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IAS or the Indian Administrative Service is not just the biggest national pastime (as a combined number of more than a half million seekers write the Prelims every year), it is also the most entertaining and epicentric nucleus of policy-making in India. Even if there's no vertical accountability to "We, the People of India", these Babus have a world of their own - they read The Economist, play golf, attend AMP courses at Harvard, take study sabbaticals at INSEAD and take a ransom to do just do their job. They are easily the most-wide read amongst India's intellectuals and share a world almost like a Bilderberg or a Freemason society

M.K.Kaw is a retired IAS officer who has been there, done that. He gives a promising preview that entertains as much as it informs in this cheeky book that is sure to be lapped up by all bureaucracy members. M.K.Kaw worked in Himachal Pradesh as well as New Delhi in various postings from Finance Secretary to the Central Pay Commission. The present book is a sequel to an earlier book "Bureaucrazy" published in 1993. It is more elegant, presentable, and full of wit in Wodehousean fashion. Divided into seven parts, and populated with 47 chapters. There is one chapter almost on every conceivable facet of bureaucracy - the ways and means of wives of IAS officers, from egoistic officers like Seshan to diffident members, the need to have Godfathers, to "sir" your officers, the anatomy of corruption, etc. There is only one flaw: while profusely witty and analytical, there's a lot of "bharichaara" and fraternity on the whimsical ways in which the Babus have been ruling our country long after the British Babus have left. Easy read

## **Bureaucrazy Gets Crazier- IAS Unmasked Details**

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# **From Reader Review Bureaucrazy Gets Crazier- IAS Unmasked for online ebook**

## **Sagnik Nag says**

A satirical stump on Indian Bureaucrats ! Though times have changed , still it's good to know how it originated .

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## **Hakim Mani says**

“Bureaucrazy gets Crazier” as the name suggests brings out the lifestyle of these IAS Babus in the most amusing and limpid way. The book tries to explain each and every aspect of life of an IAS officer with efficacy. The temerity of Mr Kaw has to be appreciated for his light hearted opinions on such eminent policy planners of our nation.

The book consists of 47 chapters with fascinating titles giving an Indian feel to the contents of the chapter. The use of Urdu lexicon also familiarizes the reader with the actual language used by the Bureaucrats. The author has stated various examples of how the bureaucrats have mastered manipulating the laws and outlaws with equal felicity, thus yielding a deeper look at how things work at the upper level. It is an easy and must read for those who have a gusto towards Indian Administrative Services.

Best Quote from the book

“Selfishness is the best insurance towards disloyalty”

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## **Barry Gilder says**

A good hearty satirical look at Indian bureaucracy and perhaps bureaucracy everywhere. I suggest South African public servants read it to recognise the pitfalls ahead of us and some already behind.

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## **Chandrashekar says**

M K Kaw is an archetypal ICS (though in fact he is an IAS). Suave, scholarly, Oxford/Cambridge educated, part of the upper class elite and witty with a rather special focus on the complexities of words used. This book made me scurry for the English dictionary more than once. For all the reasons mentioned above, this book was bound to be readable. It is fast paced, witty throughout and at some levels improves your understanding of the workings of the long maligned bureaucracy. What it lacks in content, it makes up through its presentation. Just like how bureaucrats work. But it is not a book to read for everyone. The target audience being retired, working and aspiring bureaucrats. For others, it might be a bore with little specks of humor strewn across which might bring a smile on your face.

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### **Parth says**

It makes for an interesting read sprinkled with witty anecdotes, incisive insights and mature advices. Though it gets repetitive in certain portions yet it is an essential read to gain perspective into the working of the glorified babus! It covers all stages of the career of a Bureaucrat from the entry in to service to rising in the ranks to dealing with the unavoidable, unpleasant reality of retirement. It also touches upon the steady personal and non-existent social life of the officials. Easy and funny to read.

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### **Sandhya Chandramohan says**

Now this is one hell of a book. A must-read. But after you crack the Civil Services not before, lest you might get discouraged of the endeavour. :P

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### **Jayesh Deore says**

A humorous book, throughout the essays kaw speaks his heart with sceptical humour. I particularly liked the last half, which is later added.

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### **Shahid Ansari says**

practical reality explained in the best possible way..witty..

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### **Yogesh says**

A light hearted satirical take on the IAS babus and their working, makes a very good read to know how bureaucracy is twisted in its own ways and still functioning for the betterment.

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### **Harsimran Singh says**

Author gives a wholesome view of the service from his experiences in a humorous way and also discusses issues like changing role of the service, commitment, games played.

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### **Imran says**

its a good experience

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### **Anil Swarup says**

Many IAS officers could get away with non-performance because they had command over the English language. M K Kaw mentions this in one of the narratives in this brilliant sequel to "Bureaucrazy". He also has that command over the English language but he could distinguish himself in his career . There are other not-so-glorious aspects of the IAS that have been mentioned in the book that any bureaucrat can relate to. However, there are certain serious dimensions that catch your attention though even these are laced with sense of humour.

A must read for all bureaucrats, specially those that can laugh at themselves and yet carry on with the serious business of governance.

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### **Bhaskar kumar says**

There aren't more than 5 pages where you don't laugh, giggle, smirk, or smile.  
Laced with humor all around.

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### **SANDEEP DALAL says**

A good book. IAS Unmasked has ruthlessly UNMASKED and UNDRESSED the so called COVETED IAS, with lot of humour. Some of the things are even applicable on private organisation run with a lot of bureaucracy.

Old world english with a lot of complexities suck some of the fun from reading this book.

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### **Vikas Soni says**

Kaw's delicate humor makes the book an excellent read.

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