

**Professor Alok Bhattacharya, Distinguished Visiting Professor, Department of Life Sciences, School of Natural Sciences, receives the INSA Aryabhata Medal**



Dr. Alok Bhattacharya, Distinguished Visiting Professor in the Department of Life Sciences, School of Natural Sciences, has been selected for the *Aryabhata Medal* of the Indian National Science Academy (INSA) for the year 2015. This medal is awarded for outstanding contribution in sciences and consists of a gold-plated copper medal and a citation.

Dr. Bhattacharya's research interests are in Parasitology, Basic biology, Computational biology and Bioinformatics, the fields in which his contributions are well known. His awards and honors include Robert McNamara Fellowship of the World Bank (1985-86), Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize (1994), J.C. Bose Fellowship of DST (2008) etc. He has been a Vice President of the Indian National Science Academy, and consultant to various companies, besides being in Journal Editorial Boards, Grant Review Panels and Research Committees

of important Government Bodies and Institutes.