

IISc prof makes it to London's Royal Society

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Bengaluru: What links Isaac Newton, Albert Einstein, Srinivasa Ramanujan, Stephen Hawking and Bengaluru professor Ajay Sood? The Royal Society of London. Joining the big league, the IISc physicist was elected as a fellow by the prestigious institution on July 10.

Prof Sood, from the department of physics at IISc, is a leading scientist working in the field of condensed matter. The thrill of discovery has been motivating him for 35 years. "I feel happy to be recognized for my team's work, honoured to be elected and humbled when I realize that I have been placed in the company of so many geniuses," said Sood. At present, he's working on quantum condensed matter and soft condensed matter, the former dealing with carbon nanotubes, graphene and superconductors.

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His team designs Field Effect Transistors (FETs), performs Raman spectroscopy on the device, while it is working, to study the electron-phonon coupling process. Sood's exceptional contribution to science won him the Padma Shri in 2013.