

# Rotational Moulding Centre of Excellence for Education and Research at BITS Pilani

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**Vasco:** The department of mechanical engineering of BITS Pilani K K Birla, Goa Campus in collaboration with the Society of Asian Rotomoulders (StAR) jointly inaugurated the Rotational Moulding Centre of Excellence for Education and Research (RMCEER) at the BITS Pilani, Goa campus, Zuarinagar.

This centre will serve as a unique hub of knowledge and research for rotational moulding industry in the country. Representatives of around 38 industries from India and abroad were present for the inaugural function. The objectives of the centre were to provide testing services for rotationally moulded materials and products, develop industry standards for products and processes, analyse and design RM products, application development for RM products, industrial training and development, joint research projects with In-



Ravi Mehra, founder chairman, StAR lights a traditional lamp to mark the inauguration of Rotational Moulding Centre of Excellence for Education and Research (RMCEER) at the BITS Pilani, Goa campus, Zuarinagar.

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Ravi Mehra, founder chairman, StAR; Prof G Raghurama, Director of BITS Pilani K K Birla Goa Campus; Ashish Baheti, managing director of Vectus industries; Mukesh Ambani,

managing director of Infra technologies and Dr Ranjit Patil, head of the mechanical engineering department inaugurated the Centre of Excellence symbolically by lighting a ceremonial lamp.

Prof Raghurama wel-

comed the participants and expressed his views about the collaborative industrial research in BITS. Ravi Mehra delivered a keynote talk on potential of this Centre for the rotomoulding industry in India while, Ashish

Baheti spoke about the vision for this Centre.

Prof Sunil Bhand, Dean SRCD, BITS Pilani delivered a talk on the industrial research at BITS. The programme witnessed several talks by eminent industrialist in the country. Dr Sachin Waigaonkar from BITS coordinated the programme and also delivered technical talks while updating the StAR BITS activities and the future plans.

Participants from industry visited various laboratories in the campus to understand the research capabilities of BITS for the industry.

Prior to this programme, StAR and BITS signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the bilateral cooperation for enhancing the R&D capabilities and knowledge in the areas of rotational moulding. The MoU signing was attended by the office-bearers of StAR, Director of BITS Pilani Goa Campus, Deans and other faculty members.