

## Resume

Ms **VINI MAHAJAN** is serving as Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Housing & Urban Development, Government of Punjab, since April 2017.

Prior to this, she was ACS/ Principal Secretary of the Department of Health and Family Welfare since April 2012. She concurrently served as Principal Secretary Department of Medical Education and Research, Punjab from December, 2012 to August, 2014 and Principal Secretary Department of Finance from May, 2014 to June, 2015.

During her tenure, major policy initiatives were taken by the Health Department towards Universal Health Care through measures such as free essential drugs and consumables, free lab tests and free emergency services in all Punjab Govt. hospitals. The Free Annual Preventive Health Checkup Scheme for all those over 30 years of age was started. Strong measures to reduce IMR and MMR led to good outcomes. In order to address the adverse sex ratio in the state, free treatment was introduced for the girl child up to 5 years of age. Special attention was given to the problems of cancer and substance abuse. The CM's Cancer Relief Fund Scheme was made cashless for all patients, infrastructure in the public sector was strengthened, awareness and early detection, and palliative care, promoted. Cancer registries were started for evidence based policy interventions. Punjab became the first state in the country to introduce HPV vaccination. Facilities were put in place for deaddiction and rehabilitation in the public sector, and an epidemiological study initiated. The Punjab State Cancer & Drug Addiction Treatment Infrastructure Fund Act, 2013 was enacted. Strong efforts were made to reduce tobacco usage. The CM's Hepatitis C Relief Fund Scheme was started in June 2016 to provide free treatment. Stroke treatment was made available in select District Hospitals, apart from all the Government Medical College hospitals. Efforts were made to make the state Corneal Blindness Backlog Free in campaign mode. Work was initiated on an Institute for Autism Treatment and Research. A toll free 24X7 medical helpline was started. A Portal was started to provide information to the citizens regarding public and private healthcare services in the state. New policies for hiring and rational deployment of HR were put in place.

Ms Mahajan served as Joint Secretary to the Prime Minister of India from 2007-2012, and handled, inter alia, matters relating to Finance, Industry and Commerce, Telecom, IT, and the transport sector. She was part of the core team that put together India's domestic response, during and following the global financial meltdown. She also participated in the global response through the G-20 mechanism. Prior to this she served as Director in the Prime Minister's Office from 2005-2007.

Earlier in 2004-05 as Director in the Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, she interfaced with UNDP in India. She was also involved with India's external assistance program, as well as infrastructure issues including Public Private Partnerships (PPPs).

Prior to this she served in various capacities in the state of Punjab. As M.D. of the Punjab Infrastructure Development Board, she played a key role in promoting PPPs in physical as well as social infrastructure. She served as the first Director Disinvestment in the state. In a brief stint as Secretary, Power she was involved with power sector reforms in the state. As Special Secretary, Expenditure, she drafted the state's Fiscal Responsibility legislation and White Paper on the state's finances. She has over 8 years' experience in cutting edge positions at the field level, including as Deputy Commissioner (the first woman to be posted as such in Punjab in 25 years).

Ms Mahajan is a member of the Indian Administrative Service (Punjab Cadre, 1987 batch). She is an Economics graduate from Lady Shri Ram College, Delhi University and post graduate from the Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Calcutta, where she was placed on the Roll of Honour. She received numerous academic awards, including the National Talent Search Scholarship. She was a Hubert Humphrey fellow based at American University in Washington DC in 2000 –2001.