



# TATA RYERSON LIMITED

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## Tata Ryerson plans to invest Rs 100 crore

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KOLKATA, Aug. 10: Tata Ryerson Limited (TRL), a 50:50 joint venture between Tata Steel and Ryerson Inc, today announced that it would invest Rs 100 crore in the next three years for capacity expansion.

Out of the total investment proposal, Rs 45 crore which has already been taken care of, would be spent on setting up a steel service centre at Pantnagar, Uttaranchal, on a 6.3 acre land where Tata Motors Limited (TML) too is planning to come up with a construction unit for its small truck "Ace". TML supply chain requirements would be met through the steel supply from Tata Steel. Production at the service

centre is likely to commence by 2008, TRL managing director, Mr Sandipan Chakravorty, said here.

TRL would also spend Rs 40 crore on stainless steel production, through TRYNOX brand. Rs 20 crore would be invested in setting up a new cold rolled (CR) facility in Faridabad and another Rs 10 crore in Pune. Additional hot rolled (HR) processing capacities with an investment of Rs 11 crore would become operational in Jamshedpur.

The company also plans to set up rebar processing facilities of steel with an investment of Rs 20 crore in Bangalore, Hyderabad, Pune and Mumbai.

Mr Chakravorty said that they aim to make



*Mr Sandipan Chakravorty*

Tata Ryerson, a 30 million ton steel company by 2015. "We intend to change the pattern of use of steel in the country and supply steel to customers even with a demand of a mere 50 kg," he said. The current steel production of Tata Ryerson is around 1.5

million ton steel per year.

The company which posted a net turnover of Rs 754 crore in the financial year 05-06, is targeting a whopping Rs 1,500 crore turnover by 2008. "We will cross a net turnover of Rs 1,000 crore in this very fiscal. Steel production will also reach two million tons by 2008 instead of 2010 as targeted earlier," Mr Chakravorty said.

Tata Ryerson has posted a profit of Rs 260 crore in the first quarter of the current fiscal. The profit after tax for 2005-06 stood at Rs 27 crore, a growth of 29 per cent. The company's revenue has clocked a compound annual growth rate of 65 per cent for the past five years, Mr Chakravorty said.