



Deepak Kumar New Home Secretary of Uttar Pradesh

Why in News?

Recently, **the Election Commission** has approved **Senior IAS officer Deepak Kumar** as the new **Home Secretary** of Uttar Pradesh.

Key Points

- Deepak Kumar, a 1990 batch IAS officer, is presently **Additional Chief Secretary of Finance and Basic Education**.

Chief Secretary of State

- **Appointment:**
 - The Chief Secretary is **'chosen'** by the Chief Minister.
 - As the appointment of Chief Secretary is an executive action of the Chief Minister, it is taken in the name of the Governor of the State.
- **Position:**
 - The post of Chief Secretary is the **senior-most position in the civil services** of the states and union territories of India.
 - The position is a cadre post for the **Indian Administrative Services**.
 - The Chief Secretary is the **chief advisor to the Chief Minister** in all matters of the cabinet.
- **Tenure:**
 - The office of Chief Secretary has been excluded from the operation of the tenure system.
 - There is **no fixed tenure** for this post.

Election Commission of India

- The **Election Commission of India (ECI)** is an autonomous constitutional authority responsible for administering Union and State election processes in India.
- It was established in accordance with the Constitution on 25th January **1950 (celebrated as National Voters' Day)**. The secretariat of the commission is in New Delhi.
- The body administers elections to the **Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha, and State Legislative Assemblies in India**, and the offices of the **President and Vice President** in the country.
- It is not concerned with the elections to **panchayats and municipalities** in the states. For this, the Constitution of India provides for a separate **State Election Commission**.