

Capt. Rameshwar Singh Thakur, IPS (Retd) did his schooling from Government High School Ghanahatti-Shimla and BA (Hons) from the then Government Boys Degree College Sanjauli- Shimla. After clearing CDS exam and getting trained at OTA Chennai, he got Commissioned into a very old Infantry Battalion (OUTRAMS) where he served from 1986-1991. While in army he excelled in his work and was adjudged the “Best in Tactics” in his Young Officers Training Course and did excellent work during anti militancy operations in the valley. After leaving the Army he served as Security Officer in IDBI and thereafter joined HPPS in 1994. He has the rare distinction of securing all the three awards of “Best in Indoor”, “Best in Outdoor” and the “All Round Best Officer” as a trainee police officer in the Punjab Police Academy.

Known for professionalism and dedication during field postings in the State, he navigated various roles, culminating as Inspector General of Police. He was selected in 2001 for India’s elite “Special Protection Group” (SPG) looking after the security of Prime Minister of India and Ex-Prime Ministers and has the honour to serve with Ex Prime Ministers Late Sh P.V. Narasimha Rao, Sh I.K. Gujral, Sh H. D. Deve Gowda and the then Prime Ministers Late Sh A. B. Vajpayee and Dr Manmohan Singh till 2010.

On return from SPG he worked as SP Crime and as a District SP. He has the distinction of receiving the **Best SP award from the Election Commission of India** for professional conduct of Vidhan Sabha elections 2012 in his district.

After his stint as District SP he again proceeded on deputation to Government of India in the Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (WCCB) in 2013. Here also he was instrumental not only in getting many notorious wildlife criminals arrested, prosecuted and convicted by establishing an effective intelligence network but also made the presence of WCCB, a relatively new organization, felt amongst the wildlife crime enforcement agencies of the country as well as internationally. His excellent work in combating wildlife crime has been internationally recognized by conferment with the prestigious international “**Clark R. Bavin Wildlife Enforcement Award**” in 2019 at Geneva. He also has the rare distinction of receiving the “**Interpol Appreciation**” for his outstanding work in the field of combating wildlife crime in Asia.

On return from WCCB in 2020, he served as DIG, CID –Narcotics , IGP, Vigilance & Anti Corruption and then as IGP Intelligence- State CID till his voluntary retirement on appointment as Chairman of the Public Service Commission. **He is the recipient of Police Medal for Meritorious Services in 2006, Police Special Duty Medal (SPG) in 2010 and President Police Medal for Distinguished Services in 2016.**

He has been an excellent intelligence officer; investigator and a well sought after instructor and has been a regular faculty to various Forest and Police Academies and training institutes across the country including NPA, CBI Academy, NICFS, BPR&D, IGNFA & CASFOS Dehradun. Known for clean image and considered a no-nonsense professional officer, he has brought laurels to the organization and post wherever he served. Widely travelled to various countries of the world during his deputation to SPG and WCCB, he has gained vast experience in all the fields and has the honour to interact with senior political and government functionaries of various countries. A true team leader, he has the expertise to take his team along with him.

Recognizing his contribution to public service and society after leaving the army, he has been awarded **Chief of Army Staff Citation and the Veteran Achievers Medal on November 16, 2024.**

Native of a small village next to Shimla airport, he is actively involved in agricultural and dairy farming activities at his native village. He is considered a non-controversial and very social personality. He is happily married to Mrs. Vijay Thakur, an established Yoga teacher and a true home maker. The couple is blessed with two sons, both contributing to the well being of nation- elder an Aviation Medicine Specialist in the rank of Wing Commander and younger one a Pilot in the rank of Squadron Leader in the Indian Air Force.