



Kunal Kumar (IAS)

Municipal Commissioner, Pune Municipal Corporation

Kunal Kumar, IAS is presently holding the post of Municipal Commissioner at Pune Municipal Corporation. He has been working in the State of Maharashtra since 1999 and has served across various cities of Maharashtra such as Gadchiroli, Nagpur, Bhandara, Kolhapur & Jalgaon across various Departments.

He has served as District Collector in the cities of Jalgaon, Bhandara and Aurangabad for a period of approximately 6 years and has thus wide experience in Land Revenue Management and District Administration. In addition, he has also worked as the Additional Municipal Commissioner of Nagpur Municipal Corporation for about 2 years and Commissioner of Kolhapur Municipal Corporation for about 3 years, thus has more than 5 years' experience in Urban Development & Municipal Administration.

With his focused vision and great leadership qualities, several innovative concepts and ideas were incorporated in the "Smart Cities Mission" vision document for Pune city version 1.0. Few of them included public participation to crowd source ideas through the "Maza Swapna, Smart Pune" contest, where citizens could propose smart solutions to key issues facing the city. This received many accolades from State as well as Central Government. Also, he has been a part of various successful Engineering Projects such as Bridges, Roads, Lake Development Projects and other infrastructure projects.

He is a passionate, energetic, and result-oriented individual with a creative and analytical mind and also versatile leader, a true inspiration. He played a pivotal role in planning and roll-out of the Bus Rapid Transit System (BRTS) in Pune. His work has received appreciation and recognition from both State and Central Administration, along with critics in the respective fields. His focus on quality and timelines has been a key ingredient in success of several projects throughout his service.

He is an Electrical Engineering graduate from IIT Roorkee, and has successfully completed the Urban Management & Public service Delivery course from National University of Singapore and from Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge, MA USA. He has presented various papers on e-Governance which have received awards/ citations like the best e governed district award for Jalgaon district nationally, the certificate of appreciation for being a finalist in Manthan Award South Asia 2009. Moreover, he was awarded by the Prime Minister for the excellence in Aadhar Governance award during his stint as District Collector of Aurangabad. He is working as the Commissioner of Pune's Municipal for the last on year.