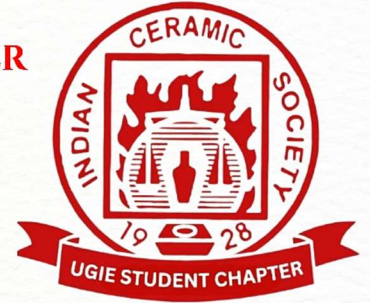




## INAUGURATION OF STUDENT CHAPTER INDIAN CERAMIC SOCIETY

DATE- 15.05.2026

DEPARTMENT OF CERAMIC TECHNOLOGY  
UGIE, ROURKELA, ODISHA



- **Venue: UGIE Auditorium, UGIE Rourkela, Odisha – 769004**

## Introduction to UGIE, Rourkela

Utkalmani Gopabandhu Institute of Engineering (UGIE), Rourkela was established in 1962 by the Government of Odisha under the Industries Department as “Composite Polytechnic, Rourkela.” The institute underwent several name changes before being renamed as UGIE, Rourkela in 1976. It was initially founded to meet the technical manpower requirements of Rourkela Steel Plant and other industries of Odisha.

UGIE was the only institution in Eastern India offering Diploma courses in Chemical and Metallurgical Engineering during its early years. In 1995, the institute added another milestone by introducing the Diploma course in Ceramic Technology, the first of its kind in the region. Today, the institute offers AICTE-approved three-year Diploma programs across multiple engineering disciplines and continues to contribute significantly towards technical education and industrial development.



## About the Department of Ceramic Technology

The Department of Ceramic Technology at UGIE, Rourkela was established during the academic session 1995–96 with an intake capacity of 20 students. Over the years, the department expanded steadily, increasing its intake capacity to 30, then 40, and currently 60 students.

The department is committed to providing quality education and industrial exposure in the field of ceramic and refractory technology. The department also maintains an Exhibition Room displaying ceramic materials, refractory products, industrial models, and technical exhibits for students, guests, and visitors interested in the ceramic field.



## Inauguration Event Details

The Department of Ceramic Technology, UGIE, Rourkela, successfully organized the Inauguration Ceremony of the Student Chapter of Indian Ceramic Society on 15th May 2026 with great enthusiasm and active participation from dignitaries, faculty members, alumni, students, and industry professionals. The event marked an important milestone in promoting academic excellence, technical development, and industry interaction among students of ceramic and refractory technology.

The inaugural ceremony officially commenced with the Invocation and Lighting of the Ceremonial Lamp, symbolizing knowledge, wisdom, and prosperity.

## Dignitaries Present

- Dr. Professor Sitendu Mandal — Chief Guest  
Honorary Secretary, Indian Ceramic Society & Professor of Practice, NIT Jamshedpur
- Er. Sarat Kumar Muduli — Guest of Honour  
Principal, UGIE, Rourkela
- Dr. Prof. Santanu Kumar Behera — Guest of Honour  
Head of the Department, Ceramic Engineering, NIT Rourkela
- Mr. Devendra Kumar Singh — Guest of Honour  
Founder & Managing Director, AdithyaPower Refractories & Insulation Pvt. Ltd.
- Mr. Ashok Agarwal — Guest of Honour  
Chairman, Sarvesh Refractories Pvt. Ltd.



The guests were warmly welcomed by the organizing committee and faculty members of the department.

The Welcome Address was delivered by Mr. K. P. Das, Head of the Department of Ceramic Technology, UGIE, Rourkela. He highlighted the importance of establishing a Student Chapter for enhancing technical knowledge, professional interaction, leadership qualities, and industrial exposure among students.

This was followed by the UGIE Anthem, which created a sense of pride and unity among all present. The dignitaries were then felicitated with bouquets and mementos as a token of respect and gratitude.

## Speeches & Presentations

The ceremony was enriched by insightful speeches and technical presentations delivered by eminent academicians and industrial experts.

