

## Dr. Rohit Kumar Gupta takes charge as Director, JNARDDC

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Dr. Rohit Kumar Gupta has assumed charge as Director, Jawaharlal Nehru Aluminium Research Development and Design Centre (JNARDDC), Nagpur, under the Ministry of Mines, Government of India, with effect from 23 September 2026. Dr. Gupta is a distinguished metallurgist with over 26 years of experience in materials development, processing, characterization and failure analysis in the aerospace and strategic sectors. Prior to joining JNARDDC, he served as General Manager, Materials Development and Production at Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre (LPSC), ISRO, Thiruvananthapuram and also held various several positions at Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC), ISRO.



He has made significant contributions to the indigenous development of advanced materials for major ISRO programmes, including PSLV, GSLV, LVM3, Chandrayaan, Mangalyaan, Aditya-L1 and Gaganyaan. He has also received several national and institutional recognitions, including the Metallurgist of the Year Award (Non-Ferrous), Ministry of Steel, 2019.

At JNARDDC, Dr. Gupta will lead the Centre's R&D activities in aluminium and its alloys, critical minerals, metal recycling, materials research, testing and certification, further strengthening JNARDDC's contribution to India's non-ferrous metals and mineral sector.

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