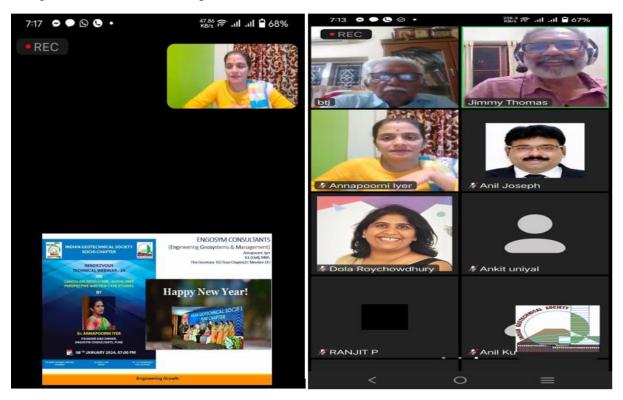
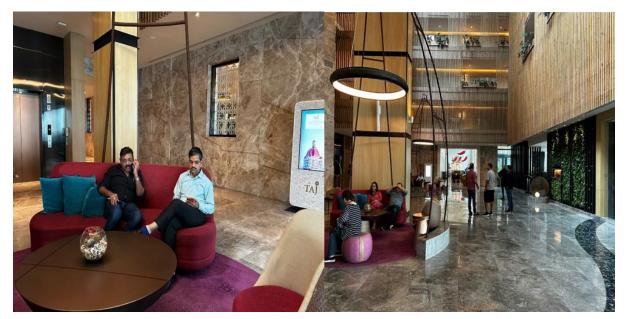
ACTIVITY REPORT - 06

IGS Activity update from 1st January 2024 to 31st March 2024

Attended webinar - Rendezvous 2.0 organized by IGS Kochi chapter on 8th January 2024 in Zoom Platform. The technical talk was delivered by Er. Annapoorni Iyyer on "Landslide Mitigation – Guidelines, Perspective and few case studies".



Visited Hotel Taj Cidade de Goa Horizon on 10th January 2024 along with Prof. Ashish Juneja and Prof. Dasaka S Murthy for venue finalization of 1st Geotech Asia Conference 2025.



Attended International Symposium "Innovative World of Concrete" on "Concrete Construction: Present and Future" organized by Indian Concrete Institute at IHCL, Rajfiutir, Kolkata held from 18th to 20th January 2024.



Attended a one-day workshop organized by IGS Pune chapter on Developments in Bridge Engineering in association with PWD Maharashtra at PWD Viswesarya Hall, Pune on 23.01.2024. Congratulations to the IGS Pune Chapter team led by Patron Ramesh Kulkarni Sir, Chairperson Suman Jain & Honorary Secretary Annapoorni Iyer for the successful organization of the event.



Delivered a technical talk in the two-day, 3rd International Conference on Architectural, Civil & Environmental Forensic Engineering organized by Korean Geotechnical Society from 22nd to 23rd January 2024. Geotechnical Society Presidents of 15 countries delivered technical talks in the conference. Requested support from all the countries to promote the First Geotech Asia conference scheduled to be held on 7th to 10th October 2025 at Goa, India.



Delivered a Guest lecture for the technical event organized by IGS Student chapter in association with Department of Civil engineering at SRMIST on 8th February 2024 and also had opportunity to attend the Inauguration Ceremony of AIMIL testing laboratory at Chennai on 8th February 2024.