- Dr. Professor Sitendu Mandal, Chief Guest and Honorary Secretary of the Indian Ceramic Society, delivered an informative presentation on the “History of the Indian Ceramic Society, highlighting its evolution, achievements, and contributions towards the development of ceramic science and technology in India”.
- Er. Sarat Kumar Muduli, Principal, UGIE, Rourkela, delivered an inspiring speech on, “The journey and establishment of UGIE, Rourkela”. He encouraged the students to actively participate in academic and technical events for their overall professional development.
- Dr. Prof. Santanu Kumar Behera, Head of the Department of Ceramic Engineering, NIT Rourkela, spoke about the “Current scenario in the ceramic field and emphasized the role of ceramic and refractory engineers as the backbone of the steel industry”.
- Mr. Devendra Kumar Singh, Founder & Managing Director of AdithyaPower Refractories & Insulation Pvt. Ltd., shared valuable insights on the “Castable Refractory Market, discussing industrial trends, applications, and future opportunities in the refractory sector”.
- Dr. Debasis Sarkar, Professor, Ceramic Engineering, NIT Rourkela, conducted a highly informative technical session on, “Raw material, Processing, Properties and Performance and Data Analysis of Refractories”, which provided valuable technical exposure to students.



One of the most memorable moments of the event was the official declaration of the opening of the Student Chapter by Dr. Professor Sitendu Mandal. The announcement was welcomed with great applause and enthusiasm from the audience.

The Vote of Thanks was delivered by Mr R. C. Prusty, Ex-HOD& Faculty Advisor of the Student Chapter, who expressed heartfelt gratitude to all dignitaries, faculty members, alumni, organisers, and students for their support and cooperation in making the event a success.

The program continued with a series of Technical Sessions and Presentations where experts and professionals discussed recent developments, industrial practices, and future opportunities in the ceramic and refractory industries. These sessions proved highly informative and beneficial for the students.

After lunch, the technical and interaction sessions resumed, allowing students to interact with alumni members and industry experts. The discussions provided valuable guidance regarding career opportunities, industrial expectations, higher education, and professional development in the ceramic and refractory sector.

The event concluded with the Valediction Ceremony. The entire program was conducted successfully with active participation and coordination from faculty members, students, alumni, and industry professionals.

The inauguration of the Student Chapter marks the beginning of a new journey towards academic collaboration, technical advancement, professional networking, and industrial interaction for the students of the Department of Ceramic Technology, UGIE, Rourkela.

## Photo Gallery

### ❑ Invocation & Lighting of Ceremonial Lamp



### ❑ Welcome Address



### ❑ Felicitation of the Guest



❑ Address by Guests



❑ Declaration of Opening of Chapter



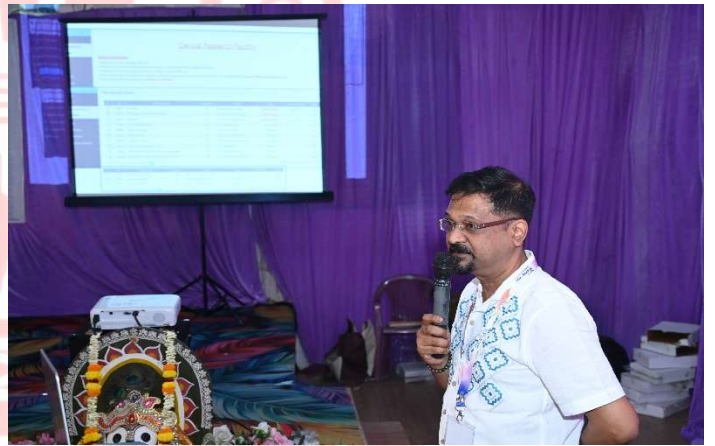
❑ Vote of Thanks



❑ Presentation on- History of InCers



❑ Technical Session



❑ Memento Distribution



❑ Group Photographs

