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## **PRESS-RELEASE**

### **IIT (ISM) Dhanbad Alumnus Shubhankar Pratyush Pathak Honoured with Northern Command Commendation**

Shubhankar Pratyush Pathak, an illustrious alumnus of IIT (ISM) Dhanbad, has been awarded the **GOC-in-C Northern Command Commendation Card** for his outstanding and exemplary service to the nation. Currently serving as **SDM Uri**, Shubhankar received the prestigious **Commendation Medal** from the Northern Army Commander in recognition of his dedication and contribution.

A 2020 graduate of **Electrical Engineering from IIT Dhanbad**, Shubhankar has achieved the remarkable **All India Rank 11 in the UPSC Civil Services Examination 2021**, a testament to his unwavering commitment, discipline, and intellect.

Hailing from a modest village in **East Champaran, Bihar**, Shubhankar followed in the footsteps of his father, IAS officer **Rajesh Pathak**, aiming to make a significant contribution to society through civil service. After completing his B.Tech, he briefly worked as a software engineer but left the position in February 2021 to focus entirely on UPSC preparation.

Shubhankar credits his success to a combination of personal dedication, a clear choice of subject, and authenticity during interviews. Opting for **Mathematics as his optional subject**, he exemplifies the impact of aligning personal strengths with professional aspirations. Motivated by a vision to strengthen India's education sector, he aims to leverage his role in civil services to bring meaningful change.

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