

Two week hands-on training program organised by IGS Raipur Chapter in association with Civil Engineering Department NIT Raipur from 26th June to 7th July 2023.

National Institute of Technology (NIT) Raipur's Department of Civil Engineering in association with Indian Geotechnical Society (IGS) Raipur Chapter had coordinated a two-week training program entitled "Testing of Geomaterials for Geotechnical and Transportation Engineering Applications". A valedictory session was organized to conclude the training program on 7th July 2023. Dr. A. P. Singh, Honorary Secretary, IGS Raipur Chapter and Director Explore Engineering Consultants Pvt. Ltd. New Delhi was the Chief Guest for the function. Prof. (Dr.) Arun Goel, Professor & Head Civil Engineering Department, NIT Kurukshetra was the Guest of Honor. Dr. N. V. Ramana Rao, Director NIT Raipur presided over the function with gracious presence of Dr. G. D. Ramtekkar, Head of Department, Civil Engineering, Dr. Samir Bajpai, Chairman IGS Raipur Chapter and Dr. R. K. Tripathi, Chairman (Elect) IGS Raipur Chapter. The session began with Dr. S. Bajpai welcoming all the dignitaries and participants.

Dr. L. K. Yadu, Program Coordinator presented the report of the two weeks hands-on training program giving an overview of the program and summarizing it. He mentioned that a total of 27 participants had attended which included field engineers, faculty members from engineering and polytechnic colleges, technical and laboratory staff of engineering colleges & field laboratories, PhD scholars, M. Tech Scholars, and B. Tech students. Dr. G. D. Ramtekkar congratulated all the participants and urged them to practically apply the knowledge they had gained from the training program.

Certificates were distributed by the Chief Guest Dr. A. P. Singh, Dr. N. V. Ramana Rao and Prof. Arun Goel to the participants. Mr. Atul and Mr. Anil presented their feedback about the training program to the audience. They expressed their gratitude to the organizers for organizing such a training program where they have learnt basic and advanced tests of soil and their importance in the field. Prof. Arun Goel stated that such a type of training program should be organized frequently so that laboratory staff may be updated academically from time to time because of the vital role they play during the laboratory classes in B. Tech and M. Tech courses. Dr. N. V. Ramana Rao emphasized the need to bridge the gap between theory & practice and congratulated the organizers for organizing the training program and not only limiting participation to the academicians, but for field engineers and laboratory staff also. Dr. S. V. Deo, Associate Professor, Civil Engineering introduced the Chief Guest Dr. A. P. Singh to the audience and invited him for his speech. Dr. A.P. Singh, Honorary Secretary IGS, New Delhi talked about the working and administration of society. He requested all the participants to become members of IGS so that they can be directly involved in the different activities of the IGS body. The program concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Dr. Sandeep Chouksey, Co-coordinator of the program.

