



Shesh Paul Vaid also known as **S. P. Vaid**, was the **Director General of Police (DGP)** of **Jammu & Kashmir** from **31 December 2016** till **6 September 2018**

Personal Details -

Born - 30th October 1959

Age - 62

Nationality - Indian

Relations - Ms. Bharti Vaid, I.I.S. Wife and Ms. Shivangi Vaid, Daughter

Alma Mater - SVP National Police Academy

Madras Veterinary College

Awards -

President's Police Medal for distinguished Service (PPMDS) - 2010

COAS - Commendation Card - 2008

Police Medal for Meritorious Service (PMMS) - 2001

Sher-i Kashmir Police Medal for Meritorious Service - 2002

Police Medal for Gallantry (PMG) - 2002

Internal Security Medal - 2001

Indian Wound Medal - 2001

Director General of Police J&K Police Medal (DGPPM) - 1998

Military Services

Allegiance - India

Years of Service - 25th Aug 1986 to 31st October 2019

Rank - Director General of Police (DGP) (till September 2018)

Early life

Born in 1959, Vaid grew up in the Mahanpur area of [Kathua district](#) in [Jammu](#) and graduated in [Veterinary Science](#) (B.V.Sc) from [Madras Veterinary College](#). He qualified for the [Civil Services](#) and was allotted the [Indian Police Service](#) (IPS) on 25 August 1986 with [Jammu and Kashmir](#) cadre.

Career

From 1988 to 1990, he was the [Additional Superintendent of Police](#) in [Badgam](#) and was promoted as [Superintendent](#) in the same district in 1990, the year when he faced maximum militant attacks. He also topped the International Commanders' programme at [Police staff College](#) at UK.

In the course of his career, he has served as [Deputy Inspector General of Police](#) of [Jammu](#), as [Inspector General](#) (Crime), [IGP](#) ([Home Guards](#) and [Civil Defence](#)), as [Inspector General](#) [Modernisation Police Headquarters](#),^[16] as [Inspector General of Police](#) of [Jammu](#), as [IGP](#) [Crime and Railways](#) (2008) and [Inspector General of Police](#) ([IGP](#)) [Traffic](#) [Jammu & Kashmir](#). In 2009, he was sent on deputation to [Bureau of Police Research and Development](#) (BPR&D) in [New Delhi](#) where he was initially posted as [Director of Special Policing](#), then as [Director of Training](#) and in the last few months of his deputation as the [Director of Administration](#).

In February 2010, Dr. S P Vaid was also appointed as the new [Secretary of Central Indian Police Service Association](#) (CIPSA) as an additional central charge besides his assignment in [Bureau of Police Research & Development](#).

in June 2011, Dr Vaid was promoted to the senior Indian police rank of [Additional Director General of Police](#). Consequently, he returned to his parent cadre in September 2011 and in November 2011, the J&K State Cabinet ordered the posting of Vaid as [Additional Director General of Police](#) (ADGP), [Headquarters](#) (PHQ).

On 3 March 2016, Vaid was promoted to the grade of [Director General](#) (DG), and was subsequently appointed as [Director General of Police](#) (Prisons). On 8 September 2016, Vaid was transferred and posted as [Special DG](#) ([Coordination and Law & Order](#)). The post of [Special D.G](#) [Coordination](#) held by S.K Mishra had been re-designated as [Special DG](#) ([Coordination and Law & Order](#)) till held by the officer.

On 28 December 2016, The State Cabinet confirmed the name of S.P. Vaid as new [Director General of Police](#) (DGP) of [Jammu and Kashmir Police](#). The decision was taken in the State Cabinet meeting headed by Chief Minister [Mehbooba Mufti](#) in [Jammu](#). On 31 December 2016, Vaid took over the charge of [Director General of Police](#) from K. Rajendra Kumar.

Notable contributions to law and order in Kashmir

Vaid has played a role in many notable events in the state and made attempts to facilitate the improvement of law and order and police-community relations.

