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Ritu Sain is Indian Administration Service officer of 2003 batch from Chhattisgarh Cadre.

She held leadership positions throughout the professional career spanning 15 years at various levels of administration including being District Magistrate in two Districts.

She was first women District Magistrate in Surguja district where she championed the cause of women empowerment by organizing thousands of women into SHGs with livelihood linkages across the state of Chhattisgarh and infused a spirit of self-dependence and pride among women.

She ideated and implemented innovative source-segregation based municipal solid waste management project which led Ambikapur city to become the second cleanest city in India. Currently Ambikapur model is up scaled to 166 of 168 towns of Chhattisgarh State and is nationally acknowledged. Commonwealth Association for Public Administration and Management invited her to present Ambikapur Solution for Garbage Free Towns at Biennial CAPAM Conference on Climate Change 2018.

Her intervention to mainstream Widow, Deserted and Single (WDS) women by converging Government programmes visibly transformed their life from despair to hope with improved access to entitlements like food security, social security, housing, health etc. with capacity building and livelihood support in villages of Chhattisgarh.

Her leadership in State Rural Livelihood Mission in Chhattisgarh instilled strategic vision and direction in organization to empower women by mobilizing them in robust community institutions to catalyze social change and disruptive transformation required for poverty alleviation.

She is recipient of many Prestigious awards including Prime Minister's Award for excellence in Public Administration for her work on Sanitation, President's Silver Medal in recognition of the outstanding zeal and high quality of services during Census of India, Best Electoral Practices Awards by Election Commission of India. She was finalist for CAPAM International Innovation Awards 2018 by Commonwealth Association of Public Administration and Management.

