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### 48<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Indian Geotechnical Society (IGS) inaugurated at NIT Jalandhar

The local chapter of the Indian Geotechnical Society (IGS- Jalandhar Chapter) was inaugurated on 8<sup>th</sup> February (Saturday) at Dr. B. R. Ambedkar National Institute of Technology Jalandhar. Prof. G.L. Sivakumar Babu (IISc Bangalore), President, Indian Geotechnical Society, New Delhi was the Chief Guest on this occasion. Prof. Lalit Kumar Awasthi, Director, NIT Jalandhar; Prof. M.N. Viladkar, Emeritus Fellow and Prof. N.K. Samadhiya, Department of Civil Engineering, IIT Roorkee were the Guests of Honour.

The chapter was inaugurated by lighting the traditional lamps at the hands of the Chief Guest and Guests of Honour; and other dignitaries followed by *Saraswati Vandana*.



*Traditional lamp lighting by Prof. G.L. Sivakumar Babu. Also seen are Prof. Messers N.K. Samadhiya, M.N. Viladkar, L.K.Awasthi, S.P. Singh, R.K. Garg, A.K. Agnihotri and Dr. Hemant Chore*

Prof. A.K. Agnihotri, Chairman of the IGS Jalandhar Chapter welcomed the dignitaries and the participants; and elaborated on the inception of new local chapter of IGS at Jalandhar. While acknowledging the co-operation received from Prof. Sivakumar Babu for establishing the new chapter at Jalandhar, Prof. Agnihotri mentioned the encouragement given and the help rendered by Prof. M.N. Viladkar and Prof. N.K. Samadhiya in this endeavour. He also acknowledged the unstinted support received from Prof. L.K. Awasthi, Director of the Institute in the establishment of this chapter.



*Prof. A. K. Agnihotri seen delivering an introductory speech*



*Prof. G.L. Sivakumar Babu delivering an inaugural speech*

Prof. Sivakumar Babu in his inaugural speech expressed happiness with the 48<sup>th</sup> chapter of IGS started functioning in the country and underlined the importance of the expansion of activities of IGS through various chapters. He appealed to the office bearers of the new chapter to work wholeheartedly and vigorously; and ensure the conduction of various activities at local level at regular intervals to augment the activities of the IGS.



*Prof. L. K. Awasthi seen addressing the audience*



*Prof. M. N. Viladkar seen addressing the audience*

Prof. L.K. Awasthi while taking the review of the progress that the Institute has done in last three years appreciated the contribution of the faculty members of the Department of Civil Engineering in the development of the Institute in general and congratulated Prof. A.K. Agnihotri in taking initiative in the



establishment of the chapter with the help of the academicians and professionals working in other Institutes and Organizations in the nearby vicinity.



*Prof. A. Mukhopadhyay (Dean Academics), Prof. A.P. Singh (Civil), Prof. Ajay Bansal (Head Biotechnology), Dr. Rakesh Kumar (Associate Dean Exams) along with the office bearers and delegates*

Prof. M.N. Viladkar while appreciating the efforts taken by Prof. Agnihotri in establishing the chapter of IGS at Jalandhar, expressed the confidence that the activities to be taken up by the newly incepted chapter in the near future would add new dimensions to the activities of IGS and moreover, would strengthen it. Prof. N.K. Samadhiya, Member of the Executive of Indian Geotechnical Society who has been assigned the responsibility of the monitoring the various chapters of IGS throughout the country urged the members of the executive of the local chapter to expand the activities by establishing the students chapter and look forward to organize the events at the national level.



*Prof. N.K. Samadhiya seen addressing the participants*



*Participants from various institutes*

Dr. Hemant Chore, Secretary of the Chapter, proposed vote of thanks and assured that the new chapter would make the platform available to the academicians, field professionals and researchers for dissemination of the ideas, knowledge, information in the field of the Geotechnical Engineering and other allied fields of Civil Engineering by conducting various events at the regular interval.



*Felicitations of Prof. G.L. Siva Kumar Babu*



*Felicitations of Prof. Lalit Kumar Awasthi, Director, NITJ*



*Felicitations of Prof. M.N. Viladkar*



*Felicitations of Prof. N.K. Samadhiya*

On this occasion, the office bearers and the members of the executive of newly incepted chapter also had an interaction with Prof. Sivakumar Babu, Prof. Viladkar and Prof. Samadhiya.





*Office Bearers and members of the executive of IGS Jalandhar Chapter along with the dignitaries*

Prof. R.K. Garg, Dean (Faculty Welfare), Prof. A. Mukhopadhyay, Dean (Academics), Prof. S.P. Singh, Head (Civil), Prof. A. P. Singh (Civil) Prof. Ajay Bansal, Head (Biotechnology), and Dr. Rakesh Kumar, Associate Dean (Exams) were also present on this occasion.



*Participants along with the dignitaries on the occasion of inauguration of IGS Jalandhar Chapter*

The academicians, P.G. Students and the Research Scholars NIT Jalandhar, Lovely Professional University, DAV Institute of Engineering and Technology, DAV University and IKG Punjab Technical University apart from the field professionals from few Government Organizations were also present on this occasion in large numbers.

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