

First prestigious Dr. Victor deMello Goa Lecture on 29th April 2017:

Goa Chapter of Indian Geotechnical Society and Civil Engineering Department of Goa Engineering College conducted the First prestigious Dr. Victor deMello Goa Lecture and seminar on Soil Investigations and Forensic Engineering on 29th April 2017 at Goa Engineering College, Farmagudi. The seminar was inaugurated by Mr. Ramachandra B Bhatkar, Member Board of Governors, IIT Bombay in the august presence of Prof. G L Sivakumar Babu, Professor IISc Bangalore and President of Indian Geotechnical Society (IGS), New Delhi. Mr. Bhatkar shared his experiences while working on prestigious projects in India and abroad and highlighted importance of soil investigations in every civil engineering project. He appreciated the efforts of Goa chapter of IGS in organizing such important events. Prof. G L S Babu, President took special efforts in obtaining consent of Brazil and Portugal Geotechnical Society for conducting the prestigious Dr. Victor deMello Goa lecture annually. The first Dr. Victor deMello lecture was presented by Prof. Madhira Madhav, Professor Emeritus IIT Hyderabad and JNTU on the topic “**Carrying Capacity of Foundations on and in the Ground**”. In his most enlightening and very informative talk he brought about the fallacies in the theories of bearing capacity and urged engineers to be cautious in planning soil investigations and testing of soils. Dr. Purnanand Savoikar presented the life sketch of Dr. Victor deMello who was Goan born geotechnical engineer of international repute. Over 70 delegates comprising of consultants, faculty and students from Goa and Maharashtra attended the event.



Prof. M R Madhav delivering the first Dr. Victor deMello Goa lecture



Delegates for First Dr. Victor deMello Goa lecture & seminar

Seminar on “Soil investigations and forensic engineering:

A seminar on Soil investigations and forensic engineering was held on 29th April 2017 along with the Dr. Victor deMello Goa Lecture. Prof. Babu presented two lectures on “Designing Filter Criteria for Dams” and “Importance of Forensic Engineering in Civil Engineering Practice”. Prof. Deepankar Choudhury presented a lecture on “Dynamic Soil Properties and Seismic Design of Tailing Ponds”. Prof. A. M. Deshmukh, ex-Professor Goa Engineering College, delivered talk on “Flexible Mats for Improving Bearing Capacity of Soils”. All the talks were very informative, thought-provoking and very interesting and were well appreciated by the delegates.