

NZ earthquake body makes IIT-Gn director life member

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IIT-Gn Director Sudhir Jain was felicitated at NZSEE 2013 Technical Conference in April

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Indian Institute of Technology, Gandhinagar (IIT-Gn) Director Sudhir K Jain has been selected as 'life member' of a New Zealand-based organisation dealing with technologies to reduce earthquake risks.

New Zealand Society for Earthquake Engineering (NZSEE) has inducted Jain as a life member for his contribution to the field of earthquake engineering, a statement from IIT-GN said.

The honour was conferred on him at the NZSEE 2013 Technical Conference held in New Zealand on April 27, where he was the keynote speaker, and delivered a lecture on 'Earthquake engineering in the modern world.'

According to the official release, Prof Jain is the first Indian to be appointed as a life member of the society and one of the 25 current life members in the world. Earlier this year, Prof Jain became president-elect of the International Society for Earthquake Engineers.

Prof Jain has been instrumental in creating awareness about earthquake engineering in India since 1986, when he published the 'Indian Seismic Codes and Commentaries', which is now widely used by practising engineers in India. He has carried out extensive on-site studies on all major earthquakes in India and abroad since 1988, most notably Killari earthquake of 1993, Bhuj earthquake of 2001, and Sumatra earthquake and tsunami of 2004. He visited the earthquake-affected Christchurch region during the NZSEE conference at the end of April.