

Seminar on soil investigations, forensic engineering held at GEC

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The first Dr Victor deMello Goa Lecture and seminar on soil investigations and forensic engineering was held at Goa Engineering College, Farmagudi recently. Dr Victor deMello, who was a Goan-born geotechnical engineer of international repute, was the only Indian to deliver prestigious Rankine Lecture in UK.

Prof Madhira Madhav, professor emeritus-IIT Hyderabad and JNTU delivered the first Dr Victor deMello lecture. He urged engineers to be cautious in planning soil investigations and testing of soils.

Prof Babu presented two lectures on designing filter criteria for dams and importance of forensic engineering in civil engineering practice.

The seminar, organised by the Goa Chapter of Indian Geotechnical Society and Civil Engineering Department of Goa Engineering College, was inaugurated by Ramachandra Bhatkar, member board of governors, IIT Bombay in the presence of prof G L Sivakumar Babu, professor IISc Bangalore and president of Indian Geotechnical Society (IGS), New Delhi.

GEC principal Dr V Shet, Dr K Guptha, head of civil engineering department and chairman of organising committee, Dr Puranand Savoikar, Professor and chairman of Goa Chapter of Indian Geotechnical Society and Dr Nisha Naik, associate professor and convenor of the seminar were also present on the dais.

Bhatkar shared his ex-

periences while working on prestigious projects in India and abroad and highlighted importance of soil investigations in every civil engineering project.

Dr Savoikar highlighted the purpose and background behind organising this event. Dr Guptha highlighted the activities of the department and Dr Shet also highlighted importance of such events for industry and academia and appreciated the activities of the department in the golden jubilee year of the institute.

Prof Smita Aldonkar welcomed the delegates while Dr Nisha Naik proposed the vote of thanks.

The Goa Chapter of IGS gold medal for the Master of Engineering topper in Goa for the year 2016 was awarded to Tanvi Mardolkar and a cash prize was awarded to Amit Laad of final year civil engineering from Goa Engineering College for topping in the geotechnical engineering subjects in Goa for the year 2016. Over 70 delegates comprising consultants, faculty and students from Goa and Maharashtra attended the event.

'Tiatr is mirror of social life'

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Deputy Speaker Michael Lobo has said that the tiatr is like a mirror of social life in Goan culture, depicting

Speaking further, Lobo said tiatr plays a very important role in human life. It is a stage which amuses people, makes them laugh and more important relieves stress of many peo-