



Free online learning

www.catalyst-academy.org/stem

Inspiring new ways to teach your students STEM+. Free courses here!



The Telegraph

calcutta, india



Follow Us: Today's Edition

| Sunday , December 8 , 2013 |

Google™ Custom Search

Search

IN TODAY'S PAPER

Front Page
Nation
Calcutta
Bengal
Foreign
Business
Sports
Horse Racing
t2
Opinion

CITIES & REGIONS

Metro
Northeast
Jharkhand
Bihar
Odisha

WEEKLY FEATURES

Knowhow Mon
Jobs Tue
You Thu
Howrah Fri
Salt Lake Fri

[Front Page](#) > [Northeast](#) > [Story](#)

Rare honour for NE scientist - Chemistry professor conferred US society membership

SEKHAR DATTA



Arijit Das

Agartala, Dec. 7: For the first time in the history of the Northeast, a professor of chemistry has been nominated member of the prestigious American Chemical Society (ACS).

Arijit Das, 36, an assistant professor of inorganic chemistry in the government-run Ramthakur College, was conferred the honour in an official communication from Debora J. Fillinich, ACS assistant director, Membership and Scientific Advancement, this month.

While conferring the honour of membership on Das for his research on and original contribution to the study of chemistry, Fillinich said: "As an author, journal contributor or reviewer, you have added to the advancement of chemical science. The ACS

recognises your distinction and is extending this formal invitation to become a member of the society".

Das who has earned national and international renown by inventing 13 new methods and altogether 28 new formulae for the study of organic, inorganic and physical chemistry over the past three years, had not applied for membership.

"It is a matter of satisfaction that I have been invited for the membership without asking

**7 days** Sun**Graphiti** Sun**LEISURE**

Sudoku
Sudoku New
Crossword
Jumble
Gallery

ARCHIVES

Since 1 March, 1999

EXTRAS

Press Releases
Travel

THE TELEGRAPH

About Us
Advertise
Feedback
Contact Us

**Advt Links:**

Zoutons.com (Shopping
Coupons)

for it; my membership number, as communicated by the ACS authorities, is 3071890, dated December 6, 2013. Besides myself, there is only R.N. Mookherjee, director of Calcutta-based Indian Institute of Scientific and Educational Research (IISER) and former head of department of chemistry in IIT, Kanpur as member of ACS from eastern India," Das said.

Born and brought up in Kailasahar town, headquarters of Unakoti district, Das, son of a chemistry school teacher who later rose to the rank of school inspector, has all along studied in Kailasahar, MBB College in Agartala and Tripura University.

Having worked as a chemist in state forensic laboratory Das had joined government-run Dharmanagar College as assistant professor in 2010. From the very beginning of his career as a teacher, he was besotted with the idea of making chemistry easier for students.

"My deep reflections on the subject started yielding results since late 2010; by early last year I had devised seven new methodologies with 15 formulae for easier study of organic and inorganic chemistry for students at school and college levels. Since early last year, I invented six new methodologies and 13 formulae for the study of organic, inorganic and physical chemistry. Three of the last six methodologies were published in chemistry journals of the US while three have come out in *Indian Journal of Applied Research*," Das said.

His real joy is that after the nomination as an ACS member he has received congratulatory calls and messages from stalwarts of Indian chemistry including R.N. Mookherjee, director IISER, G.N. Mookherjee, head of the department of chemistry, Calcutta University, and V. Jagannathan of Osmania University.

Apart from his research, Das is also a reviewer of internationally acclaimed chemistry journals such as *Journal of Chemistry Co-ordination*, published from London and *Journal of Inorganic Chemistry Co-ordination*, published by renowned ELSIVIER group of New York.

"Recently the Qatar-based reputed chemistry journal *Q-Science Connect* has offered me to be a reviewer and I will accept that," Das said.

More stories in Northeast

- [Lanong rejects ILP stand](#)
- [Student expelled for assault](#)
- [Joint team visits NE border](#)
- [Chemistry professor conferred US society membership](#)
- [Sadiya institute scripts success](#)
- [Rio recasts Article 371A](#)
- [Meet on combating diseases](#)

GOSF 2013 Now Till Dec 14

gosf.in

Your one-stop
destination for best
shopping deals online.





Let us share our
YES formula
with you!



- Over 30 years of experience
- World-class cGMP & custom manufacturing
- Full-scale R&D & custom synthesis
- Highly experienced chemists



the
yes formula
from



- Gogoi flays land deal protest
- Van hijacker arrested

GOSF 2013 Now Till Dec 14

gosf.in

Your one-stop destination for best shopping deals online.




Government Jobs- Register

naukri.com/Register_Free

Search & Apply to Government Jobs across Sectors. Start Searching Now





HOTELS UNLIMITED

Best Airfares Everytime

Book Your Air Ticket

Round Trip
 One Way

Leaving from:

Going to:

Passengers

Depart Date:

Return Date:

Search for flights

*Conditions apply