

Inauguration of ICI Student Chapter in VJTI

Ashish, Mumbai, 16 Jan 2023. On 13/01/2023, VJTI, one of India's finest technical institutes, has reached a new milestone by establishing a student chapter of the Indian Concrete Institute (ICI) in the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department. Under the guidance of Dr. S.Y. Mhaske, the event was effectively conducted and accomplished.



Enthusiastic audience paying keen attention to the chief guest's address

The event was one of the various technical and social events organised under the visionary leadership of Dr. A.S. Woyal, Head of Department. This is the second student chapter to be established since Dr. Woyal took the helm.



The esteemed guest of honour, Dr. S.P. Borkar, opened the proceedings with motivating comments.

The event was well-attended, attracting more than 60 students from UG and PG programmes. It began promptly at 3.30 PM in the Civil Seminar Hall. Dr. Vishal Thombre, President of ICI Mumbai Chapter, was greeted with a sapling by Dr. S.P. Borkar, Dean Administration and Faculty Welfare. Mr. P.S. Chaudhari presented a sapling to Dr. Borkar. Dr. S.Y. Mhaske also presented Dr. P.P. Bhawe with another sapling. Mr. C.R. Bhole afterwards presented Dr. Mhaske with a sapling. All dignitaries were greeted with saplings as part of the department's green initiative.

Dr. Mhaske briefed us about the honoree Dr. S.P. Borkar; then welcomed Dr. Vishal Thombre, who began the proceedings by exhibiting a film on ICI, covering its history, vision, aims, strength, student chapters,

incentives, and so on. Dr. P.P. Bhawe was then invited to give a few remarks on the event.



Dr. S.Y. Mhaske takes the lead from greeting all dignitaries to the vote of appreciation



Dr. P.P. Bhawe advising on the merits of the ICI Student Chapter

Dr. S.Y. Mhaske enhanced the occasion by inviting other dignitaries present, including the ex-President of the ICI Mumbai Chapter, industry experts, field specialists, government officials, executives, and faculty from other departments.



Dr. Vishal Thombre describes ICI in a nutshell

The Student Chapter was then formally inaugurated by Dr. Vishal Thombre. Dr. S.Y. Mhaske chose to hand out the certificates to all members in attendance.



Inauguration of ICI Student Chapter (from left to right: Dr. P.P. Bhawe, Dr. Vishal Thombre, Dr. S.P. Borkar, Dr. S.Y. Mhaske)

Consequently, Dr. P.P. Bhawe (on behalf of Dr. A.S. Woyal), Dr. S.Y. Mhaske, Mr. P.S. Chaudhari, and Mr. C.R. Bhole kicked off the certificate presentation event by receiving four life-time memberships. Further, fifteen students pursuing M.Tech. in Construction Management were conferred their respective certificates followed by fifty two students of second year B.Tech. in Civil Engineering.



Mr. C.R. Bhole was bestowed a lifetime membership of ICI



Dr. S.Y. Mhaske was awarded a lifetime membership of ICI



Mr. P.S. Chaudhari bestowed with a lifetime membership of ICI

Dr. S.Y. Mhaske encouraged all the dignitaries present to bless the students obtaining certificates in substantial masses. He concluded the occasion by acknowledging the distinguished guest of honour, President of the ICI Mumbai Chapter, faculty members, non-teaching staff, industry experts, students, and everyone who helped make the event a success.



Kshitija, a second year B.Tech. student, receiving a student membership of ICI



Swamini, another second year B.Tech. student, receiving a student membership of ICI

Eventually, Dr. S.Y. Mhaske urged everyone to grab their snacks.

The whole Civil and Environmental Engineering Department is happy to have organised such a wonderful event and expresses heartfelt gratitude to the Director, VJTI, and administration for their support and prompt cooperation in successfully establishing another Student Chapter in the department.

Last but not the least, I am convinced that this is only a preview of the department's scheduled activities or events. There will be many more in the near future.

On that positive note, I'd like to leave you with this stunning group shot of students posing with their ICI membership certificates.



Happy emotions following the successful launch of the ICI Student Chapter at VJTI