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Neha Verma is an Indian Forest Service Officer of 2005 batch, borne on Uttarakhand cadre. Her fields of specialization include Sustainability (Green Financing, Circular Economy), Climate Change, Environment, Biodiversity, Forestry, Wildlife and Public Policy, complemented by strong analytical skills and technical background. She is a unique and rare mix of experience, expertise and education in the sectoral triad of Environment, Technology and Business.

Neha did B Tech from IIT Kanpur in 1998 and subsequently worked in the corporate sector for six years, both in India as well as in USA, in Infosys Technologies Limited, Manhattan Associates Limited and Adobe Technologies Limited. Passion for wildlife and commitment to contribute effectively towards the conservation of forest, wildlife and environment drove her to join the Indian Forest Service in 2005. In the last 14 years, she has worked in various capacities as an IFS Officer, including as manager of wildlife rich territorial divisions and protected area in the Corbett Landscape of Uttarakhand, Deputy Director in Uttarakhand Forest Training Academy, Silviculturist and Working Plan Officer. In 2019, she enrolled for Master of Management Studies (Public Policy) (MMS-PP) at IIMB with special focus on Public Policy Analysis and Evaluation, Green Business Management, Strategy, Economics and Finance.

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