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Mahammed Ariz Ahammed is a civil servant belonging to Indian Administrative Service, presently working as Mission Director, National Water Mission and Member (Finance) Central Ground Water Board in Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Government of India since November 2016.

Before this assignment Dr. Ahammed was Joint Secretary in the Department of Pharmaceuticals during 2014-16. During the period he undertook a number of initiatives in making India a global hub for Drug Discovery, Development and Innovation. To mention he has built Industry-Academia linkages and tirelessly worked for improved performance management of National Institutes of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPERs).

Prior to that, during 2013-14, he was Director in the Ministry of Human Resources Development looking after quality and access of Elementary Education in the country. During the period he formulated 2 national policies- *Rashtriya Avishkar Abhiyan*- National Mission for Innovation through science, engineering and technology and *Padhe Bharat Badhe Bharat*- Early language (Reading, Writing and Comprehension) and Mathematics development. Besides, he formulated guidelines /tools of State Level Learning Achievement Survey (SLAS) to measure productivity of schooling system and developed a comprehensive checklist for assessing Quality of Elementary education of States for the first time.

Currently he is championing for State water budgets like that of financial budgets under State Specific Action Plan on Water with the goal of Water Security, Safety and Sustainability.

During his 20 years of Public service in the states of Assam and Andhra Pradesh, he shouldered diverse and challenging responsibilities of Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Deputy Commissioner & District Magistrate, Director of Assam Administrative Staff College and worked in the areas of Education, Health & Family Welfare, Tribal Welfare, Agriculture, Rural Development and Innovation. His services have been recognised nationally including the recognition of National e-Governance Golden Icon Award for exemplary leadership and empowerment of Women and Farmer Self Help Groups. He has a number of publications on his credit especially in the areas of good governance, transparency, people's participation, women empowerment and use of ICT for service delivery.

He is Ph.D in Genetics from Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi. He is recipient of Gold Medal, Awards and distinctions during his academic career.