



Naresh Pal Gangwar Appointed Higher Education Secretary

The **Central Government** has appointed **Naresh Pal Gangwar**, a **1994-batch IAS officer** of the **Rajasthan cadre**, as **Secretary, Department of Higher Education**. He succeeds **Vineet Joshi**, who has been transferred as Secretary to the **Ministry of Panchayati Raj**.

The appointment comes amid scrutiny of the **Education Ministry** over the alleged **NEET-UG paper leak** controversy. The Department of Higher Education is responsible for formulating policies and promoting quality, access, and reforms in higher education across India.

APSC Relevance: Education; Governance.