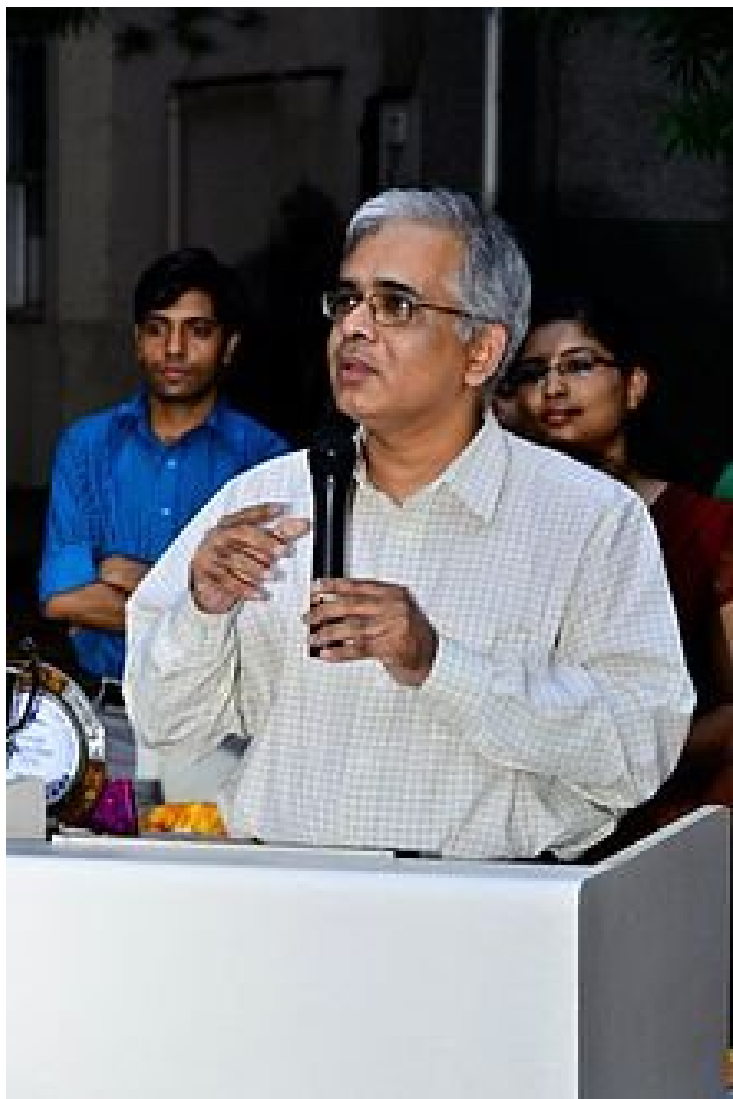


## CSIR appoints Shekhar Mande as new DG

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**Mande has been the director of Pune-based National Centre for Cell Science (NCCS) since September 2011.**



Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has appointed Dr. Shekhar Mande as the Director General of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and Secretary of the Department of Scientific and Research (DSIR).

Mande is a structural biologist with a doctoral degree from the Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru, and has been the director of Pune-based National Centre for Cell Science (NCCS) since September 2011.

At NCCS, which performs cutting-edge research in cell biology, Mande oversaw the launch of the Indian Human Microbiome Initiative in the Northeast in June last year.

Mande has a B.Sc. and M.Sc. from Nagpur University in physics, and was the recipient of the B.M. Birla Young Scientist Award in 1999.