

## Smt. Hari Chandana, IAS

### Academic Background:

- **Graduation** in Economics, Political Science & Public Administration from **St. Ann's College**, Hyderabad.
- **Masters** in Political Science from **University of Hyderabad (UoH)**.
- **M.Sc.** in **Environmental Economics** from **London School of Economics (LSE)**.

### Work Profile:

- **IAS 2010** batch **Telangana** Cadre.
- **Sub Divisional Magistrate (SDM)**. (2012-2014).
- **Zonal Commissioner, GHMC**. (2014-2020).
- **Collector & District Magistrate, Narayanpet**. (2020-2022).
- **Food Safety Commissioner (fssaï)** for the State of **Telangana**. (2023).
- **Director, AYUSH Telangana** (Ayurveda, Yoga, Unani, Siddha, Homeopathy). (2023).
- **Collector & District Magistrate, Nalgonda**. (2023-2024).
- **Special Secretary** to the Government, Roads & Building Department, Telangana. (2024-2025).
- **Director General, National Academy of Construction (NAC)**. (2025).
- **Present Assignment:**  
June 2025 - **Collector & District Magistrate, Hyderabad**.

## Innovation, Leadership and Role in Special Projects

- Created **India's First Pet Park** in Gachibowli, Hyderabad.
- Launched Self Sustaining 200 "**Loo-Cafes**" based on a revenue generating model.
- Promoted usage of **Recycled Plastic** as footpaths, street furniture and art installations.
- Installed "**Feed the Need**" **Community Refrigerators** at major junctions in Hyderabad.
- Led mega Infra projects like **Durgam Cheruvu** Cable-Stay bridge, Lake rejuvenation, and 4 flyover projects.
- **Mobile 'She-Toilets'** introduced for the first time in the Country.
- Executed green projects like **Panchatantra Park, Mir Alam park and 6 lake rejuvenation** projects in Hyderabad.
- Enabled **ISO 14001:2015** certified **Green Govt. Building** in Serlingampalli.
- Initiated '**T-Consult**', Telangana-Consult a **free telemedical service** connecting patients from rural areas with specialist doctors, across the globe.
- Started "**Aarunya**" a first-of-its-kind Direct Marketing Company providing an **e-Platform** to rural SHG women to reach out to customers in far-off metro markets without any third party assistance.
- During lockdown generated surplus income to the **Self Help Group (SHG) Women** and Weavers by dovetailing the local resources to global demand, viz Ayurvedic Face Masks.
- Monitoring at the District Level through "**Palle Pragathi**" (village progress tracker) app, there by ensuring welfare measures reach the rural populace.
- Bridged the digital divide for rural children by providing **Coding, App Development** and **Digital Learning** skills to Govt. School kids in remote areas.
- Introduced India's **first QR-Code based Feedback System** at the Hyderabad Collectorate, enabling transparent feedback mechanism.
- Launched the unique '**Praja Vani**' **WhatsApp Grievance Facility** - **exclusively** for the **Divyang** and **Elderly**.
- Introduced **U-shaped benches** in government schools to **ensure every child is equally involved in learning** and receives consistent teacher attention.
- Launched **Senior Saathi**, a **structured companionship program** that **connects youth with senior citizens** to reduce social isolation and support elders facing disconnection and digital overwhelm.

## Awards:

- *Recipient* of the **Government of India (GoI) National Tourism Award, 2017.**
- Identified by the **Better India Magazine** as **One** of the **Top 10 IAS officers of India** creating change at grassroots **2018.**
- Selected as one of the **Top 4** IAS officers in India who are **making a difference** by **The Print** magazine in 2019.
- *Recipient* of FICCI Ladies Organisation (**FLO**) **Award for Women Empowerment 2021.**
- Selected as one of the **Top 4** IAS officers in India who are **making a difference** by **The Print** magazine in 2019.
- **British Council Alumni Award-2021** under the Social Impact category. (The **only individual** recipient of this Award from **India** during that year).
- Selected by **Speak In** as **one** of India's **8** most influential **IAS** officers **2021.**
- **Conferred** with the **BEST District Magistrate (DM) Award 2023** on **17.01.2023** by the **Indian Express Jury** headed by **Former CJI Mr. Justice R.M.Lodha.**
- As **D.G. NATIONAL ACADEMY of CONSTRUCTION (NAC)** received **The Platinum Award for Best Skill Development Initiative** in the Construction Sector at the **ISDA Infracon National Awards (IINA) 2025** on **14.06.2025** at **New Delhi** on behalf of NAC.
- **Conferred** with the **Golden Award for Excellence in Government Service** at the **ISDA Infracon National Awards (IINA) 2025**, at **New Delhi** on **15.06.2025.**
- Received the **Good Governance Certification (2025–26)** on **27.11.2025** for achieving high standards in public service in the office of the **Hyderabad Collectorate.**
- Received the **Democratic Sangha - Swami Agnivesh, ChangeMaker Award** for the year **2024-2025** on **08.12.2025.**
- Achieved **1<sup>st</sup> Rank** among all **33** districts of **Telangana** for the **maximum and timely redressal of public grievances** across **CM Prajavani, Collector Prajavani, and WhatsApp Prajavani platforms**, and was felicitated by **Hon'ble DCM of Telangana** at **Praja Bhavan** on **19.12.2025.**