

## **PRESIDENT'S SECRETARIAT**

### **PRESS NOTE**

**Rashtrapati Bhavan  
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The President of India, in his capacity as Visitor of the Central Universities, annually confers Visitor's Awards to promote healthy competition amongst Central Universities and motivate them in pursuit of excellence, to adopt best practices from around the world. These Awards may be considered for the following categories:

- 1) Visitor's Award for Innovation
- 2) Visitor's Award for Research
  - i. Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences
  - ii. Physical Sciences
  - iii. Biological Sciences
- 3) Visitor's Award for Technology Development

2. The Visitor's Awards were instituted vide Notification No. 253 dated 24 October, 2014 with subsequent amendments being notified from time to time.

3. The Visitor's Awards for 2020 are the 6<sup>th</sup> in this series of Awards. The First Visitor's Awards were conferred during the conference of Vice-Chancellors of Central Universities on February 4, 2015, the Second on March 14, 2016 during the Festival of Innovations 2016, the third on March 6, 2017 during the Festival of Innovations 2017, the fourth during the Meet of Vice Chancellor on 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2018 and the fifth during the Vice Chancellor Conference on 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2019.

4. Regarding the Awards for 2020, a Selection Committee headed by the Secretary to the President, Shri K.D. Tripathi and comprising eminent persons and academicians, was constituted for selecting the awardees.

5. Online applications were invited from the Central Universities for each category of the awards. After scrutiny of the online applications received, the Selection Committee recommended conferment of Visitor's Awards, 2020 to the following which were approved by the President of India:

<b>Visitor's Award for Research (Physical Sciences), 2020</b>	<b>:</b> <b>Prof. Anunay Samanta,</b> School of Chemistry, University of Hyderabad for his research on Ultrafast pump-probe and single-molecule fluorescence spectroscopic study of charge carrier dynamics in photo-excited perovskite nanocrystals.
<b>Visitor's Award for Research (Biological Sciences), 2020</b>	<b>:</b> <b>Prof. Mohammad Zahid Ashraf,</b> Department of Biotechnology, Jamia Millia Islamia for his research on hypoxia-induced thrombosis.
<b>Visitor's Award for Technology Development, 2020</b>	<b>:</b> <b>Prof. Pritam Deb,</b> Department of Physics, Tezpur University for his work on development of Biodegradable Polymer Film Reinforce with Two Dimensional Heterostructure for Food Packaging.

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