



Anupam Gupta Appointed UP SEIAA Chairman

Why in News?

Anupam Gupta has been appointed as the Chairman of the **State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA)** in Uttar Pradesh for a **three-year term** by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC).

- He is a retired Indian Forest Service (IFS) officer (1989 batch), having served for 35 years in forestry.

State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA)

- **About:** The State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) is a **statutory authority** constituted by the Central Government of India under the [Environment \(Protection\) Act, 1986](#).
 - It is responsible for **granting environmental clearances** at the state level for select categories of projects or activities as specified in the [Environment Impact Assessment \(EIA\) Notification of 2006](#).
- **Purpose and Function:** SEIAA's primary role is the **appraisal and clearance of Category 'B' projects** (smaller-scale projects with less impact compared to Category 'A', which are cleared by the central Ministry) within a state or union territory.
 - SEIAA works in conjunction with a **State Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC)**, which provides technical support for project appraisals.
- **Composition and Appointment:** **The Authority is constituted by the Central Government, usually upon recommendations from the State Government or UT administration.**
 - It consists of **three members:** a **Chairman** (an expert in environmental policy/management), another **expert member**, and a Member Secretary (a serving state/UT officer familiar with environmental law).
 - All members, except the Member Secretary, hold office for a **term of three years** from notification publication date.
- **PARIVESH Portal:** Each state and union territory in India has its own SEIAA, with these authorities listed and accessible through the **Ministry's PARIVESH portal**, which manages environmental clearance proposals nationwide.