

NIT Rourkela and Tata Steel Join Hands to Nurture R&D in FRP Composites

The 25th of May, 2018 shall go down in history as NIT Rourkela and Tata Steel Limited (TSL) have inked a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) on integrating academia, industry, and other stake holders in the field of scientific and industrial research for technology development with special emphasis on Fiber-Reinforced Polymer (FRP) Composites.

In addition, *Prof. Bankim Chandra Ray*, Professor, Department of Metallurgical and Materials Engineering has been appointed as an Advisor to TSL for the matters related to FRP Composites. *Prof. Ray* has been associated with NIT Rourkela for almost three decades and has wide experience and deep knowledge in the R&D of FRP. He is the incumbent Dean of Faculty Welfare.

Some of the salient points of the agreement are: (a) creation of holistic eco-system for encouraging R&D and innovations; (b) proto-typing, development, and commercialization of FRP Composites; (c) fostering of research, training, and continuous learning process; (d) review and acquisition of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) in relevant fields; (e) assessment of quality assurance.

Prof. Ray, as the captain of this union, has a number of tasks and targets before him; NIT Rourkela wishes him all the best.