

Overview & Few Thoughts on
UN Public Service Day

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“সমস্ত সরকারি কর্মচারীকেই আমি অনুরোধ করি, যাদের অর্থে আমাদের সংসার চলে, তাদের সেবা করুন। যাদের জন্য যাদের অর্থে আজকে আমরা চলছি তাদের যাতে কষ্ট না হয়, তার দিকে খেয়াল রাখুন।”

-জাতির পিতা বঙ্গবন্ধু শেখ মুজিবুর রহমান

“Public service must be more than doing a job efficiently and honestly. It must be a complete dedication to the people and to the nation”.

Margaret Chase Smith

- Public administration - the cornerstone of governments' work- plays an essential and critical role in improving people's lives. Reinventing public administration is a positive and necessary way forward.
- Without public administration modernization and transformation to adapt to today's needs, realizing a better future for all will be impossible. Where capable administrations are lacking, governments are incapacitated; and where governments are incapacitated, sustainable development falls short.

Public Service?

- Three Organs of the Government- Legislature, Executive and Judiciary
- Public Service- Arms of Executive; Instrument of Change and Development
- “Civil Service is a professional body of officials, permanent, paid and skilled” – Finer
- Public Service is important arm for formulating, implementing, monitoring and evaluating government’s diverse initiatives and plans

Background of UN Public Service Day

- On 20 December 2002, the General Assembly designated 23 June as Public Service Day by adopting resolution 57/277
- UN Public Service Day celebrates the value and virtue of public service to the community; highlights the contribution of public
- service in the development process; recognizes the work of public servants, and encourages young people to pursue careers in the public sector

Theme 2021

“Innovating the Future Public Service: New Government Models for a New Era to Reach the SDGs”

United Nations Public Service Award

To bolster recognition of the Day and the value of public service, the United Nations established the UN Public Service Awards ([UNPSA](#)) programme in 2003, which was reviewed in 2016 to align with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

On 23 June each year, the United Nations organizes a ceremony to commemorate the United Nations Public Service Day, during which the most innovative initiatives in the public sector around the world are recognized.

The UNPSA promotes and rewards innovation and quality in public services by recognising the innovative accomplishments and services of public entities that contribute to more efficient and adaptive public administration in nations throughout the world in favour of sustainable development.

United Nations Public Service Award

In the context of COVID-19 pandemic, the UN has postponed this year's 'United Nations Public Service Award' giving ceremony.

However, it has a plan to initiate numerous outreach activities to showcase the winning initiatives online, including over UN social media channels.

Program of UN Public Service Day 2021

Each year UN DESA organizes the Forum with a host country, using the event to host capacity-development workshops, the UN Public Service Awards ceremony and a Ministerial Roundtable.

Drawing together roughly 800 to 1,000 participants, the Forum is a space for world leaders, Ministers, and other senior decision-makers to debate emerging issues and trends, discuss good practices, strategies, accelerated actions, and innovative approaches for effective service delivery and transforming institutions.

Program of UN Public Service Day 2021

- To celebrate this day the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs in collaboration with the government of the United Arab Emirates will host a 1.5- hour virtual event to be held on the 23 June
- The event will bring together key stakeholders, public servants and UN officials to honor the work of public servants
- The event will highlight and discuss the increasingly centric role that innovation and technology play in the delivery of public services