

Third Dr. Victor De Mello Goa lecture organized by IGS Goa chapter

The 3rd Dr. Victor de Mello Goa lecture was organised by Civil Engineering Department of Goa Engineering College and IGS Goa Chapter on 20th September 2019 at New Civil Annex building, Goa College of Engineering, Farmagudi. This lecture titled "Static and Seismic pile foundation design by load tests and experimental methods" was delivered by Prof. Pedro Simao Seco E Pinto, Professor, University of Coimbra, Portugal. In his lecture, Professor introduced Eurocode 7 - Geotechnical design and Eurocode 8 on design of structures for earthquake resistance. He presented two case studies related with pile design of new Tagus bridge and Leziria bridge. Prof. Pinto also presented information of ISSMGE to the audience. Prof. Purnanand Savoikar presented the life sketch of Dr. Victor de Mello.

The programme was inaugurated by Er. Anil Counto, Chairman and Managing director of M/s Alcon Enterprises. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between Goa College of Engineering Farmagudi and M/s Alcon Enterprises on this occasion. Annual prize of IGS Goa chapter for scoring highest marks in the subject of Geotechnical Engineering was awarded to Shri. Deeptesh Morajkar, a student of Don Bosco College of Engineering, Farmagudi. In his speech, chief guest Engr. Anil Counto gave a valuable suggestion of starting Laterites and lateritic soil centre, which shall carry out research on lateritic soils.

Invited theme key note lecture was delivered by Prof. M. R. Madhav , Professor, IIT Hyderabad and Emeritus Professor, JNTU on the topic "Geotechnical challenges - Case Studies". He presented case studies which highlighted the challenges faced by Geotechnical engineers and how engineers can make possible safe geotechnical structures in very difficult circumstances.

The programme was compered by Prof. Smita Aldonkar. Prof. Purnanand Savoikar, formally welcomed the gathering. Prof. K G Guptha presented the department activities. Prof. Pedro Pinto and Prof. E C Shin also spoke on the occasion. Dr. Nisha P. Naik proposed vote of thanks.



