

## Arunish Chawla steps in as Secretary, Department of Pharmaceuticals

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### Takes charge from 1 November 2023

Arunish Chawla, IAS, previously serving as Officer on Special Duty, Department of Pharmaceuticals (DoP), Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers has taken over the charge of Secretary, Department of Pharmaceuticals, effective 1 November 2023.

Chawla has worked as Additional Chief Secretary, Planning and Development, with additional charge of Secretary, Bihar State Planning Board, Patna/ Project Director, Bihar Disaster Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Society, Patna; and Additional Chief Secretary, Urban Development and Housing and MD, Patna Metro Rail Corporation.

He has also worked as a Senior Economist in the Institute of Capacity Development of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), Washington DC, USA for a period of 2 years in 2020.

S Aparna, a 1988-batch IAS officer of Gujrat cadre, was previously working as Secretary, DoP, since 1 Oct 2020. Aparna had then replaced Dr PD Vaghela who superannuated on 30 September 2020.