

## Citation: Prof (Dr) Shakti Kumar Gupta

**Prof. (Dr.) Shakti Kumar Gupta, Executive Director and CEO, AIIMS Jammu**, hails from Ari village (LOC), Poonch, J&K. An alumnus of **GMC Jammu (MBBS)** and **AIIMS New Delhi (MHA)**, he began his career as **Assistant Surgeon in J&K Health Services**, providing curative and preventive care while implementing national health programmes. His pursuit of excellence took him to **AIIMS New Delhi**, where he joined as faculty and later **headed the Department of Hospital Administration**.

At AIIMS, he **mentored more than 45 postgraduate and PhD scholars**, guided **112 research studies**, and authored **over 110 publications**. As **Principal Investigator**, he led **WHO projects** on hospital governance, PPPs, and electronic medical records, making his department the **first at AIIMS to receive ISO certification**. He introduced the **Integrated Learning Module** for hospital administrators, standardized PG curricula with **MCI and WHO**, and authored **eleven books** on hospital planning, procurement, disaster management, infection control, and outbreak response.

A **Fellow of leading medical academies**, he received a **WHO Fellowship in the USA** and training at the **National University of Singapore**. He directed national capacity-building programmes such as the **Healthcare Executive Management Development Programme with WHO**, the **National Initiative for Patient Safety**, and **Best Procurement Practices for Hospitals**. He also chaired the **National Ambulance Code Committee** and the **Working Group on Emergency Care** under the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways.

As **Founder President of RFHHA and EMS Leaders Forum**, and **Editor-in-Chief of the International Journal of RFHHA**, Dr. Gupta has advanced hospital governance and emergency medical innovation globally. At **AIIMS Jammu**, he pioneered the **“Pain-Free” approach**, the **“Patient First” philosophy**, and the **“Apna AIIMS Jammu” initiative**. Despite pandemic challenges, under his leadership **43 world-class buildings were completed in just three-and-a-half years**, a **national benchmark** that won the **CPWD Best Project Award**.

Prof. Gupta’s stellar contributions have earned him **prestigious recognitions**. The **FICCI Healthcare Personality of the Year Award (2025)**, the **Pratibhashi Samman (2002)** honored his professional excellence; the **Chikitsa Ratan Award (2010)** and **Shram Shree Award (2010)** acknowledged his dedicated service in public health; in **2012**, he became the *first Indian* to receive the **International Partner of the Year Award** from **Cologne University, Germany**, highlighting his global stature. He was conferred the **Capital Foundation National Award (2018)** by the Governor of Assam and the **Times Healthcare Achievers Award (2018)** for transformative healthcare leadership, the **State Award for Meritorious Public Service** by the J&K Government on Republic Day, and the **Life Time Achievement Award** by **Rotary Club Jammu Tawi**.

Under his visionary leadership, **AIIMS Jammu secured the 7th Rank in Outlook Magazine’s 2025 Government Medical Universities Ranking – the 2nd Highest after AIIMS Delhi**, placing the institution firmly on the national academic map.

These accolades collectively reflect **Prof. Gupta’s visionary leadership, National impact, and global recognition** in hospital administration and healthcare governance.