

## **MoU signed between IIT Bhubaneswar and OREDA**

An MoU was signed between IIT Bhubaneswar and OREDA (Odisha Renewable Energy Development Agency) on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2019 in the presence of Shri Badrinarayan Patra, Hon'ble Minister, School & Mass Education, Science & Technology- cum-Chairman, OREDA, Shri Bhaskar Jyoti Sharma, IAS, Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government of Odisha Science & Technology Dept. and Ms. Roopa Mishra, IAS, Chief Executive Officer of OREDA on the occasion of 35<sup>th</sup> foundation day of OREDA. On behalf of Prof. R. V. Raja Kumar, Director, IIT Bhubaneswar, Prof. R. K. Panda, Dean (R&D) signed the MoU. Dr. Balakrishna Pamulaparthi of the School of Electrical Sciences was also present. OREDA has a mission of exploring the use of renewable energy sources, particularly through roof top solar systems in a large-scale. In this endeavor, IIT BBS and OREDA will work together in developing new technical solutions, solving existing challenges, designing policies and O&M (Operations & Maintenance) framework for smooth proliferation of solar generation in Odisha. IIT Bhubaneswar under the leadership of Prof. R V Raja Kumar has already executed solar rooftop systems on the buildings in the campus with a total capacity of nearly 500 KW in the first phase. OREDA will also extend support to IIT in terms of hosting student internship, student research project and faculty collaboration as per IIT Bhubaneswar rules. The ceremony was held at the Biju Patnaik Energy Park, Bhubaneswar.

