

**Brief CV : Mr.Ajeet Kumar Sahu, Joint Secretary,
Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare**



Mr.Ajeet Kumar Sahu is a senior civil servant from India and a member of the prestigious Indian Administrative Service (IAS), with 25 years of professional experience in diverse and challenging environments. He possesses a deep understanding of developmental issues and policy implementation, particularly in a multicultural and multi-ethnic society with varied regional and political aspirations.

He holds a master's degree in Development Studies from the renowned Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex, UK, and another in Ancient Indian History from an Indian university.

Currently, Mr. Sahu serves as Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India, overseeing critical areas such as agricultural credit and finance, investment strategies, entrepreneurship development, start-ups, and international cooperation in agriculture. He also led the Oilseed Mission of the Government of India and played a key role in formulating policies aimed at achieving self-reliance in vegetable oil production.

Beginning his career as a senior executive in the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), where he worked to strengthen social security for India's vast workforce, Mr. Sahu later joined the IAS, serving for two decades in the remote and hilly regions of Jammu & Kashmir and the high-altitude areas of Ladakh. He played a key role in institution-building for the newly formed Ladakh administration and in shaping long-term development policies aligned with Vision 2050 for Ladakh. As an administrative head of multiple districts, he gained extensive grassroots governance experience. Additionally, he led an autonomous organization managing a major pilgrimage centre in northern India, implementing transparent, technology-driven management and contributing to social assistance programs. His tenure saw the establishment of a super-specialty hospital, a nursing college, and a sports complex, significantly advancing regional development.