- In December 1999 Vaid supervised the release from Kot Bhalwal jail of [Pakistani mujaheddin](#) leader and the founder of the militant group [Jaish-e-Mohammed](#), [Azhar Masood](#), who was exchanged for passengers on the hijacked [Indian Airlines Flight 814](#) (IC-814).
- On January 29, 2002 there was a specific information that a group of [Al-Badr](#) militants were waiting for other terrorist associates to conduct a meeting to plan subversive activities in [Srinagar](#). Vaid, then DIG of Police Range Srinagar planned a joint operation along with [BSF](#) and J&K Police SOG to apprehend the militants. The same night Vaid got the area cordoned off with the help of [BSF/SOG](#) and local police so as to ensure that militants do not escape during night taking the advantage of darkness. The held up militants tried to take the [BSF](#) personnel hostage who were trapped inside but an assault was launched by Vaid along with other officers and in the process managed to rescue one [BSF](#) Jawan. In an official statement from the [President's Secretariat](#), the President of India awarded Vaid the [Police Medal for Gallantry](#):
Dr. Vaid in a conspicuous act of gallantry led a group of [SOG](#) personnel into the house in the face of heavy firing and ensured lobbing of grenades into the rooms where the militants were taking shelter. In this encounter Shri Dr. S.P. Vaid IPS DIG, displayed conspicuous gallantry courage & devotion to duty of highest order.
— [President's Secretariat](#), "No.182-Pres/2002", *President's Secretariat Notification* (2002)
- In August 2006 [the Indo-Asian News Service \(IANS\)](#) reported about Vaid's involvement in a project with state-owned [Bharat Petroleum](#) to employ family members of the approximately 1,000 Jammu and Kashmir policemen who have died fighting separatists.
- In December 2006, as IGP Jammu, Vaid supervised the operation against the militants and regained control of the Kot Bhalwal prison following seven-hour clashes with more than 300 prisoners after the situation within the jail went out of control.
- Vaid served as a chairman of the session, "Regional Cooperation to Fight Terrorism", at the March 2009 Asia Pacific Regional Conference of [The World Federation of United Nations Associations](#).
- In December 2011, Vaid inaugurated 2nd Police [Martyr's Memorial North Zone Inter Club T-20 Cricket Championship](#) 2011–12 in [Kathua district](#) of J&K. This tournament is said to have served the dual purpose of better Police-Public relations and honour to [Martyr's families](#).
- In the [Burhan aftermath](#) of the killing of [Hizbul Mujahideen](#) Commander, [Burhan Wani](#) in 2016, law and order situation in the Valley had spiralled out of control and the state government, while taking a serious note of it, shifted Vaid from the position of [DG \(prisons\)](#) and to [Special DG \(Law and order\)](#). After taking over the charge, Vaid camped in the Kashmir region and initiated various

measures to make optimum use of the force so as to check rising casualties of both civilians and security forces through police-public interaction programmes in almost all districts of the Valley. Vaid has been credited for playing an important role in restoring peace and normalcy in the valley.

Assassination attempts

While [Deputy Inspector General of Police, Baramulla](#) range in the [Kashmir Valley](#), Vaid suffered a severe hand injury in March 1999 when 25 militants ambushed his car and two [escort gypsies](#) on the national highway, on his way to [Baramulla](#) after a review meeting at [Srinagar](#) where he was officiating as [Inspector General](#). The militants, aware that his car was [bullet-proof](#), hurled [hand-grenades](#) and used powerful universal machine guns which pierce through [bullet-proof glass](#), instead of the commonly used [AK-47s](#).

In 1990, while [Superintendent](#) in [Badgam](#), Vaid was accompanying his wife along with their month-old daughter from [Gulmarg](#) to Badgam. Militants attacked the convoy killing two army men in the vehicle in front of his car. The apprehended militants later admitted that the attack was meant to assassinate him

Police appointments Tenure

Director General of Police (DGP) – Jammu & Kashmir Police (JKP) 2016 – 6 September 2018

Special Director General of Police (DGP) – (Coordination and Law & Order) 2016 – 2016

Director General of Police (DGP) – Prisons 2016 – 2016

Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) – Headquarters 2011 – 2016

Secretary of Central Indian Police Service Association (CIPSA) 2010 – 2011

Director – Administration & Training of Bureau of Police Research & Development (New Delhi) 2009 – 2011

Inspector General of Police (IGP) – Traffic of Jammu & Kashmir 2008 – 2009

Inspector General of Police (IGP) – Crime & Railways of Jammu & Kashmir 2008 – 2008

Inspector General of Police (IGP) of Jammu (Range) 2004 – 2008

Inspector General of Police (IGP) – Modernization of Jammu & Kashmir 2003 – 2004

Deputy Inspector General of Police (DIG) – Administration in J&K Police Headquarters 2003 – 2003

Deputy Inspector General of Police (DIG) – Crime & Railways of Jammu & Kashmir 2002 – 2003

Deputy Inspector General of Police (DIG) of Kashmir (Range) 2001 – 2002

Deputy Inspector General of Police (DIG) of Jammu (Range) 1999 – 2001

Deputy Inspector General of Police (DIG) of Baramulla and Kupwara (Range) 1997 – 1999

Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) – Crime & Railways of Jammu (Range) 1996 – 1997

Assistant Inspector General of Police (AIG) – Personnel in J&K Police Headquarters 1995 – 1996

Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) of Udhampur (Range) 1993 – 1995

Assistant Inspector General of Police (AIG) – T&I in J&K Police Headquarters 1993 – 1993

Superintendent of Police (SP) of Leh (Range) 1993 – 1993

Superintendent of Police (SP) – City of Jammu 1991 – 1993

Superintendent of Police (SP) of J&K CID Cell (New Delhi) 1991 – 1991

Superintendent of Police (SP) of Badgam 1990 – 1991

Additional Superintendent of Police (ASP) of J&K Police Headquarters (Budgam) 1988 – 1990