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Press Release

IIT Bhubaneswar Faculty Dr. Srikant Gollapudi receives National Teachers' Award 2026

Bhubaneswar, 6th September 2026: Dr. Srikant Gollapudi, Associate Professor, School of Minerals, Metallurgical and Materials Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology Bhubaneswar, has been conferred the prestigious National Teachers' Award 2026 by the Hon'ble President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu, at a ceremony in New Delhi on the occasion of Teachers' Day. He is among 21 teachers from higher educational institutions and polytechnics selected for the award.

Dr. Srikant received the award for his "teaching skills and socially relevant research" in the areas of metallurgy and material science. He strives to strengthen student learning by focusing on their conceptual understanding, real life applications and experiential learning. His research work has spanned affordable medical implants and surgical devices, recycling solutions for end-of-life solar cells, and lightweight composites for mobility applications.

An alumnus of NIT Rourkela and the Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru, Dr. Srikant earned his Ph.D. in Materials Science and Engineering from North Carolina State University, USA. Before joining IIT Bhubaneswar, he worked with the Defence Metallurgical Research Laboratory, Hyderabad, MIT, USA and Saint-Gobain Research India. At IIT Bhubaneswar, his research focuses on processing and characterization of advanced materials for defence, mobility and biomedical applications, and includes research projects of national significance from DRDO and Ministry of Mines.

Dr. Srikant said, "I am deeply honoured and humbled to receive the National Teachers' Award. I am grateful to my students, colleagues, mentors and the leadership of IIT Bhubaneswar for their constant support. I would also like to acknowledge the teaching-learning reforms undertaken by IIT Bhubaneswar, which are creating a supporting environment for innovative and student-centric pedagogy. This recognition motivates me to continue contributing to excellence in teaching, research and mentoring the next generation."

Congratulating Dr. Srikant, Prof. Shreepad Karmalkar, Director, IIT Bhubaneswar, said, "This prestigious recognition is a matter of pride for IIT Bhubaneswar, which lays equal emphasis on socially relevant impactful research and transformation of teaching-learning through research-based pedagogical practices. Dr. Srikant's dedication to teaching, research and student mentoring exemplifies these values of academic excellence."
