



**Shri Awadh Kumar Singh** has assumed the charge of Secretary, National Foundation for Communal Harmony on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2016.

Shri Awadh Kumar Singh is an officer of the Indian Forest Service of 1983 batch and belongs to Uttar Pradesh cadre. He has a wide experience of working both in plains and hills of undivided Uttar Pradesh. In 1986, He was posted to the newly created Shahjahanpur social Forestry Division of UP which was established successfully by him. Thereafter, he was posted to several territorial Forest Divisions of Terai region of Uttar Pradesh such as Lakhmipur-Kheri, Gonda and Haldwani. All the Terai Forest Divisions are very sensitive and he was successful in controlling Illicit Felling and Poaching in those areas. In 1994, he completed two short term courses on People's Participation in forestry and Tropical Agroforestry in United Kingdom. He has also worked as Project Director in Doon Valley Watershed Management Project and as Conservator of Forest in Awadh Region, Lucknow and Saryu Region, Faizabad.

In the year 2004, he joined Government of India on Central deputation. From 2004 to 2009, he worked as Director in the Ministry of Culture, Government of India. Here he organized several National level Cultural Festivals such as Lok Tarang, Octave, Prakriti and revised many Artist Schemes. Besides this, he contributed in identification and preservation of dying art forms of the country.

He was empanelled as Joint Secretary in Government of India in April, 2008. From April 2009 to 2012, he worked as Chief Vigilance Officer in ESI Corporation which is an autonomous organization of the Ministry of Labour & Employment, Government of India. As Chief Vigilance Officer, he has identified the areas of corruption and has fought against them. Besides this, he has worked towards simplification of the existing procedures and make them transparent and beneficial to the workers of ESI Scheme. After completion of his tenure of central deputation, he joined back to his cadre Uttar Pradesh in May 2012 and looked after administrative matters of the officers and resolved many pending administrative matters. He retired from Uttar Pradesh Forest Department as Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Uttar Pradesh on 30.06.2015. Thus he has wide experience of handling sensitive issues both at the State and National level.