

BITS Pilani inaugurates ARCSET

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BITS Pilani recently inaugurated the Advanced Research Centre for Sustainable Energy Technologies (ARCSET), a multi-campus Centre of Excellence focused on advancing clean energy solutions through innovative thinking and collaboration.

The occasion was graced by chief guest, chancellor of the Institute of Chemical Technology, Mumbai, Padma Bhushan professor J. B. Joshi. Former director of the Indian Institute of Petroleum and president of R&D Petrochemicals at Reliance Industries Limited, Madhukar Garg, served as guest of honour. Professor emeritus of the Department of Chemical Engineering professor R. R. Sonde, shared the vision of ARCSET. Director, BITS Pilani, K K Birla Goa campus professor Su-

man Kundu, described ARCSET "as yet another diamond in the jewel crown of BITS Pilani in the diamond jubilee year".

Speaking on the occasion, vice-chancellor of BITS Pilani, professor Ramgopal Rao said, "ARCSET embodies our dedication to tackling one of the major challenges of our times - global transformation towards sustainable energy. We are driving capacity building and advanced research with industry collaboration to enable these solutions that not only reduce carbon emissions but also ensure equitable access to clean energy resources". This Centre of Excellence is focusing on eight key areas, including renewable energy, hydrogen, e-mobility, and the circular economy, and is partnering with industry leaders, start-ups, and policymakers to develop effective solutions.