

Shri Adhir Sharma, a 1987 batch officer borne in the Indian Police Service (IPS) cadre of the State of West Bengal, joined as the Addl. Director General of Correctional Services, West Bengal on 18.12.2013. A Graduate in Arts from Magadh University in Bodhgaya (Bihar) and having Post Graduate Diploma in Social Service (PGDSS) with specialization in Personnel Mgmt & Industrial Relations (PM & IR) from XISS, Ranchi (Jharkhand); he was trained in Cooch Behar district and subsequently served as ASP & SDPO in Mathabhanga & Mekhligunj in the same district and Bolpur in Birbhum district. Subsequently, he was posted as Addl SP in Kurseong in Darjeeling district and in Malda over the next more than 4 years. During the latter period, he also went on United Nations deputation to serve in Mozambique (Africa) in ONUMOZ where he also served as the Provincial Commander of the UN Police set up in one of the States of the said country, towards the end of this Mission.

On promotion to charge posting, he worked as Dy. Commissioner of Police in the 2nd Bn of Calcutta Armed Police and later also as Senior DC, Armed Police in the Calcutta Police (as it was known then). Thereafter, he took charge of Purulia District Police Force as Superintendent of Police and worked successfully for more than two years. In mid May, 2000, he proceeded on Central Deputation and had the honour of commanding a Bn of ITBP Force in Ladakh (J & K) along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) with Tibet (China) and subsequently worked in a Staff position in Chandigarh. Later, he worked as DIG (Ops), CRPF in Agartala (Tripura) and DIG, CRPF, Chandigarh Range. At the end of his CD tenure, he attended the course in Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) in New Delhi and obtained Post Graduate Diploma in Public Administration. He returned to the State in June 2006 and was posted as DIGP and later as Spl IGP in the Enforcement Branch. In Jan, 2008 he joined Jalpaiguri Range as Spl IGP and worked there till early July.

As Inspector General of Police, he has the distinction of having worked in Enforcement Branch, Traffic, CID, Railways, State Crime Records Bureau (SCRB), WB and as IGP (Hqrs) in the West Bengal Police Directorate. On promotion he joined as ADG (Administration), West Bengal and ably assisted two successive Heads of State Police Force (DG & IGP, West Bengal) in the Direction and Administration of West Bengal Police besides performing various coordinating tasks among the different Branches of West Bengal Police and the Government.

He is the proud recipient of the prestigious UN Peace Medal in 1994, Police (Special Duty) Medals in 2002 & 2003 for having served in J & K and North Eastern India (Tripura & Mizoram) and Indian Police Medal (IPM) for Meritorious Service in 2003.

His vast experience in serving the different Law Enforcement Agencies at Sub Division, District, Metropolitan City, State, Country & even at International level and wide exposure across geographies as well as continuous efforts to upgrade his knowledge base and skill levels is expected to go a long way in guiding the West Bengal Correctional Services and Administration to greater heights.