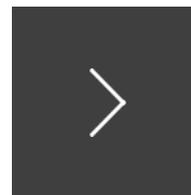


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Global laurels for scientist

SEKHAR DATTA

Agartala, Feb. 13: Chemistry professor Arijit Das of Tripura has earned the distinction of being the first member of the prestigious American Chemical Society (ACS) in the category of chemical education.

Das had caused a flutter in international chemistry circles by devising 14 new methodologies and 34 new formulae in all three branches of the subject — organic, inorganic and physical chemistry.

He received the honour in December last year after his methodologies and formulae were published in two Indian and five US-based international journals of chemistry, including the NASA-sponsored International Organisation of Scientific Research Journal of Applied Chemistry (IOSR-JAC).



Arijit Das

“Short of the Nobel prize, this is the ultimate recognition that a chemistry researcher can hope for because the acceptance rate of articles, based on original research work, in IOSR-JAC is only 10.36 per cent, which means 89.64 per cent articles are rejected.” Das said.

His methodologies and formulae have already been accepted and introduced in 10 universities across India, including IITs in Kanpur, Kharagpur, Guwahati and Patna. The

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remaining IITs will introduce all of them soon.

"I had sent all my newly-devised methodologies and formulae to the US-based International Organisation of Scientific Research Journal of Applied Chemistry in the form of an overall compilation. The journal published all the methodologies and formulae in its November-December issue (volume-6, Issue-4, page 8-15). This entire compilation has been published in 'review article' mode," Das said.

The entire compilation is available on www.doi.org, which is the site of NASA's digital library.

"The digital object identifier number (DOI) for the entire set of articles is 10.9790/5736-0640815. Any student or professor from any part of the world can use my methodologies and formulae by drawing them from the NASA's digital library," Das said.

The professor has received a certificate of acceptance and publication of his works — signed by the executive editor of IOSR-JAC, Shanhul Gazly.

The journal has tie-ups with NASA, America's space agency, and other leading universities like Harvard and Cornell.

Born in Kailasahar town of North Tripura in 1978, Das said his father, Anil Kumar Das, was also a chemistry teacher. "I recently joined Ramthakur College in Agartala as an assistant professor and am currently in charge of a two-year project assigned by the Union ministry of science and technology worth Rs 12 lakh," Das said.



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