Inauguration of Indian Geotechnical Society  
Sree Vidyanikethan Engineering College (IGS SVEC) Student Chapter  
An Expert Lecture on “Best Practices in Civil Engineering”  
(22-12-2018)

The Department of Civil Engineering of Sree Vidyanikethan Engineering College organized the Inaugural of Indian Geotechnical Society Sree Vidyanikethan Engineering College (IGS SVEC) Student Chapter and an Expert Lecture on “Best Practices in Civil Engineering” for Civil Engineering students on 22nd December, 2018 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The resource persons were eminent personalities from the Academia. Dr. G. L. Sivakumar Babu, Professor, Geotechnical Engineering Division, Department of Civil Engineering, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore; Governor, Region 10 – ASCE; and President, Indian Geotechnical Society, New Delhi was the Chief Guest and Guest Speaker. Dr. K. Nagendra Prasad, Professor, Civil Engineering; Vice-Principal, SVU College of Engineering, Tirupati; and Chairman, IGS Tirupati Chapter, Dr. Neelima Satyam, Associate Professor, Geotechnical Engineering Division, Department of Civil Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology Indore, Indore and Dr. B. Janaki Ramaiah, Assistant Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, IIT Tirupati, Tirupati were Guests of Honour.

Dr. P.C. Krishnamachary, Principal, SVEC presided over the function. Mr. B. Ravisekhar, Director (Finance and Administration), SVET; Dr. I. Sudarsan Kumar, Director (Quality and Development), SVET; Dr. B. Mohan, Director, SVIM; Dr. O. Eswara Reddy, Faculty Advisor, IGS SVEC Student Chapter, Professor and BOS Chairman, Department of Civil Engineering; Dr. M. V. Subba Reddy, Assistant Professor and Head, Dept. of Civil Engineering graced the occasion.

Dr. O. Eswara Reddy in his welcome address, reiterated the importance of student chapters of professional bodies to act as platforms of inspiration. He emphasized the vision, mission and objectives of IGS SVEC Student Chapter and suggested students to actively participate in the chapter activities. He thanked the institution for giving support to start this chapter.

Dr. P. C. Krishnamachary in his presidential address, emphasized the student development through student chapters and congratulated the department for starting this chapter.
Dr. M. V. Subba Reddy in his address, expressed his happiness in starting another student chapter in addition to ASCE SVEC Student Chapter. He mentioned that it is another milestone of the Department of Civil Engineering.

Dr. G. L. Sivakumar Babu in his inaugural address, explained about the activities of IGS, New Delhi and benefits for the members of the student chapter. He reinforced the importance and outcomes of active participation in IGS activities. He mentioned the value of Geotechnical Engineering with real-time problems and examples.

Dr. K. Nagendra Prasad in his address, appreciated the efforts of the department in general and Dr. O. Eswara Reddy and his team in particular. He reiterated the importance of communication in professional success. He explained how to develop communication skills and felt student chapters would be one of the best platforms.

Dr. Neelima Satyam in her address, focused on the challenges and opportunities in geotechnical engineering and how this forum will help in nurturing the required skills.

Dr. B. Janaki Ramaiah in his address, recalled his experience with the student chapters. He said that discipline, commitment, hard work and communication skills are necessary to achieve one’s goals.

Dr. I. Sudarshan Kumar in his address, thanked the Chief Guest and Guests of Honour for sparing their valuable time and appreciated the department for this endeavor.

A total of 245 students and 20 faculty members from the host institution participated in the inaugural ceremony and the subsequent Expert Lecture. Dr. O. Eswara Reddy, Convener, Mrs. G. Gnana Prasanna, Coordinator, Other members of faculty and IGS SVEC Student Chapter officers of Civil Engineering Department were the organizers of this program.

On the whole, the event was proved successful. Expert Lecture is a way of enriching our students with the latest developments in civil engineering by an eminent academician within and beyond curriculum. Students got inspired by the speaker and got enriched with knowledge on latest technologies used in the industry, industry needs, challenges, and opportunities in the field of Civil Engineering in general and Geotechnical Engineering in particular. In addition, a good interaction took place between the speaker and participants. Further, the Civil Engineering Department had an opportunity to explore the possibilities of collaboration with the speaker with respect to internships and research projects.
Chief Guest and Guests of Honour of the Event, interacting with the Principal, SVEC

Chief Guest and Guests of Honour of the Event, looking at Constitution of India in Central Library
Chief Guest Dr. G. L. Sivakumar Babu and Guest of Honour Dr. B. Janaki Ramaiah, looking at the Titles and Volumes in the Central Library

Lighting the Lamp by Chief Guest Dr. G. L. Sivakumar Babu, Professor, IISc, Bangalore
Lighting the Lamp by Guest of Honour Dr. Neelima Satyam, Associate Professor, IIT Indore

Lighting the Lamp by Guest of Honour Dr. B.Janaki Ramaiah, Assistant Professor, IIT Tirupati
Lighting the Lamp by Dr. P.C. Krishnamachary, Principal, SVEC

Welcome Address by Dr. O. Eswara Reddy, Faculty Advisor, IGS SVEC Student Chapter; Professor and BOS Chairman, Department of Civil Engineering
Dr. M.V. Subba Reddy, HoD, Department of Civil Engineering welcoming the gathering

Dr. P.C. Krishnamachary, Principal, SVEC addressing the participants
Inaugural Address by Dr. G. L. Sivakumar Babu, Professor, Geotechnical Engineering Division, Department of Civil Engineering, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore; Governor, Region 10 – ASCE; President, Indian Geotechnical Society, New Delhi.

Dignitaries and Students Listening to the Chief Guest
Faculty and Students Listening to the Chief Guest

Address by the Guest of Honour Prof. K. Nagendra Prasad, Professor of Civil Engineering Vice-Principal, SVU College of Engineering, Tirupati; Chairman, IGS Tirupati Chapter
Dr. Neelima Satyam, Associate Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, IIT Indore, Indore delivering the inaugural address

Dr. B. Janaki Ramaiah, Assistant Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, IIT Tirupati, addressing the Participants
Dr. I. Sudarsan Kumar, Director (Quality and Development), SVET addressing the Gathering

Felicitation to the Chief Guest Dr. G L Sivakumar Babu by the Dignitaries
Dr. G. L. Siva Kumar Babu, delivering an Expert Lecture on “Best Practices in Civil Engineering”

Dr. G.L. Siva Kumar Babu, interacting with the Students