



**Ajaya Kumar Uprety**

**State Information Commissioner of Uttar Pradesh**

**Mr. Ajaya Kumar Uprety** took oath as State Information Commissioner of Uttar Pradesh on February 26, 2019. Being born and brought up in the heart of Uttar Pradesh, he has seen the region transform into the powerhouse of welfare and development that it is today and aims to be instrumental in serving the common man while upholding the ideals of the office. A proud Lucknow University alumnus, **Mr. Uprety** is a post graduate in Political Science. In his extensive experience of over 30 years as an eminent national journalist, he covered many beats like **politics, sports, crime, finance, and features** in various parts of India. He started his career with the **Northern India Patrika**, a prominent English daily in **late '80s** then he moved to **The Pioneer**, another **English daily published** from Lucknow. Subsequently, **Mr. Uprety** joined The **UNI**, a news agency, for a brief stint. Later, **Mr. Uprety** worked at **The National English Daily, The Times of India**, in **Mid '90s**. Following this he moved to The Week, a **National Weekly Magazine** under the **Malayala Manorama Group**, where he worked for 21 years as the State Head of Uttar Pradesh. During his time with The Week, he covered various issues of national importance. The past three decades in journalism have taken him into the very heartlands of various regions of the country that has helped in develop a strong empathy for the people as he had the opportunity to see their trials and tribulations up close. He strives to be guided by this empathy and passion as he sets out to positively impact the people of the nation through his new role.

Foreign Visits:-Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and Netherland.