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# Sourav Pal appointed director of NCL

**Pune:** The physical chemistry division head of the National Chemical Laboratory (NCL), Pune, **Sourav Pal**, has been appointed the ninth director of the NCL.



Following the superannuation of NCL director S Sivaram on November 30, Pal will assume office on December 1.

The NCL is a constituent laboratory of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, Government of India, and is the largest laboratory devoted to the area of chemical and related sciences in India. It has a staff strength of over 1,500 people.

Pal is a distinguished theo-

retical chemist and is recognised as a world leader in the area of electronic structure, spectra and properties with pioneering contributions in the Response Theory and Chemical Reactivity. He has recently made useful applications to catalytic and energy materials.

Pal brings with him a deep understanding of the NCL since 1982 and has worked with four previous directors of NCL, namely L K Doraiswamy, R A Mashelkar, Paul Ratnasamy and S Sivaram.

He obtained his masters in chemistry from the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kanpur, in 1977. He received his PhD degree from the Calcutta University and joined the NCL, Pune, in 1982 as a scientist.