



New Director for Indo-German Science & Technology Centre



Indo-German Science & Technology Centre (IGSTC), the flagship of Indo-German scientific cooperation was established by the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India, and the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF), Germany to foster joint collaboration in science and technology. Through its “2+2 Mode of Partnership” IGSTC intends to catalyse innovation centric R&D projects by synergising the strength of research/academic institution and public/private industry from India and Germany.

The Joint Declaration, which was signed in October 2015 has extended IGSTC's tenure to 2022 and beyond, and has also increased its funding from 2 million Euros per year to 4 million Euros by each side. Currently there are 25 ongoing projects under IGSTC.

The underlying principles of IGSTC could be summed up as:

- Advance industrial research partnership with mutuality of interest and respect
- Create platform for cross fertilization of ideas
- Develop knowledge networks for industrial sectors to enhance competitiveness
- Establish joint knowledge pools to address global challenges
- Serve as a nerve centre to promote Indo-German technology partnership

Dr. Roshan Paul has assumed the leadership of IGSTC as its new Director on 1st December 2016. He has graduated in Textile Chemistry from the Institute of Chemical Technology (ICT), Mumbai, in 1995 and holds Master's and Doctorate degrees in Chemical Technology from the same institute. He has previously worked in the Spanish National Research Council (CSIC), Spain, Clariant, Mumbai, LEITAT Technological Center, Spain, and Hohenstein Institute, Germany. Since 2015, he is an Invited Professor in the Faculty of Engineering of the University of Beira Interior, Portugal.

“Counting upon my experience from different EU countries and India, I am pleased to take over the leadership of IGSTC. I am sure that scientific community as well as industry in both the countries will be strengthened through our programmes, ultimately translating the acquired innovation for the benefit of the society.” said Dr. Paul.

He has vast experience in managing European Research & Innovation projects, and has several publications and patents in the area of the applied research. He is also serving as an Editorial Board member of several journals, in several Conference Committees, and has recently published two books with Elsevier, UK.

He is a Senior Life Member of American Association of Textile Chemists and Colorists (AATCC), USA, a Fellow of the Textile Association (India) (FTA), a Chartered Colourist (CCol FSDC) and a Fellow of the Society of Dyers and Colourists, UK, and a Chartered Textile Technologist (CText FTI) and a Fellow of The Textile Institute, UK.