

# Dr Rajiv Kumar Gupta, IAS (Retd)

## **Director General, Gujarat Institute of Disaster Management**



Dr Gupta joined the Indian Administration Service (IAS) in 1986. In his career spanning over 36 years, he served at various senior positions with Government of Gujarat including Managing Director & Chairman of several Government of Gujarat Companies.

Besides being Director General, GIDM, he is also Director, SAARC Disaster Management Centre (IU). Prior to this, he worked with Government of Gujarat as Additional Chief Secretary, Industries and Mines Department, Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department, Additional Chief Secretary, Forest and Environment Department, Principal Secretary, Urban Development Department and Principal Secretary Climate Change Department.

He has also been Advisor to Prime Ministry Turkey, for one of the largest multi-purpose projects in the world.

Under the overarching, long-term visionary guidance of the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Dr. Rajiv Kumar Gupta played instrumental role in successful development of Ekta Nagar, Statue of Unity as an integrated international tourist destination in a record time of less than one year.

Dr. Gupta was also appointed to manage COVID-19 pandemic in Ahmedabad, the biggest city of Gujarat, where he displayed strong leadership, adaptability, and a proactive approach to disaster management. The decisive actions taken by him mitigated the spread of the virus, and ensured the well-being of the community.

Dr Gupta also headed several Government of Gujarat (GoG) companies. His creative administrative skills were instrumental in turnaround some of the loss making GoG companies into a substantial profit-making.

Having rich experience of working in major frontline departments with Government of Gujarat, he has acquired deep and understanding of resources, capacities and SOPs of various frontline responding departments. As Collector & District Magistrate, Dr. Gupta has rich experience of implementing Disaster Risk Management programs and effective execution of Disaster Response at the grass-root level.

Dr Gupta is gold medalist in post-graduation and a PhD in International Law. He also has undergone training at Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre, AIT Bangkok, United Nations University, Tokyo, United Nations Institute for Training and Research, University of Melbourne, Harvard Kennedy School, Graduate School, Geneva, etc.