

S. VISWANATHAN, IAS

S. Viswanathan is from the 2008 batch of the prestigious Indian Administrative Services (IAS). Presently, he serves in the capacity of Deputy Chairman at the Chennai Port Authority. His journey is a testament to the transformative power of education and an unwavering commitment to public service.

S. Viswanathan's academic journey commenced at Brindavan Vidyalaya Matriculation School, where he emerged as the school topper during his Xth Matriculation Examination. Subsequently, he secured a distinction in Polytechnic in Mechanical Engineering from PSG Polytechnic during 1995-98. His insatiable curiosity and dedication paved the way for further academic pursuits, leading him to attain a B.E. in Mechanical Engineering from Kumaraguru College of Technology, an MBA in Marketing and Finance from BharthiDasan Institute of Management (BIM) and a Micromasters Program in Economics from the renowned Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). These academic milestones fortified his resolve to make a meaningful impact on society.

Viswanathan's academic foundation is unparalleled. His professional journey has been equally remarkable, marked by his invaluable contribution in diverse sectors. In the realm of public service, his odyssey encompasses the roles of District Collector at Silchar in Assam, followed by Harda and Guna in Madhya Pradesh. He has also pioneered initiatives in health and family welfare, where he served as the Mission Director of the National Health Mission and the Chief Executive Officer of Ayushman Bharat. His team played a pivotal role in implementing the Mukhya Mantri Covid Upachar Yojana, a program rescuing numerous families from the brink of poverty during the throes of the COVID-19 pandemic. He spearheaded a bilateral cluster-level delegation from India to Bangladesh, robustly championing national stance on the global stage.

Furthermore, Viswanathan's dedication to fostering sustainable urban development and promoting tourism was evident during his tenure as the Commissioner of the Municipal Corporation of Guwahati and later as the Managing Director of the Tourism Department. His strategic insights and relentless pursuit of excellence have transformed urban landscapes and promoted cultural heritage, leaving an indelible mark on the cities he served.

Viswanathan's commitment to innovation and efficiency, especially his emphasis on e-governance and the replication of best practices, earned him the prestigious Chief Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Administration on two occasions, solidifying his position as a trailblazer in administrative practices.

He aspires to contribute towards the upliftment and advancement of society across all segments, while also diligently working to enhance India's standing on a global platform.
