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PRESS-RELEASE

IIT (ISM) Dhanbad Research Group Secures Prestigious JSPS LOTUS Fellowship 2026

IIT (ISM) Dhanbad is delighted to announce that a research group from the Department of Chemistry and Chemical Biology has been awarded the highly prestigious **JSPS LOTUS Fellowship for 2026**, aimed at fostering international research collaboration between India and Japan.

The fellowship has been granted to the team led by **Prof. Sumanta Kumar Padhi**, Department of Chemistry and Chemical Biology, who serves as the **Principal Implementor (India)**. **Mr. T. Natarajan**, Research Scholar, has been selected as the **Fellowship Candidate**. On the Japan side, the collaboration will be led by **Prof. Hironobu Ozawa** of **Kyushu University**, serving as the **Principal Implementor (Japan)**.

The JSPS LOTUS Fellowship will support advanced research exchanges, enabling scholars from both countries to engage in high-impact scientific investigations. This achievement is expected to significantly strengthen Indo-Japan research partnerships and create new pathways for joint scientific advancement in frontier areas of chemical sciences.

IIT (ISM) Dhanbad congratulates the research team for securing this international recognition and contributing to the institute's global academic footprint. The Media & Branding Cell will highlight this achievement on the official Facebook and X (Twitter) platforms of the institute.

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