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ANNOUNCEMENT PROF. SOUVIK BHATTACHARYYA

I am very pleased to announce the appointment of Prof. Souvik BHATTACHARYYA as Vice Chancellor, Birla Institute of Technology & Science. He will also hold the title of Senior Professor. He joins us from IIT Kharagpur, where he is currently Deputy Director, and brings with him a record of accomplishments, substantial breadth, depth and range of academic & research experience, and strong linkages with industry.

Prof. Bhattacharyya earned his Bachelor's from Jadavpur University, his MS from the University of Cincinnati, and his PhD from Texas A&M University, all in Mechanical Engineering, specializing in Thermal Sciences. After a post-doctoral research stint at Texas A&M, he joined the faculty of IIT Kharagpur in 1991. He was Dean (Students' Affairs), a Professor of Mechanical Engineering since 2003, and Professor (HAG) since 2006. He has also held faculty positions at the University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand, at Rhein-Waal University, Germany and has been a Visiting Fellow at Texas A&M University.

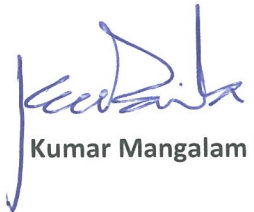
In 2012 Prof. Bhattacharyya returned to his alma mater, Jadavpur University, for fifteen months as Vice Chancellor, where he led a number of reforms.

Professor Bhattacharyya is a Fellow of the Indian National Academy of Engineering (INAE), the National Academy of Sciences, India (NASI) and West Bengal Academy of Science & Technology (WAST); a Member of the Research Council of CSIR-CGCRI and the Governing Council & Executive Board of ISM, Dhanbad. He has been an expert member of the DST Fast Track Young Engineer Research Project Committee, and is a Member of the Civil & Mechanical Engineering Project Advisory Committee, SERB, DST. He was also an Advisory Member of the International Association of Science and Technology for Development (IASTED) Technical Committee on Energy and Power Systems (Calgary, Canada) during 2000-2005.

He has served on the Editorial Boards of Energy Conversion and Management, and the International Journal of Power and Energy Systems, and is currently on the Editorial Board of Journal of Nano Energy and Power Research and an Associate Editor of the International Journal of Alternative Energy. A recipient of the ASHRAE Best Paper Award, Prof. Bhattacharyya has published 110 international indexed journal papers and 109 articles in international conference proceedings, besides contributing five articles in edited books published internationally and a patent (granted). He has supervised 12 PhD Dissertations, and over 25 M.Tech/MS theses. He is a co-author of the celebrated Heat Transfer text by JP Holman

Prof. Bhattacharyya has been principal investigator of a large number of sponsored research projects and has worked with organisations such as Tata Steel, Coal India, DRDO, BARC, Tata Power, CESC, and WBSEDCL. He remains an adored teacher and was the first recipient of the Indian National Academy of Engineering (INAE) Outstanding Teacher award 2013.

Please join me in extending a warm welcome to Prof. Bhattacharyya and his wife Dr. Tamali Bhattacharyya to the BITS Pilani family, as they join us around mid-June 2016.



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