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**Dr. Mrutyunjay Mohapatra** assumes charge as **Director General of Meteorology, India Meteorological Department** today, the **1<sup>st</sup> August, 2019**.

He is also the **Permanent Representative of India with WMO with effect from 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2019**. He has also been elected as **Member of Executive Council, WMO** for the period **2019-23 with effect from 13<sup>th</sup> June**.

With a **Ph. D in Physics and 26 years of experience in meteorology**, he has made significant contributions in improvement of early warning services of IMD. **He has brought laurels to the country with effective early warning of cyclones**, especially **Phailin, Hudhud, Vardah, Titli, Sagar, Mekunu and Fani** in recent years. He is popularly known as **“The Cyclone Man of India”**.

He is the author of more than **75** research papers published in peer reviewed journals. He has edited **3** books and **7** Journals.

He has received a number of recognitions including:

- ❖ **Commendation certificate from Defence Research and Development Organisation for contribution in Integrated Guided Missile Development Programme in 1989,**
- ❖ **25<sup>th</sup> Biennial Mausam Award** for the best research paper, entitled, “Daily summer monsoon rainfall over northeast India due to synoptic scale systems”
- ❖ **Young Scientist Award from Ministry of Earth Sciences, Government of India in 2009** and
- ❖ **Achievers Award from India Meteorological Department** for research and service contributions in the field of atmospheric sciences.

He was the **Chairman of WMO/ESCAP Panel on Tropical Cyclones** for 2017-18 and is **Chairman of Regional Sub-project Management Team (RSMT) of WMO’s Severe Weather Forecasting Demonstration Project (SWFDP) - South Asia**.

He has organized a number of **international and national trainings & workshops** to improve capacity building in the region.

At national level, he is the **Chairman of various Committees** including:

- ❖ **Task Team for finalization of Meteorological Payloads of INSAT-4 satellites to be launched in 2025,**
- ❖ **Committee for revision of NDMA Guidelines for cyclone management, Technical Evaluation Committee** for Consultancy on National Cyclone Risk Mitigation Project Phase-II of NDMA, Govt. of India.
- ❖ He was the **Vice-President of Indian Meteorological Society** during 2016-18.

**His detailed curriculum vitae is available at [http://www.imd.gov.in/pages/about\\_dgm.php](http://www.imd.gov.in/pages/about_dgm.php)**