

NZ society inducts IIT-Gandhinagar director

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Ahmedabad: The New Zealand Society for Earthquake Engineering (NZSEE) has inducted Indian Institute of Technology Gandhinagar (IIT-G) director **Sudhir K Jain** as a life member. The citation mentions that the place has been given for his exceptional services to society in recognition of his work in the field of earthquake engineering in India and abroad.



The recognition was conferred on him at the NZSEE 2013 Technical Conference in New Zealand on April 27. Jain was a keynote speaker at the conference, at which he delivered an address on 'Earthquake Engineering in the Modern World'.

He is the first Indian appointed as life member and one of only 25 current life members in the world at the society. Earlier this year, he was elected president elect of the International Society for Earthquake Engineers.

IIT-G officials stated that Jain has been instrumental in creating awareness about

earthquake engineering in India since 1986, when he published 'Indian Seismic Codes and Commentaries', which is now widely used by practicing 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.