

PESB recommends Deepak Gupta as next GAIL India chief

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The Public Enterprise Selection Board (PSEB) has recommended the name of Deepak Gupta, Director (Projects) at GAIL India, for the next Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of the maharatna company.

If approved, Gupta will take charge from the serving GAIL chief, Sandeep Kumar Gupta, who will superannuate in February next year.

Besides Gupta, the government headhunter interviewed 11 other candidates, which included Indian Oil Corporation Director (Finance) Anuj Jain, Mahanagar Gas Managing Director Ashu Singhal and Indraprastha Gas Managing Director Kamal Kishore Chatiwal.

PROJECT MANAGEMENT

With more than 35 years of experience in the oil and gas sector, Gupta is known for his expertise in project and construction management as well as business development across diverse domains within the hydrocarbon value chain.



Deepak Gupta

He is known for executing largescale, complex projects from concept to commissioning. For instance, during his tenure at state-run Engineers India (EIL), Gupta played a pivotal role in leading the implementation of the \$19 billion Dangote Refinery and Petrochemical Complex in Nigeria, which is the world's largest single train greenfield refinery and the largest in Africa.

He also led the delivery of HPCL-Mittal Energy's (HMEL) Bhatinda polymer project, one of India's largest petrochemical installations, as well as the first greenfield refinery project in Mongolia, contributing significantly to India's global energy diplomacy.



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NEW DELHI: The government headhunter Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) has recommended Deepak Gupta as the next chairman and managing director of state-owned gas utility GAIL (India) Ltd.

Gupta, currently serving as Director (Projects) at GAIL, is set to succeed Sandeep Kumar Gupta, who is scheduled to retire in February 2026.

PESB, in a notice on its website, said it interviewed a dozen applicants on November 6, following which it recommended Deepak Gupta for the top job at GAIL. Once anti-corruption bodies - CVC and CBI - clear his name, the recommendation will go to the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet, headed by the Prime Minister,

for approval.

Among the 12 candidates that PESB interviewed are GAIL Director (Business Development) Rajeev Kumar Singhal, Indraprastha Gas Ltd Managing Director Kamal Kishore Chatiwal, Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) Director (Finance) Anuj Jain and Engineers India Ltd (EIL) Director (Commercial) Atul Gupta.

Gupta, a mechanical engineer from the erstwhile Delhi College of Engineering (now DTU), will have a tenure of three years till his superannuation at the end of February 2029.

Current incumbent Sandeep Kumar Gupta, who previously was Director (Finance) in IOC, retires on February 28, 2026.

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