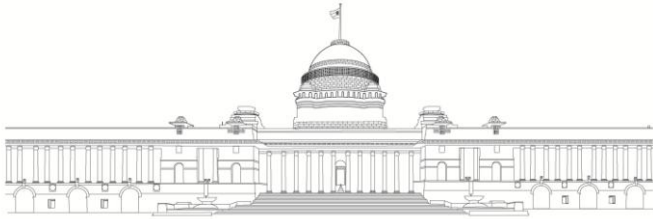




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VISITOR'S AWARDS

6th March, 2017



PRESENTATION CEREMONY

**RASHTRAPATI BHAVAN
NEW DELHI**

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PROGRAMME

6th March, 2017

1830 h	Guests and awardees arrive in Auditorium	
1855 h	Minister of Human Resource Development arrives in Auditorium	
1900 h	THE PRESIDENT arrives in Auditorium, RBCC	
1900 – 1901 h	NATIONAL ANTHEM	
1901 – 1903 h	Welcome by Shri Shakil Alam, OSD (S,RR), President's Secretariat (Member-Secretary, Selection Committee)	
1903 – 1908 h	Observations by Smt. Omita Paul, Secretary to the President (Chairperson, Selection Committee) On conclusion, announcement of the award winners of Visitor's Awards 2017 by the Secretary to the President	
1908 – 1925 h		Presentation of Visitor's Awards, 2017
	1908 h	Short Video film about the research of the winning entry (Joint Winner 1: Dr. Shyam Sundar, Banaras Hindu University)
	1911 h	Short Video film about the research of the winning entry (Joint Winner 2: Prof. Niranjan Karak, Tezpur University)
	1914 h	Presentation of citation and cheque for cash reward of ₹ 1 lakh each to the joint awardees by THE PRESIDENT
	1915 h	Short Video film about the innovation of the winning entry (Dr. Deepak Pant, Central University of Himachal Pradesh)

	1918 h	Presentation of citation and a cheque for cash reward of ₹ 1 lakh to the awardee by THE PRESIDENT
	1919 h	Short video film about the winning entry for Best University (Jawaharlal Nehru University)
	1924 h	Presentation of citation and trophy to the Vice-Chancellor of Jawaharlal Nehru University by THE PRESIDENT
1925 – 1927 h		Release of the book, “Governance in Action : Reminiscences of the Vice Chancellor”, published by the Association of Indian Universities, by the Minister of Human Resource Development and presentation of its first copy to THE PRESIDENT
1927 – 1935 h		Remarks by Shri Prakash Javadekar, Minister of Human Resource Development
1935 – 1945 h		Address by THE PRESIDENT
1945 – 1949 h		Vote of Thanks by Shri Kewal Kumar Sharma, Secretary (Higher Education), Ministry of Human Resource Development
1949 – 1950 h		NATIONAL ANTHEM
1950 h		THE PRESIDENT leaves Auditorium for PDR
1950 – 1959 h		Guests assemble at the Ceremonial Hall for Dinner
1950 – 1955 h		Awardees and members of the selection committee assemble at South Lounge, RBCC for group photograph

1955 h	THE PRESIDENT arrives at South Lounge, RBCC
1955 – 1957 h	Group Photograph of the awardees and members of the selection committee with THE PRESIDENT at the South Lounge, RBCC
1957 – 1959 h	Awardees and members of the selection committee assemble at the Ceremonial Hall for Dinner
2000 h	THE PRESIDENT arrives at the Ceremonial Hall
2000 – 2100 h	Dinner hosted by THE PRESIDENT

BRIEF BACKGROUND

The President of India, in his capacity as Visitor of the Central Universities, has been pleased to institute Visitor's Awards in the following categories to promote healthy competition amongst Central Universities and motivate them to adopt best practices from around the world in pursuit of excellence:

- A. Visitor's Award for the Best University;
- B. Visitor's Award for Innovation; and
- C. Visitor's Award for Research.

2. The institution of Visitor's Awards were notified vide Notification No. 253 dated 24 October, 2014. Subsequently the Cash rewards for Innovation and for Research were amended vide Notification No. 87 dated 10 April, 2015.

3. The Visitor's Awards comprises the following:-

Sl.No.	Title of the Award	Details
1.	Visitor's Award for the Best University	Citation and Trophy
2.	Visitor's Award for Innovation	Citation and Cash reward of Rupees One Lakh to each individual subject to the limitation of total amount of Rupees Five Lakh if the number of individuals in a group exceeds five member, which will be then equally distributed amongst the members of the group

