

MOU signed between College of Engineering, Pune (COEP) and Tata Motors Ltd (TML).

(MOU signed at TML on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2016)

College of Engineering, Pune has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Tata Motors Ltd. for promoting and reinforcing cooperation, mutual exchange of Information and Technological know-how, joint collaborative work in R&D projects, curriculum development, internships and placements, infrastructure development, improvement of research and academic programmes and also exchange of experts and researchers.

The signing ceremony was done at TML on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2014 in the presence of the officials from COEP and Tata Motors Ltd. For the signing of the MoU, COEP was represented by its Director Dr. B. B. Ahuja while Tata Motors Ltd. was represented by its Chief Human Resource Officer, Mr. Gajendra Chandel.

The MOU states that the two organizations will honour the agreement by:

- Promoting interaction between Tata Motors Ltd. and COEP in mutually beneficial areas of Upcoming technologies.
- Sharing knowledge and capability in the concern areas for mutual benefits and become trusted partners in the area of knowledge enrichment.
- Sponsoring Ph. D programmes at COEP
- To conceptualize the research projects to be executed in collaboration on need basis.
- To collaborate, share information and technology to develop the required skills and intend to create a centre of excellence to support this collaborative effort.
- To support the institute in following activities
  - i. Research work leading to M. Tech/ Ph. D degree
  - ii. Capability development of the students of COEP as well as employees of TML
  - iii. Sponsored projects
  - iv. Recruitment
  - v. Internships
  - vi. Workshops, Conclave, seminars, Events

The Memorandum signed will be the guiding document for both the parties for execution of the actions and initiatives in the near future. Both the organizations will encourage its members to define the overall strategy and roadmap to carry out the action points contained in it and report on the progress achieved at regular intervals.

During the signing ceremony, Dr. B. B. Ahuja, Director, COEP welcomed the proposal and said that the industry internship opportunities provided to the students through his association will enable them to make optimum utilization of the free time available to them after exams, especially after second and third year of engineering. It will also help them get the first hand experience and make them industry ready by the end of their graduation.

Mr. Gajendra Chandel, Chief Human Resource Officer, Tata Motors, Ltd. said that the company is also excited and look forward for a fruitful association with COEP. He added all the company would be extending the best possible help with regards to curriculum designing, conducting guest lectures, sponsoring projects and other related academic. He also added that this will be a mutually beneficial value addition to both the giants for a win- win situation. The signing off ceremony ended with a note to make this initiative as a role model for Academic- Industry Linkages.



Exchange of MOU

