



# Veera Rana Gets Additional Charge of Chief Secretary

## Why In News?

On November 29, 2023, the General Administration Department of Madhya Pradesh issued orders to give additional charge of the state's Chief Secretary to Veera Rana, a 1988 batch IAS officer, with the current responsibility after getting the consent of the Election Commission.

## Key Points:

- The General Administration Department has also issued orders to retire Iqbal Singh Bains, the current Chief Secretary of Madhya Pradesh, from government service on the expiry of his extension on November 30, 2023, afternoon.
- This will be the second time that a woman officer will take over as the chief secretary of the state. Earlier, Nirmala Buch, a 1960 batch officer in the state, was made Chief Secretary on September 22, 1991, in the BJP government. She was chief secretary till January 1, 1993.
- Veera Rana was born on March 26, 1964, in Uttar Pradesh. She is currently the chairperson of the Board of Secondary Education and holds the additional charge of agriculture production commissioner. She has held the portfolios of Chief Electoral Officer, Sports and Youth Welfare, Academy of Administration and Department of Cottage and Village Industries.
- After Iqbal Singh Bains, he is the senior-most officer available in the state. The General Administration Department had sent the panel according to seniority with the approval of the Chief Minister. The Election Commission has agreed to the name of Veera Rana on the basis of seniority. She will retire in March 2024.



