

Divya Prakash Sinha

Divya Prakash Sinha is an Honors graduate in Physics from Patna University. He joined the Indian Police Service in 1979 after a 2 year stint as Probationary Officer in a Nationalized bank.

He served in the initial years of IPS in Tripura state holding various positions including district SP and SP (CID) etc. He joined the central government in 1987 and spent around 28 years of his career in the Intelligence Bureau. In between, he served in the Ministry of External Affairs and went on a diplomatic assignment to Sri Lanka. His specialization was security and counter terrorist operations and is credited to have worked out a large number of terror modules in the country leading to neutralization of terrorists and saving innocent lives. His contribution in the field of counter-terrorism is recognised across states in the country. He has also presented papers on various facets of terrorism at national and international forums. Lastly, he was posted as Secretary (Security) in the Cabinet Secretariat, from where he superannuated in 2015. He is recipient of Indian Police Medal for Meritorious Services and President's Police Medal for Distinguished Services.

After superannuation, he was selected for the Statutory post of Central Information Commissioner (CIC) by a committee comprising the Prime Minister, Finance Minister and Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha in February 2016. He held the position of CIC for around 5 years, which draws its power from RTI Act 2005 for promoting transparency and probity in public life. During his stint as CIC, he adjudicated cases of the Ministry of Shipping, Defence (Army, Navy, Air Force, Defence Production etc.), Civil Aviation, DoPT, Surface Transport etc.

His career of more than 4 decades in the Government of India is a rare mix of dealing with the National Security ecosystem and also acting as guardian of transparency by adjudicating the Right to Information appeals for the common man.

In 2022 he co-authored a best seller fiction “Operation Trojan Horse”, published by HarperCollins. It is inspired by true events and the web series production rights for the same have been acquired by a Hindi movie production house.