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IIT (ISM) Dhanbad Alumnus Dr. Prakash Kumar Elected Fellow of The World Academy of Sciences (FTWAS)

Indian Institute of Technology (Indian School of Mines), Dhanbad takes immense pride in announcing that its distinguished alumnus **Dr. Prakash Kumar**, Director, **CSIR–National Geophysical Research Institute (NGRI), Hyderabad**, has been elected as a **Fellow of The World Academy of Sciences (FTWAS)** under UNESCO.

Dr. Kumar, who completed his **M.Sc. (Tech)** in Applied Geophysics from **IIT (ISM) Dhanbad** in 1997, has made pioneering contributions in **Geophysical Instrumentation, Seismology, and Earthquake Source Dynamics**. His research spans areas such as seismic anisotropy, ocean bottom seismology, gas hydrate exploration, and deep-earth imaging.

Over the years, Dr. Kumar has received several prestigious recognitions including the **CSIR Young Scientist Award, Krishnan Gold Medal** from the Indian Geophysical Union, **National Geoscience Award**, and **Anni Talwani Memorial Prize**. His academic contributions include over 65 research papers published in leading international journals such as *Nature*, *Science*, and *PNAS*.

Congratulating him on this global recognition, **Dr. Shib Sankar Ganguli (2011, Applied Geophysics)** said,

“Dr. Prakash Kumar’s election to FTWAS is a proud moment for the ISM fraternity and a recognition of his outstanding contributions to the field of geosciences.”

Echoing similar sentiments, **Pradip K. (P.K.) Gangopadhyay (1970, Petroleum Engineering)**, based in Oak Ridge, North Carolina, USA, remarked,

“Our heartfelt congratulations to Dr. Prakash Kumar, his family, and his colleagues. His success continues to inspire generations of ISM alumni across the globe.”

Dr. Kumar’s election to FTWAS — a global body under UNESCO that recognizes excellence in scientific research and promotes capacity building in the developing world — stands as a testament to his scientific leadership and his continued commitment to advancing Earth science research in India and beyond.

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