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IIT (ISM) Dhanbad Announces Prestigious Nomination of Prof. Prasoon Kumar Singh as the Chairman of the Technical Committee for the Accreditation Scheme for Prospecting Agency (APA) and Mining Plan Preparing Agency (MPPA) by QCI-NABET (Quality Council of India - National Accreditation Board for Education and Training)

Indian Institute of Technology (Indian School of Mines) Dhanbad proudly announces that Prof. Prasoon Kumar Singh, from the Department of Environmental Science and Engineering, has been nominated as the Chairman of the Technical Committee for the Accreditation Scheme for Prospecting Agency (APA) and Mining Plan Preparing Agency (MPPA) by QCI-NABET (Quality Council of India - National Accreditation Board for Education and Training), an autonomous body established under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India.

Prof. Singh, currently the Lab In charge, Land Use and Hydrology Laboratory of the Department of ESE; Coordinator of the Centre of Water Resource Management at IIT (ISM) Dhanbad and a former scientist at the Central Institute of Mining and Fuel Research (CIMFR), a premier laboratory under the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), was selected for this esteemed position by the NABET Board in recognition of his extensive expertise and vast experience in the field.

In his role as Chairman of the Technical Committee, Prof. Singh will guide QCI-NABET in developing and updating accreditation schemes for prospecting/exploration agencies and mining plan preparation agencies. This significant responsibility highlights the trust placed in his capabilities by the national accreditation body.

The tenure of this prestigious nomination spans two years, beginning January 14, 2025, and is extendable for an additional two years upon mutual consent.

Prof. Singh is a distinguished academic and researcher with memberships in numerous professional bodies, including the International Association of Hydrological Sciences (IAHS) and the Indian Association of Hydrologists, Roorkee. He is also accredited by NABET-QCI as a functional area expert in Geology, Land Use, and Hydrogeology for the preparation of Environmental Impact Assessments (EIA). Among his numerous accolades is the Prize Book Award for securing the top position in M.Sc. (Geology) from Patna University.

Prof. Singh's research interests encompass a broad range of critical areas, including Groundwater Quality and Quantity Assessment, Environmental Geochemistry, Environmental Hydrogeology, Remote Sensing and GIS applications in Environmental Management, Noise Pollution, and Soil Quality Assessment. His dedication to advancing knowledge in these domains is evident through his guidance of over 22 Ph.D. scholars and numerous impactful publications.

The IIT (ISM) community extends heartfelt congratulations to Prof. Prasoon Kumar Singh on this remarkable achievement. His leadership and vision are expected to bring significant contributions to the field of environmental science and engineering, both nationally and globally.

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