

## **Brief Profile of Shri Santosh Kumar, IFS, Chief Executive Officer, CREST, UT Chandigarh**

Shri Santosh Kumar, is an Indian Forest Service Officer (IFS) of 1993 Batch (AGMUT Cadre). Presently he is posted as Chief Conservator of Forests, UT Chandigarh and holding additional charge of Director Environment, Director [Science & Technology & Renewal Energy] and Chief Executive Officer, CREST, Chandigarh.

He is serving as Chief Executive Officer, CREST since 2012 and CREST (Chandigarh Renewal Energy, Science & Technology Promotion Society) is a nodal Executing Agency for development of Chandigarh as a '**Model Solar City**' and during last 3 years under his leadership, UT Chandigarh has taken a giant step forward and has emerged as a leading Solar City of the country. As on today, Rooftop Solar Photovoltaic Power Plants of overall capacity of 7.7 MWp has been installed and commissioned on **161 Government buildings in Chandigarh.**