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Narayan Hosmane honored by Indian university

DeKalb, Ill.- Narayan Hosmane, a professor in the NIU Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, has been selected to serve as the Jawaharlal Nehru Distinguished Chair of Chemistry for a period of five weeks late this year at the University of Hyderabad, India.

The University of Hyderabad instituted the position to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the birth of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, an eminent scholar, statesman and former Prime Minister of the Republic of India. The distinguished scientist occupying the chair is expected to enrich a chosen area of research during the tenure by interacting with faculty members and students and giving formal seminars and lectures.

"It's a real honor to accept this chair," said Hosmane, of DeKalb, whose distinguished career has produced a long list of accomplishments, awards and recognitions.

In 2001, Hosmane received the NIU Presidential Research Professorship, the university's highest award for distinguished research. Later that year, he won the prestigious Humboldt Research Award for senior scientists (with a stipend of about $70,000). The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation of Bonn, Germany presents the award annually to scientists across the world as a tribute to their lifelong accomplishments.

Hosmane's area of expertise falls under the broad category of boron chemistry research, but his interests are widely varied. He is the founder of Metallo-Biotech International Inc., a university spin-off company that is advancing Boron Neutron Capture Therapy, a promising two-step approach to cancer treatment.

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