Dr. Devesh Misra, Distinguished Professor and Director, Center for Structural and Functional Materials, University of Louisiana at Lafayette was selected to receive the prestigious **Hind Rattan Award of 2014**. The award recognizes his exceptional services to the society, achievements, and contributions to the field, and for the significant efforts that he has made in building relations between India and North America, and more importantly for keeping the “Flag of India High”. The award was given in New Delhi, India at a gala ceremony on January 26, 2014, the Republic Day of India.

The Hind Rattan Award (translated "Jewel of India") is awarded annually to select members of the worldwide Indian diaspora (NRIs and Persons of Indian Origin) by the NRI Welfare Society of India at a ceremony at its yearly conference, held since 1981 on the eve of Republic Day of India (January 26). The Award is given to a rare and select number of persons of Indian origin for their achievements that enrich the life of the country of new residence. The selection committee includes prominent government officials and diplomats.

The NRI Welfare Society of India was founded in 1981 by Harbhajan Singh, President of the All India Small & Medium Newspapers Federation and recipient of the 2000 UNESCO Mahatma Gandhi Gold Medal. It started with the noble objective of strengthening the emotional bonds between India and non-resident Indians. The society organizes seminars, conferences, and symposia at national and international levels, and also honors NRI men and women to recognize their research, professional accomplishments, and positive contributions to the scientific community and a growing world economy.

More recently, Dr. Devesh Misra was awarded **Distinguished Alumnus Award** from his alma mater, Department of Metallurgical Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology, Banaras Hindu University at the annual Metallurgists Day held at Banaras on November 14, 2013. The award recognizes Dr. Devesh Misra’s sustained leadership in materials science and engineering. Dr. Misra is a Fellow of American Society for Materials International and The Institute for Materials, Minerals and Mining, London.