

Suman Kundu takes charge of BITS Pilani Goa Campus as new director

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Panaji: After the term of the previous director ended, professor **Suman Kundu** has assumed charge as the new director at the BITS Pilani, KK Birla Goa Campus at Zuarinagar from April 7.

Kundu has served as director of the Centre for India Canada Studies and as acting pro vice-chancellor

at the University of Delhi.

Kundu obtained his PhD from the Banaras Hindu University (BHU) in 1999 and was a postdoctoral fellow and later a research associate in the USA.

He has worked as a lecturer in School of Biotechnology, BHU, before moving to the department of biochemistry at

the University of Delhi as a reader in 2006, where he was subsequently promoted to associate professor in 2009 and professor in 2012.

He was honoured with the Indo-US research fellowship in 2010.

His research interest focuses on structure-function-stability relationship in blood substitutes. His



group is also engaged in understanding the pathophysiology of sickle cell disease and is attempting to decipher effective therapeutics to combat the debilitating disease. Currently, the laboratory is dedicated towards structure-aided drug discovery initiatives to identify novel small molecules to treat cardiovascular diseases and rheumatoid arthritis.