Obituary

Prof Pushpak Bhattacharyya

(July 03, 1962- October 5, 2025)

Prof Pushpak Bhattacharyya, FNAE born on July 3, 1962 passed away on October 5, 2025. He was elected to INAE Fellowship in the year 2015 and affiliated to Engineering Section II (Computer Engineering and Information Technology).

Prof Pushpak Bhattacharyya, FNAE Professor, Department of Computer Science & Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, Mumbai and Former Director, Indian Institute of Technology Patna had made outstanding research contributions in the fields of Natural Language Processing (NLP) and Machine Learning. Automatic Sarcasm Detection, Multilingual Computation and Indian Language Neural Machine Translation are some of his pioneering research contributions along with Multilingual Lexical Knowledge Bases like IndoWordNet and Projection. He executed several important Government funded and industry projects and received research grants from IBM, Microsoft, Yahoo and the United Nations, among others. He published more than 350 research papers covering major areas of NLP in peer reviewed journals and conferences proceedings and guided more than 300 students for their PhD and Master's research and undergraduate projects. Prof Bhattacharyya received several prestigious awards and honours including the INAE- ANRF (erstwhile SERB), DST Abdul Kalam Technology Innovation National Fellowship; Patwardhan Award of IIT Bombay for Technology Development; Eminent Engineer Award of Institution of Engineers (India) and Distinguished Alumnus Award of IIT Kharagpur. He served as served as the president of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL) from 2016 -17.

May God bless his soul to rest in peace