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IIT (ISM) Alumnus Ajit Ranjan Bardhan Appointed as West Bengal State Vigilance Commissioner

Indian Institute of Technology (Indian School of Mines) [IIT (ISM)] takes immense pride in announcing that one of its esteemed alumni, Shri Ajit Ranjan Bardhan, has been appointed as the Vigilance Commissioner of West Bengal.

Shri Bardhan, an alumnus of IIT (ISM), completed his degree in Applied Geology in 1986 and further pursued an M.Tech in Mineral Exploration in 1987. A distinguished officer of the 1989 batch of the Indian Administrative Service (IAS), he has been appointed to this prestigious role as per a recent notification issued by the West Bengal Personnel & Administrative Reforms (P&AR) Department. His tenure in this position will extend for five years.

Shri Bardhan's illustrious career began in 1988 when he initially joined the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) before transitioning into the IAS cadre in 1989. Over the years, he has held several key positions, including:

- District Magistrate, Malda
- Secretary, West Bengal State Electricity Board (WBSEB)
- Secretary, Public Works Department (PWD)
- Principal Secretary (Personnel & Administrative Reforms)
- Principal Secretary (Tourism)
- Principal Secretary (Sports & Youth Services)
- Principal Secretary (Labour)
- Principal Secretary (Public Health Engineering)
- Principal Secretary (Panchayat & Rural Development)
- Additional Chief Secretary, North Bengal Development Department
- Commissioner, Jalpaiguri Division

Shri Bardhan retired as Additional Chief Secretary in May 2023, marking the culmination of a distinguished and spotless career in bureaucracy. A native of Jagatsinghpur, Odisha, his contributions to governance and administration have been widely recognized.

Beyond his bureaucratic excellence, Shri Bardhan is also a passionate sportsman, excelling in both tennis and golf. His dedication to both public service and sports is a testament to his versatility and commitment to excellence.

IIT (ISM) extends its heartiest congratulations to Shri Ajit Ranjan Bardhan on this remarkable achievement and wishes him continued success in his new role as the West Bengal State Vigilance Commissioner.

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