**Brief Profile of Prof. Rajeev Ahuja, Director, IIT Ropar**

Prof. Rajeev Ahuja has joined Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Ropar director from April 1 st , 2021. He is also professor of computational Materials science at Uppsala University, Sweden. He is one of the most highly cited researchers in Sweden & India. He is in top 5 materials scientists in India & Sweden. He has done his Ph.D. from I.I.T. Roorkee in India in 1992. Same year he has joined Uppsala University, Sweden as postdoctoral fellow. He became Assistant Professor in 1996, Associate Professor in 2002 and become Professor in 2007 at Uppsala University, Sweden.

His main area of interest is computational materials science with focus on energy such Batteries, Hydrogen Storage & production, sensors as well high pressure physics. He has published 1083 scientific papers in peer reviewed journals H-Index of 92, i-10 index 695 & no. of citations more than 41000, of which more than100 are in high profile journals (like Science , Nature , Nature Materials, PRL, etc.).

He has been awarded Best Alumnus award from IIT Roorkee for excellence in research for 2021. Ahuja has supervised 30 PhD students, more than 35 postdocs. He has recently elected FRSC (fellow of Royal Society Chemistry), London, UK, APS-Fellow by American Physical Society (APS), USA and Appointed in the advisory Board of Journal of Materials Chemistry A & Materials Advances from Royal Society of Chemistry (England). He is Associate editor of Nano Energy (IF=18). He was also awarded Beller Lectureship for the APS March Meeting 2017. He been awarded the Wallmark prize for 2011 from KVA (Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences), and has previously received the Eder Lilly & Sven Thureus prize and the Benzelius prize from KVS. Ahuja is an elected member of the Swedish Royal Society of Sciences (KVS).