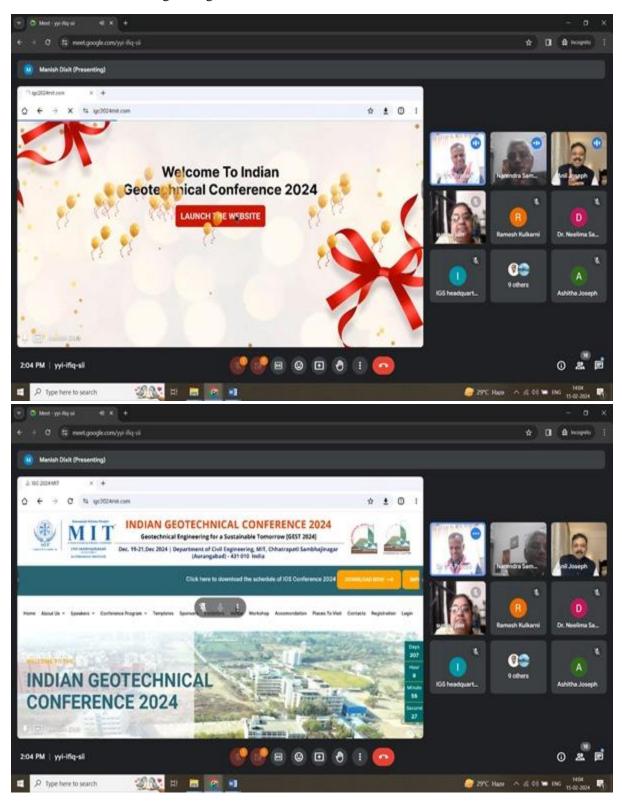
Happy to inform that the 53rd local chapter of Indian Geotechnical Society was inaugurated on 10th February 2024 at Sasi Institute, Thadepalligudem, Andhra Pradesh. Congratulations to the team led by Er G John Moshae, Chairman and Secretary Dr M Rama Rao. Wishing all the very best for the new chapter. Special thanks to Executive Committee members Dr Dasaka Murty and Dr K N S Rao for joining the inaugural function.

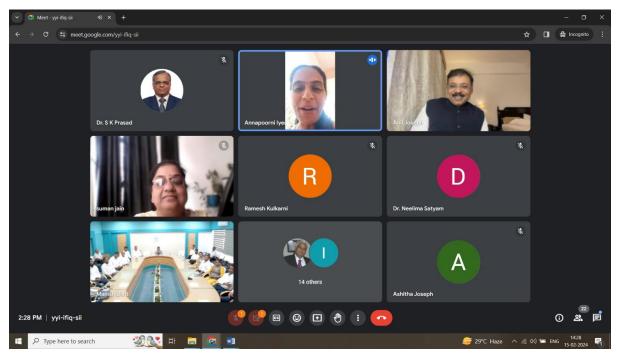


Attended the inaugural function of the International Symposium on Geotechnical Aspects of Heritage Structures (ISGHS 2024) as part of the celebration of 60th year anniversary of NIT Trichy and 10th year Celebration of IGS Trichy chapter held during 14th to 16th February 2024 at NIT Trichy. Prof. T.G Sitaram, Chairman AICTE, Dr. Alessandro Flora, Dr. Guilia M B Viggiani, Prof. Efrain Ovando Shelly, Dr. Arun Menon, Dr. Pierre Smars, Prof. Guido Gottardi, Prof. Yoshinori Iwasaki and Ar. A.J Raman will deliver the Keynote lectures for the Symposium. I appreciate the efforts of the team of IGS Trichy led by Prof. K Muthukumaran, Chairman and Senthilkumar secretary for the successful conduct of the Symposium.

