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LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD CONFERRED ON PU VC

The Governing Board of NACE International India Section is honored to confer the Life Time Achievement Award on Prof. Gurmeet Singh on September 24th 2019, for his exemplary efforts in appreciation of his exemplary contribution in the field of corrosion science and smart materials in India.

Prof. Gurmeet Singh, a renowned academic administrator and an internationally reputed expert in the field of corrosion science and smart materials, has taken over as the Vice-Chancellor, Pondicherry University. Prof. Singh began his academic career as Lecturer (Assistant Professor) in the Department of Chemistry, University of Delhi, in 1976, rising to become a Professor about twenty years ago. All through, his career has been distinguished by the successful manner in which he has contributed to the Administration of University of Delhi and other public institutions while maintaining a very high level of research output in terms of quality as well as quantity. He has held the positions of Proctor (2005-2010), Head of the Department (2014-17), Member of the Executive Council (2005-2010), and numerous other administrative positions in University of Delhi besides serving as OSD (Principal), Deshbandhu College (1997-1999). He had been on high-level committees of the UGC, DBT, CSIR, and several other public institutions. These assignments have included positions of great sensitivity and responsibility typified by his appointment as Special Observer for the West Bengal state Assembly Elections by the Election Commission of India.

During 2011-2012, Prof. Singh served as a Chair Professor at Luangwa University, Taipei, where he was specially invited to start collaborative research. He was a visiting scientist to Hungary and Japan and has been on academic assignments to Germany, Italy, Australia, Singapore, Korea, Thailand and Kenya. He is also currently a Visiting Professor at Japan Advanced Institute of Science & Technology (JAIST), Ishikawa, Japan.

An inspiring teacher and mentor of research, Prof. Singh has guided 14 MPhil and 50 Ph.D. scholars, several of the resulting contributions have received accolades and best paper awards at international/national conferences. At the time of moving to Pondicherry University, Prof. Singh was personally supervising some major research projects. With about 150 research papers of which a majority are in high-impact international journals, Prof. Gurmeet Singh is also among the most cited of the scientists in his field.

An oft-decorated academician, Prof. Singh had received, among other honors, the Meritorious Contribution Award, the Annapurna Award, Membership of The Royal Society of Chemistry, London, and Fellowship of SAEST and The Electrochemical Society of India and Advanced Material Society Award (Sweden).