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Srinivas R. Katikithala serves as Secretary, Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India. A 1989 batch Indian Administrative Service Officer, he has a rich tapestry of contributions during his thirty four years of service with the Governments of India and Gujarat.

In his cadre state of Gujarat, he is credited with numerous public policy reforms & project implementation in the areas of Public Infrastructure, Urban Affairs, Revenue Administration, Personnel Administration etc. He had the unique honor of implementing the iconic 'Statue of Unity', the national tribute to Sardar Patel. In large public infrastructure projects he helped structure & implement the GIFT CITY Gujarat, the Gujarat state water grid, Narmada irrigation system & Kutch Branch Canal, the State Wide Municipal Solid Waste System and others. He also implemented the award-winning Gujarat Earthquake Rehabilitation Program (GERRP) which rebuilt 14 earthquake struck cities of Saurashtra-Kutch during the years 2004-07. Earlier he was part of a core team that established the state's IT policy & infrastructure, GIDB, revamped Public Health & Medical Education and several other initiatives.

In the Government of India he served in several capacities including as Director of the LBSNAA-Mussoorie, Establishment Officer & Secretary to the Appointments Committee of the Union Cabinet etc. In the latter capacity he helped structure the path breaking Mission Karmayogi, Government of India's Flagship Civil Service Capacity Building Program.

He sees himself as a public policy professional, whose interests span challenges in the areas of Human Development, Urban Administration, Public Administration, Public Infrastructure, Regional Planning & Growth, Economic Administration and Technology.

He is a keen trekker and outdoors enthusiast. Together with his wife, he is currently on two walking journeys - exploring the rich ethnic and cultural heritage of India. The first is the 3500 Km long Narmada Parikrama which is taking them through ancient Baiga and Gond lands; and the second is the exploration of the 2700 Km long majestic Himalayan Ranges. Photographing, documenting, and writing of these experiences is an enduring passion.