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## IIT (ISM) Director, Prof. Sukumar Mishra, Honoured with Distinguished Alumnus Award 2024

In a momentous recognition of his exemplary contributions to academia and research, Prof. Sukumar Mishra, Director of the Indian Institute of Technology (Indian School of Mines) Dhanbad has been selected for the prestigious Distinguished Alumnus Award 2024 by the Centre for Alumni, Industry, and International Relations of the National Institute of Technology (NIT), Rourkela. This esteemed award will be conferred upon him next month, celebrating his unparalleled achievements in the field of electrical engineering and academic leadership.

Prof. Mishra, an eminent scholar and researcher, earned his M.Tech and Ph.D. degrees from NIT Rourkela in 1992 and 2000, respectively. His professional journey commenced as a lecturer at Sambalpur University, Odisha, where he served for nine years, followed by his role as a Reader at Biju Patnaik University of Technology (BPUT), Odisha. His subsequent career trajectory has been marked by remarkable contributions to research, innovation, and higher education.

On May 15, 2024, Prof. Mishra assumed the position of Director at IIT (ISM) Dhanbad. Recognized as a distinguished researcher and visionary administrator, he has significantly advanced the field of electrical engineering. Prior to his appointment as Director, he held key administrative roles, including Dean, Research and External Engagement at IIT Delhi-Abu Dhabi Campus, and Associate Dean (R&D) at IIT Delhi. He has also been actively engaged with the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Delhi Section as an Executive Committee member. His research expertise encompasses Power Systems, Power Quality Studies, Renewable Energy, and Smart Grid technologies.

Prof. Mishra's illustrious career is adorned with numerous accolades, including the Young Scientist Award (1999) by Orissa Bigyan Academy, the INSA Medal for Young Scientists (2002), the INAE Young Engineer Award (2002), the INAE Silver Jubilee Young Engineer Award (2012), the Samanta Chandra Shekhar Award (2016), the Bimal Bose Award (2019), and the NASI-Reliance Platinum Jubilee Award (2019). His contributions have also been recognized with the National Mission Innovation Championship Award (2019), the INAE Outstanding Teachers Award (2021), the Innovation Leadership Award (2023), and the Prof. K.L. Chopra Applied Research Award (2023), among others.

An esteemed fellow of multiple professional bodies, Prof. Mishra holds distinguished fellowships, including the INAE-SERB DST Abdul Kalam Technology Innovation National Fellowship (2023), The Institution of Engineers India (2016), the National Academy of Science India (NASI) (2014), the Indian National Academy of Engineering (INAE) (2009), the Institution of Engineering and Technology, London, UK (FIET) (2011), and the Institute of Electronics and Telecommunication Engineers (FIETE) (2006).

Beyond academia, Prof. Mishra has been instrumental in industrial consultancy projects with major organizations such as TATA Power and Microtek. Additionally, he is the founder of SILOV SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED, established under the Companies Act, 2013, underscoring his commitment to fostering innovation and entrepreneurship.

Prof. Mishra's selection for the Distinguished Alumnus Award 2024 stands as a testament to his unwavering dedication to research, education, and industry collaboration. His leadership continues to inspire future generations of scholars and engineers, shaping the landscape of technical education in India and beyond.

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