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IUST Professor Named TWAS Visiting Research Professor

Awantipora, Dec 12: Prof. Shakeel Ahmed, Professor at the Centre for Disaster Risk Reduction, Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), has been appointed as a Visiting TWAS Research Professor by The World Academy of Sciences (TWAS), where he is an elected Fellow. He will serve at the Department of Geology, University of Zambia, under a programme through which TWAS Fellows mentor researchers in developing and least-developed countries.

A distinguished geophysicist with over four decades of experience in water sciences, particularly groundwater, Prof. Shakeel holds a Ph.D. in Hydrology from the Paris School of Mines, France, and previously headed the Indo-French Centre for Groundwater Research at the National Geophysical Research Institute (NGRI) in Hyderabad. With 37 years of service, he has made significant contributions to advancing groundwater research and is currently working on transforming climate-driven runoff into sustainable groundwater resources. He was also part of the team that recently secured the 6th National Water Award for IUST.

Prof. Shakeel's engagement at the University of Zambia is expected to strengthen academic and research collaboration between IUST and institutions across the African continent.

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