

# Mr P.K. Taneja



**Mr P.K. Taneja** joined the Indian Administration Service (IAS) in 1984. In his career spanning over more than 36 years, he served at various senior positions with Government of Gujarat and Government of India including responsible positions at the District level in the State of Gujarat.

Besides being Director, SAARC Disaster Management Centre he is also Director General, Gujarat Institute of Disaster Management, and President, GSFC University. Prior to this, he worked with Government of Gujarat as Additional Chief Secretary and headed many important departments like Industries and Mines, Home, Forest and Environment, Health and Family Welfare Department, etc. Mr. Taneja also headed several Government of Gujarat Companies as a Chairman & Managing Director.

# Dr. Shirish Ravan



**Shirish Ravan** works for the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs in Vienna and heads UN-SPIDER programme for Asia and the Pacific, the programme that promotes the use of the space-based information in disaster management and emergency response.

# Dr. Mark Smith



**Dr. Mark Smith** is Director General of International Water Management Institute, Sri Lanka. He brings more than 25 years of research and program management experience in water resources, agriculture, climate and sustainability. He has led innovative, multi-regional programs addressing river basin management, climate change adaptation and nature-based solutions, and transboundary cooperation in water management.

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**Dr. Prakash Chauhan** is presently Director of Indian Institute of Remote Sensing (IIRS), and Centre for Space Science and Technology Education in Asia and the Pacific (affiliated to UN). His major achievements are in the area of earth observation applications including development of algorithms for ocean colour parameter retrieval, marine living resource assessment, aerosol remote sensing, river and reservoir water level estimation using space borne altimeters, etc. He has been the Principal Investigator for Infrared Imaging spectrometer (IIRS) instrument on-board Chandrayaan-2 mission.

# Dr. R. Jenamani



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**Dr. Giriraj Amarnath** is a Senior Researcher and Research Group Leader – Water Risks to Development and Resilience, at the International Water Management Institute, Sri Lanka. The program supports the use of space-based information on water and climate risk and develops innovative products and tools in promoting evidence-based policymaking in disaster risk management.

## Mr. C.M. Bhatt



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