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IIT (ISM) Alumnus Dr. O.P. Mishra Honoured with Honorary Professorship by Vitus Bering Kamchatka State University, Russia

Indian Institute of Technology (Indian School of Mines) Dhanbad, proudly announces that Dr. O.P. Mishra, a distinguished alumnus of the Department of Applied Geophysics (1990 batch) and currently serving as Director of the National Center for Seismology (NCS), New Delhi, has been conferred the title of *Honorary Professor* by Vitus Bering Kamchatka State University, Russia. The recognition stands as a testament to his pioneering research in the field of seismology and serves as a milestone in strengthening scientific cooperation and friendship between India and Russia.

Dr. Mishra obtained his M.Sc. Tech degree in Applied Geophysics from IIT (ISM) Dhanbad before pursuing doctoral and post-doctoral studies at the Geodynamics Research Centre, Ehime University, Japan, where he earned a Ph.D. and a D.Sc. in Seismology. He also holds a Post Graduate Diploma in Management from AIMA, New Delhi. With more than three decades of professional experience, he has made significant contributions to applied geophysics, seismology, and disaster risk management.

His career spans work with IDRC-Canada in a joint venture with CMPDIL, nearly two decades with the Geological Survey of India, leadership of the SAARC Disaster Management Centre in New Delhi, and visiting professorship at Ehime University, Japan. He has represented India and SAARC countries at various global forums of the United Nations and played a key role in projects funded by the UN and the World Bank on disaster risk resilience.

A Fellow of the National Academy of Sciences, India, Dr. Mishra has been honoured with many prestigious awards including the National Mineral Award by the Government of India in 2008, the A.S. Arya Award by IIT Roorkee in 2014, and the Anni Talwani Gold Medal by the Indian Geophysical Union in 2015. He was also awarded a visiting professorship by the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science in 2005. Over the course of his career, he has guided more than forty students and researchers, including ten Ph.D. scholars, and published over one hundred and fifty peer-reviewed papers, books, and reports in leading national and international journals.

This recognition once again underlines the global impact of IIT (ISM)'s alumni and reaffirms the institute's legacy of nurturing leaders in science, technology, and research.

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