



Press Release

**IIT Bhubaneswar signs MoU with The RAMCO Cements Limited**

**Bhubaneswar, 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025:** With an objective to establish a Center of Excellence (CoE) in the area of Sustainable Construction and Climate Resiliency, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bhubaneswar and THE RAMCO CEMENTS LIMITED signed a Memorandum of Understanding on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025. THE RAMCO CEMENTS LIMITED is head quartered in Chennai and operates integrated cement factories, grinding units, and construction chemical plants at several locations in the Southern and Eastern parts of India including Odisha. This Center of Excellence is named, “RAMCO Sustainable Construction and Climate Resiliency Centre (RAMSCON)”. The MoU was signed by Prof. Prashant Sahu, Dean (Alumni Affairs & International Relations), IIT Bhubaneswar and Mr. Balaji K. Moorthy (Executive Director, Marketing), THE RAMCO CEMENTS LIMITED, in the presence of Prof. Shreepad Karmalkar, Director, IIT Bhubaneswar and other concerned faculty members from IIT Bhubaneswar and executives from THE RAMCO CEMENTS LIMITED.

The MoU aims to conduct high-quality research related to sustainable construction materials and techniques themed on climate resiliency. The research focuses on the development of advanced and sustainable concrete solutions for durability, efficiency, and specialized applications. This MOU is aligned with UN sustainable development goals (SDGs) to improve the sustainably index of the Indian construction industry.

Speaking on this occasion, Prof. Karmalkar stated: “This collaboration with THE RAMCO CEMENTS LIMITED will enhance the ecosystem in industry-academia interaction in the field of sustainable and climate-resilient construction.”

Officials from THE RAMCO CEMENTS LIMITED also expressed that this MoU between IIT Bhubaneswar and THE RAMCO CEMENTS LIMITED will bring transformation in research and development activities in the areas of sustainable construction materials and bring out new ideas in the field of concrete technology and sustainable construction.”

Among others, Prof. Dinakar Pasla, Dr. Umesh Chandra Sahoo, Prof. Sumanta Haldar from IIT Bhubaneswar, and Mr. Anil Kumar Pillai, Mr. Chandi Prasad Mohanty and Mr. Pratik Ray from THE RAMCO CEMENTS LIMITED were present on the occasion.

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