

Surveyor General of India

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The **Surveyor General of India** is the Head of Department of [Survey of India](#), a Department under the Ministry of Science and Technology of [Government of India](#). He also happens to be the senior most member of the [Survey of India Service](#), an organized engineering service under the Union of India.

The current Surveyor General is Major General Girish Kumar.^[1]

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The East India Company appointed [James Rennell](#) to survey the Bengal Presidency in 1767. Lord Clive appointed him as Surveyor General. [Colin Mackenzie](#) was appointed Surveyor General of Madras Presidency in 1810 but these posts were abolished in 1815 and Mackenzie was made the first Surveyor General of India.^[2]

- *Sources:*^{[3][4][5]}
- 1815–1821: [Colin Mackenzie](#)
- 1821–1823: John Hodgson
- 1823–1826: [Valentine Blacker](#)
- 1826–1829: John Hodgson
- 1829–1830: Henry Walpole
- 1830–1843: [Sir George Everest](#)
- 1843–1861: [Andrew Scott Waugh](#)
- 1861–1878: [Henry Edward Landor Thuillier](#)
- 1878–1883: [James Thomas Walker](#)
- 1884–1887: George Charles Depree
- 1887–1895: [Henry Ravenshaw Thuillier](#)
- 1895–1899: Charles Strahan
- 1899–1904: [St George Corbet Gore](#)
- 1904–1911: Colonel Francis Becon Longe
- 1911–1919: Sidney Gerald Burrard
- 1919–1924: Charles Henry Dudley Ryder
- 1924–1928: Edward Aldborough Tandy
- 1928–1933: Robert Henry Thomas
- 1933–1937: Harold John Couchman
- 1937–1941: Sir Clinton Gresham Lewis
- 1941–1946: [Sir Edward Oliver Wheeler](#)
- 1946–1951: George Frederick Heaney
- 1951–1956: Ian Henry Richard Wilson
- 1956–1961: Gambhir Singh
- May 1961 - Dec 1961 : (#) Col Rajendar Singh Kalha
- Jan 1962 - Apr 1962 : Eustace Randolph Wilson

- May 1962 - June 1966 : Brig Gambhir Singh
- July 1966 - Aug 1969 : Brig Jitindar Singh Paintal
- Sept 1969 - June 1971 : (#) Brig Jamshed A.F. Dalal
- July 1971 - Apr 1972 : Brig Jitindar Singh Paintal
- May 1972 - Mar 1976 : (#) Dr Hari Narain, Padam Shri
- Apr 1976 - Nov 1981 : Lt Gen Kishori Lal Khosla
- Dec 1981 - Jan 1988 : Lt Gen Girish Chandra Agarwal
- Feb 1988 - Dec 1988 : (#) Maj Gen D M Gupta
- Jan 1989 - Nov 1990 : Lt Gen Surinder Mohan Chadha
- Dec 1990 - Mar 1991 : (#) A K Sanyal
- Apr 1991 - June 1992 : Vinay Kant Nagar
- July 1992 - Dec 1992 : Lt Gen C B Jhaldiyal
- Jan 1993 - Apr 1994 : (#) Maj Gen D P Gupta
- May 1994 - July 1994 : (#) P R Dutta
- Aug 1994 - Sept 1994 : (#) B B Sinha
- Oct 1994 - July 1996 : (#) Maj Gen Surinder Prakash Mehta
- Aug 1996 - Mar 1997 : Lt Gen Surinder Prakash Mehta
- Apr 1997 - Mar 2001 : Lt Gen Ashok Kumar Ahuja
- Apr 2001 - Nov 2001 : Lt Gen Ashok Kumar Ahuja (on Extn)
- Dec 2001 - Feb 2005 : Dr Prithvish Nag (on Deputation)
- Mar 2005 - June 2005 : Post Remain Vacant
- July 2005 - Mar 2007 : Maj Gen M Gopal Rao
- Apr 2007 - Dec 2007 : Maj Gen M Gopal Rao (on contract)
- Jan 2008 - June 2008 : (#) Maj Gen R S Tanwar
- 01-07-2008 - 13-07-2008 : (#) Dr T Ramaswami, DST
- 14-07-2008 - Oct 2008 : (#) Dr Prithvish Nag
- Nov 2008 - July 2009 : (#) Dr T Ramaswami, DST
- Aug 2009 - Sept 2009 : (#) Maj Gen R S Tanwar
- Oct 2009 - Nov 2009 : (#) Maj Gen Manoj Tayal
- Nov 2009 - 24-08-2010 : (#) Dr T Ramaswami, DST
- 25-08-2010 - 30-04-2015 : Dr Swarna Subba Rao
- 01-05-2015 - 07-04-2016 : (#) Rajendra Mani Tripathi
- 08-04-2016 - 30-06-2017 : Dr Swarna Subba Rao
- 01-07-2017 - 30-09-2017 : (#) Maj Gen VP Srivastava
- 01-10-2017- Till date : Lt Gen Girish Kumar, VSM