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EVENT REPORT OF DECLARATION CEREMONY OF TWO MULTI-DISCIPLINARY RESEARCH CENTERS

Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology (IIEST), Shibpur has declared the establishment of two multi-disciplinary research centers, viz; *1. Arun and Dhriti Deb Center of Water and Environmental Studies (ADDCWES)* and *2. Chirasree Center of Sustainable Infrastructure Development (CCSID)* with generous donations from two of its most illustrious alumni. The declaration took place on 29th March 2025, with the Hon'ble Minister Dr. Sukanta Majumdar, Minister of State, Ministry of Education, Government of India, as the Chief Guest. Dr. Majumdar emphasized the Institute's distinguished heritage and urged the IIEST community to collaborate through an interdisciplinary approach. He highlighted the importance of integrating societal needs within academic pursuits to benefit a broader segment of society.

Smt. Tejaswini Ananth Kumar, Dr.hc, Chairperson of the Board of Governors at IIEST Shibpur, presided over the function. She acknowledged the significant contributions of the two alumni whose generous donations facilitated the development of these research centers. She characterized this event as a golden era for IIEST Shibpur, reaffirming the Institute's commitment to the Clean Campus, Green Campus, and No Waste Campus initiatives, aligning with the Government of India's policies to drive innovation and national progress.

Prof. V.M.S.R. Murthy, the Director of IIEST Shibpur, delivered the introductory speech outlining the Institute's current activities and advancements. He also elaborated on IIEST's active participation in national initiatives such as Yuva

Sangam, Viksit Bharat, and Make in India, emphasizing how the Institution's strategic initiatives contribute significantly to various national missions, ensuring a robust alignment with government policies.

For the ADDCWES, Prof. Arun Deb, a distinguished 1957 Civil Engineering graduate of the Institute and a globally recognized expert in water engineering has generously pledged US\$ 1 million (approx. INR 8.7 crores) for the establishment of the Advanced Centre for Drinking Water and Environmental Sustainability (ADDCWES). During the ceremony, Prof. Deb elaborated on the center's research scope and shared cherished memories of his time at the Institute.

For CCSID, Prof. Sudhangshu Sekhar Chakraborty, a batchmate of Prof. Deb and a renowned Civil Engineer based in New Delhi, has pledged financial support of INR 10 crores. He also emphasized the center's research focus and the role of academia in shaping societal progress.

Both centers aim to foster interdisciplinary research, offer advanced electives for undergraduate and postgraduate studies, and initiate innovative projects to encourage startups and entrepreneurial excellence.

Their contributions underscore the critical role of research in societal advancement and highlight the unwavering support of IEST's robust alumni network. The Institute's alumni fraternity has historically played a pivotal role in its development, reinforcing the tradition of giving back and strengthening IEST Shibpur's legacy in higher education and research.

The event concluded on a highly successful note, marking a significant milestone in the Institute's journey towards academic and research excellence.



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