3.	Visitor's Award for Research	Citation and Cash reward of Rupees One Lakh to each individual subject to the limitation of total amount of Rupees Five Lakh if the number of individuals in a group exceeds five member, which will be then equally distributed amongst the members of the group
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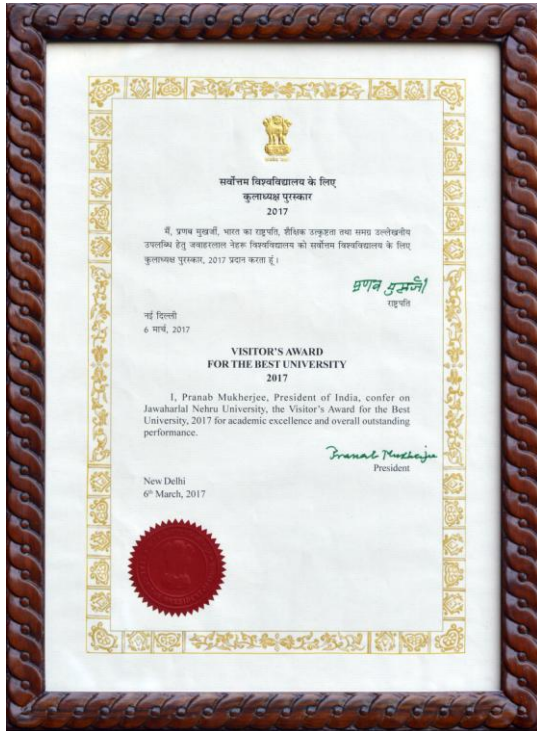
4. The First Visitor's Awards were presented during the conference of vice-chancellors of central universities on Feb 4, 2015. The Second Visitor's Awards were presented on Mar 14, 2016 during the Festival of Innovations 2016.

5. For the Third Visitor's Awards, online applications were invited from all the central universities for each category of the awards. After scrutiny of the online applications received, the Selection Committee recommended conferment of 3rd Visitor's Awards, 2017 to the following and the same have been approved by the President of India :

Visitor's Award for the Best University, 2017	:	Jawaharlal Nehru University
Visitor's Award for Innovation, 2017	:	Dr. Deepak Pant, Department of Environmental Science, School of Earth and Environmental Sciences, Central University of Himachal Pradesh for development

	of a reactor for direct conversion of waste plastic to LPG in small scale.
Visitor's Award for Research, 2017	: Dr. Shyam Sundar, Department of Medicine, Institute of Medical Sciences, Banaras Hindu University, for his work in the area of diagnosis and treatment of Indian Kala-azar; and Prof. Niranjan Karak, Department of Chemical Sciences, Tezpur University for development of renewable resource based biodegradable hyper-branched polymer nano-composites as self-cleaning, self-healing and bio-compatible smart sustainable futuristic material.

**VISITOR'S AWARD FOR THE
BEST UNIVERSITY, 2017**






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JAWAHARLAL NEHRU UNIVERSITY



Visitor's Best University Award 2017 is conferred to the Jawaharlal Nehru University at New Delhi, popularly known in India and across the world as JNU. Established in 1969, the University is known for its liberal ethos and high quality research and publications. Accredited by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) as an A Grade University with the highest ever score so far, the University is also ranked as the third topmost higher educational institution in the country by the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF). A multi-disciplinary university focused largely on postgraduate education and research, JNU has come to be recognised as an institution of excellence in teaching, research and connect with the society.

**VISITOR'S AWARD FOR
INNOVATION, 2017**



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Dr. Deepak Pant

Department of Environmental Science
School of Earth and Environmental Sciences
Central University of Himachal Pradesh

The Visitor's Award for Innovation for the year 2016 is awarded to Dr. Deepak Pant of Central University of Himachal Pradesh for development of a reactor for direct conversion of waste plastic to LPG at small scale.

The National Swachhata Mission faces a major challenge in finding low cost, small scale reactor to process plastic waste and convert it into useful source of energy. Dr. Deepak Pant has developed a novel process of converting plastic into LPG in remarkable simple steps to address the issue of recycling of plastic waste. Several attempts have been made in the past for the purpose. However, most of these require larger facilities. The innovative reactor performs the job of cracking or degradation of various waste, distillations of heavier hydrocarbons and conversion into gas in a single pot at a small scale. By integrating a plastic pyrolysis unit with a water-cooled separation unit, the device ensures that only fractions with boiling point below a certain level leave the reactor. This can potentially solve the complicated distillation problem that is generally associated with polymer cracking. The technology has rich potential to solve the existing problem of plastic waste.

**VISITOR'S AWARD FOR
RESEARCH, 2017**



दिनांक Date 06.03.2017

PAY Dr. Shyam Sundar and Prof. Niranjana Karak, Joint winners of the visitors award

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The Visitor's Award for Research for the year 2017 is being awarded to the following persons:



Dr. Shyam Sundar
Department of Medicine
Institute of Medical Sciences
Banaras Hindu University

Dr. Shyam Sundar a distinguished faculty scientist at the Institute of Medical Sciences, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi is credited with excellent work in the treatment of Kala-azar (Visceral leishmaniasis). His work with single dose liposomal amphotericin B is considered as a major breakthrough and has earned worldwide acclaim. The impact of the research carried out by Dr. Sundar is profound and the outcomes are extremely pertinent in the Indian context where finding treatment of diseases caused by pathogenic protozoans is of paramount importance. Dr. Sundar's work on non-invasive method for detection of Leishmaniasis is globally accepted and applied in nationwide schemes. The breakthrough research on development of oral dosage forms and multi-drug regimen in treating this fatal disease is also widely acknowledged. Dr. Sundar's contribution in the field of medicine is immense and he has been duly recognized worldwide for his outstanding work.



Prof. Niranjana Karak
Department of Chemical Sciences
Tezpur University

Prof. Niranjana Karak is leading a very active research group in the area of materials science at the Department of Chemical Sciences, Tezpur University, Tezpur, Assam. Prof. Karak has been using environmentally benign methods to prepare high performance polymeric materials. His work on the development of a strategy to use a long segmented linear oligomeric reactant in the synthesis of hyper-branched polyurethanes is noteworthy. These materials are showing good bio-degradable and bio-compatible properties and may find wide applications.
