Dr. Shailesh Nayak, currently a Director, National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS), India, in recognition of outstanding contributions to the field of Science and Engineering, the Government of India honoured him with the highest civilian honour of India, 'Padma Shri' in 2024. This prestigious award is presented to him by the President of India for distinguished service.

Dr Nayak has showed exemplary leadership in setting up of state-of-art and innovative Centers as well as pioneered techniques and algorithms for the use of space and geospatial technologies for the nation-wide societal benefits. He has provided a new vision and dynamism to the Indian Earth Sciences.

Dr. Shailesh Nayak, receiving Government of India’s highest civilian recognition, ‘Padma Shri’ from the President of India, on May 9, 2024.