

### **IMMT signs MoU with Amity University, Uttar Pradesh (AUUP)**

The Institute of Minerals and Materials Technology (IMMT), Bhubaneswar, has signed an MoU with Amity University, Uttar Pradesh (AUUP) through Ritnand Balved Education Foundation, Noida. Effective from 24 June 2008 for a period of five years, which is extendable, the MoU would involve mutual cooperation towards the advancement of knowledge of the employees, faculty, scholars and students of both the organizations. The MoU will be governed by the following conditions:

AUUP will provide all facilities to the employees (scientific and technical) and scholars (Research Fellows and Project Assistants) of IMMT to enroll for M.Tech. and PhD programme at AUUP under joint supervision as per the rules and regulations of AUUP. The course work/experiments required for the award of these degrees by AUUP shall be taken up/conducted at IMMT and necessary tests to qualify for registration/award of degree shall be conducted by AUUP. The topics for M.Tech. and PhD work shall form part of the research programmes at IMMT. Vice Chancellor, AUUP shall be the ultimate authority to decide the numbers.

IMMT shall provide, without any financial obligation, necessary facility to the students and faculty of AUUP to conduct research required for partial fulfillment of requirements leading to the award of M.Tech. and PhD degree by AUUP. The number of candidates to be taken up under each of the degrees at a time shall depend upon the availability of supervising scientists and laboratory space. Director-IMMT shall be the ultimate authority to decide such number.

IMMT shall, subject to availability and without any financial implication on its part, extend facilities to a limited number of MSc/B.Tech. students of AUUP for short duration summer/winter training courses at IMMT under the relevant CSIR guidelines. Director-IMMT shall be the ultimate authority to decide the topics and number of participants.

AUUP shall provide scope to interested scientists of IMMT to teach certain portions of UG and PG courses at the campuses of AUUP. Necessary TA/DA

and honorarium to the scientists of IMMT shall be paid by AUUP as per their policy guidelines.

On mutual agreement, specialized and short duration refresher courses/training programmes on topics of interest to the industry/academia can be jointly offered at IMMT or AUUP. The resources for such activities shall be shared.

IMMT and AUUP will encourage and provide facilities to the faculty members of AUUP and scientists of IMMT to explore and prepare joint research proposals on some thrust areas for funding by government agencies. The technical activities and grant sharing between the two parties shall be defined and mutually agreed while submitting such proposals.

IMMT and AUUP shall extend their library facilities to the scientists, faculty members, research scholars and students in accordance with the rules and regulations that govern the functioning of their respective libraries.

## **IMMT signs MoU with Essar**

The Institute of Minerals and Materials Technology (IMMT), Bhubaneswar, and Essar Steel Ltd, Visakhapatnam signed an MoU to work jointly on process and plant optimization programmes of mutual interest related to mineral processing activities.

The MoU was signed by Prof. B. K. Mishra, Director, IMMT, Bhubaneswar and Shri M.K. Sampath, CEO, Pellet Project (India), Essar Steel Holdings Ltd, at a function organized in the IMMT Conference Hall on 23 July 2008. Senior Essar officials and Scientists of the Mineral Processing Department (MPD) of IMMT were also present at the function that was organized by Shri P.S.R. Reddy, Scientist-G and Head of MPD.

As per the framework of the MoU, Dr S.K. Biswal, Scientist, IMMT and Shri A.S. Prasad, Head, Technology, Pellet Projects, India, Essar Steel Holdings, Ltd, have been nominated as coordinators to frame and execute the projects to be funded by Essar. Essar Steel Ltd. has deposited Rs 25 lakh as advance money to IMMT.

The initiative is the first of its kind for IMMT to kick start Public Private Partnership (PPP) in R&D.