

## **Prof. Amrit Kumar Pal Memorial Award for the Best Student Researcher**

Students pursuing doctoral research in Mechanical Engineering, Industrial Design, and related disciplines can compete for this award.

The awardee is entitled to get ₹1,00,000 plus a scroll of honour/medallion.

Prof Dr Amrit Kumar Paul (April 2, 1937 – Jan 31, 2016) was an accomplished educator and academician who was in the Academic Faculty (Mechanical Engineering) of NIT Rourkela (1964 – 1997) for more than 3 decades.

A rank holder all through his career, he did his Bachelor of Engineering from Jadavpur University, followed with MTech at IIT Kharagpur. With the award of the UNESCO Fellowship programme, he pursued his PhD in the prestigious Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Georgia, USA.

He was recognized for his research and scientific contributions by being the recipient of notable awards namely the Deokaran Award (1972), Institution of India Award for the Best paper (1972) and Gold Medal from the Odisha Engineering Congress (1995).

His contribution in setting up the Joint Entrance Examination as the first Chairman and as the founding principal for IGIT Sarang, Expert (ME) for UPSC examination are a few areas of building and nurturing academic excellence.

Mr. Somajit Amrit (son of Prof. Pal and a 1988 class alumnus) along with his mother, brother, sister and brother-in-law have donated 20 Lakhs rupees and have instituted the award in memory of Prof. Pal

