

2nd Dr. Victor de Mello Goa lecture

Goa Engineering College (GEC) in collaboration with Indian Geotechnical society (IGS), Goa chapter recently organized its annual flagship event, Dr. Victor de Mello Goa lecture which was second in the series and delivered by his own son Dr. Luiz Guilherme de Mello from Sao Paulo, Brazil on 15th October. He delivered the lecture on “Some case studies with lessons to learn from Dam Engineering” which was the topic always at heart of Dr. Victor de Mello, who was Goa-born geotechnical engineer and internationally recognized authority in dams, the only Indian who delivered the prestigious Rankine lecture in UK in 1977. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Luiz de Mello, Assistant Professor at Escola Politécnica Universidade de São Paulo and Director Vector Projects, Brazil, recalled his and his father’s memories of Panaji Goa. He presented the detailed and in-depth case studies of two major dams in Amazon basin of Brazil. Earlier, he inaugurated the Lecture series in the presence of Prof. Sivakumar Babu, Professor at IISC Bengaluru and President of Indian Geotechnical Society and Prof Deepankar Choudhury, Institute chair Professor at IIT Bombay and Executive Committee member IGS. Prin. V N Shet, Prof. K G Guptha, Prof. Purnanand Savoikar and Prof Nisha Naik were also present on the dais. Mrs. Cecilia de Mello- wife of Luiz de mello and Mr. Savio de Mello and Mr. Manuel Pereira, Victor’s close relatives were also present.

GEC toppers Ms. Mandira Mhablu Faldesai was presented with IGS Gold Medal for topping in M. E. foundation Engineering Exams of Goa University at the hands of Luiz deMello and Prof Babu, while Ms. Manasi Sunil Raut was presented with IGS cash award of Rs. 3000/- for topping in Geotechnical Engineering subjects at third year B E. Civil Engineering of Goa University at the hands of Prof. Choudhury and Prof. V N Shet. Prof. Savoikar welcomed the delegates and laid down the purpose of the lecture series. Prof. Guptha, Prof. Shet, Prof Babu and Prof. Choudhury also presented their views. Prof. Savoikar presented the life sketch and notable contributions of Dr. Victor de Mello. Prof Smita Aldonkar compered the entire day’s event while Prof Shwetha Prasanna proposed vote of thanks. This lecture was followed by invited theme lectures on Reliability analysis on filtration criteria and stability issues of tailing dam and canal sections in India during earthquakes by Prof. G. L. Sivakumar Babu, and Prof. Deepankar Choudhury. The event was sponsored by Atomic Energy Regulatory Board, Maccaferri, Alcon Industries and Indian Geotechnical Society.



Dr. Luiz de Mello inaugurating the event



A view of audience at the event



Dr. Luiz de Mello delivering the 2nd Dr. Victor De Mello Goa Lecture