

*Curriculum Vitae*

Dr. Vinay Kumar Sinha

Dr. Vinay Kumar Sinha, born in Prayagraj on 31<sup>st</sup> October 1957, graduated with Geology (Hons.) from Patna University. Later, he did his MPA (Master of Public Administration) from Maxwell School, Syracuse University (USA) and Ph.D. in Forest Resource Policy & Management from ESF, State University of New York (USA).

He joined Indian Forest Service (Maharashtra Cadre) in 1983, and worked in area of field forestry including Draught Prone Area Program, working plans, database and Joint Forest Management as well as wildlife and biodiversity management. He managed affairs of Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve as its Field Director for two years during 2010-2012. He also served as Professor in Indian Institute of Forest Management at Bhopal. He was Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Member-Secretary, Maharashtra State Biodiversity Board at the time of his superannuation.

Subject areas of his interests include analysis of forest and wildlife policies, participatory forest management, forestland conservation and policy analysis. He is coauthor of two books on forestry, and has prepared few research and consultancy reports. He was a World Bank Graduate Scholar for two years. He is married and has a son.

Dr. Vinay Kumar Sinha has been appointed as State Information Commissioner, Amravati in November 2021.