh to retire next

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**W**ith several key IPS and IAS officials retiring on Friday, Gujarat is likely to witness a major reshuffle in the next coming days.

After an extended term of three months, Gujarat DGP Shivanand Jha retired on Friday. It was also Additional Chief Secretary for Agriculture Punamchand Parmar's last day in office.

According to sources in the Secretariat, ACS (Home) Sangeeta Singh is reportedly in Delhi with a list of transfers and promotions. The list concerns both IPS and IAS officers, said sources.

Chief Secretary Anil Mukim is due to retire in August. Singh has been given

important portfolios like General Administration, and now Home department. She stands a strong chance of becoming the chief secretary if Mukim does not get an extension. However, if Singh is chosen as CS, she will have only two months to serve as she is also retiring in October.

Also retiring in August is A A Ramamuj, a 2009-batch IAS officer serving as Joint Commissioner State Election Commission.

There are more retirements in the cards. P D Vaghela, a 1986-batch officer who is serving as Secretary in the Department of Pharmaceuticals under the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, is due to retire in September. Retiring the same month is Narmada Collector M R Kothari, a 2005-batch IAS officer and Joint Secretary (Tribal Development) J R Dodiya, a 2008-batch IAS officer. S M

Patel, a 2004-batch IAS officer serving as Revenue Inspection Commissioner, is due to retire in October while Chief Executive Officer of Gujarat State Disaster Management Authority Anuradha Mall (1988 batch) is due to retire in November.

Several IPS officers who made a mark in Ahmedabad and Gujarat will also be retiring this year. National Security Guard DG A K Singh, who was the police chief of Ahmedabad before Ashish Bhatia took over reins, is set to retire in September. Singh had become so popular with the masses despite a massive parking drive that people had launched a campaign to ensure he remains in the city. ADGP (Prevention of Atrocity on SC/ST) Kamal Kumar Ojha will retire along with Commandant SRPF Group 17, Jamnagar K A Ninama on October 31.