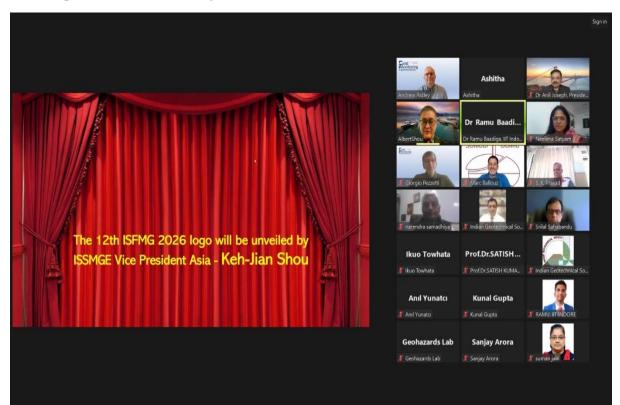


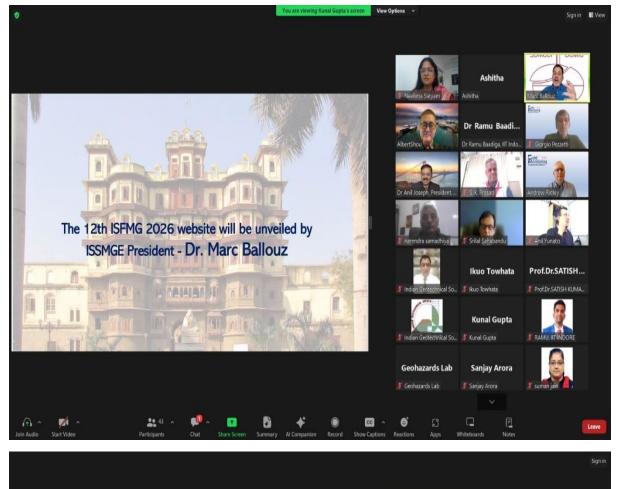
Happy to inform that the official launching of the website of the prestigious annual conference, IGC 2024 jointly organized by IGS Aurangabad chapter and Maharashtra Institute of Technology, Aurangabad was done on 15th February 2024. Congratulations to Dr. Manish S Dixit, Dr. Uttam Kalwane and the entire organizing committee.





Glad to inform that the official website of 12th ISFMG 2026 (International Symposium on Field Monitoring & GeoMechanics) was launched on 15th February 2024 by Dr. Marc Ballouz, President ISSMGE and the unveiling of the logo was done by Dr. Keh Jian Shou, ISSMGE Vice President Asia. I appreciate the efforts put forward by Dr. Neelima Satyam and team for the buildup for the prestigious International Symposium of TC 220. Expecting valuable supports from all members and member institutions in our Geotechnical community for making ISFMG 2026 a grand success. The Symposium will take place from 6th to 10th August 2026.









Attended the inaugural function of National conference on soils and foundations organized by IGS Thiruvananthapuram chapter in association with Deep Foundations Institute (India), ISSMGE TC212 and LBS Institute of Technology for women held from 15th to 17th February 2024. Also attended the TS Ramanatha Ayyer lecture delivered by Prof. B K Maheswari. Congratulations to Dr. N Unnikrishnan, Chairman, Dr. Jayamohan J, Secretary, other office bearers of IGS Thiruvananthapuram chapter and the entire organizing team of the conference.



Attended a one-day workshop on Sustainable Geotechnics and Geophysical Investigations for Site Characterisation organized by IGS Calicut chapter and NIT Calicut on 16th February 2024. During the workshop Prof. S Chandrakaran was honoured on his superannuation. I was privileged to attend the function being the Alumni of NIT Calicut and I have completed my PhD under the guidance of Prof. S Chandrakaran. I appreciate the efforts of Prof. S Chandrakaran, Chairman, Dr. Vandana, Secretary, Dr. Rangaswamy K, Dr. Anil Kumar and other office bearers of IGS Calicut chapter for the well conducted program.



Met Prof. Scott J Brandenberg and Prof. Yousef Bozorgnia on 22nd February 2024 at University of California Los Angeles. Visited their facilities in the UCLA. Happy to inform you that Prof. Yousef Bozorgnia has consented to be a keynote speaker for 1st Geotech Asia 2025 to be held from 7th to 10th October 2025 in Goa, India.



Attended GeoCongress 2024 held from 25th to 28th of February 2024 at Vancouver and participated as an invitee in the International Activity Committee meeting of GeoInstitute. Had discussions with Prof. Jie Han, President GeoInstitute, Prof. Ellen, International Secretary and the board members. Thanks to GI Board member Prof. Anand J Puppala for coordinating the meetings and taking the initiatives. It was decided to organize Indo US workshop in connection with the Geotechnical Frontiers scheduled to be held from March 2-5, 2025 at Louisville, Kentucky, USA. Also invited the team from GeoInstitute to attend the 1st Geotech Asia Conference, scheduled to be held from 7-10, October 2025 at Goa, India.









Attended the inaugural function of "Women Indian Geotechnical Conference-Geotechnics Towards Sustainable and Resilient Infrastructure WIGC- GEOSUŚRĪ" held during March 8-9,2024 at the College of Engineering Guindy Campus, Anna University, Chennai, organized by IGS Chennai Chapter, in association with College of Engineering Guindy, Anna University and Indian Institute of Technology Madras, Chennai, marking the 75th year Diamond Jubilee of the Indian Geotechnical Society. I appreciate the efforts of Chairpersons - Prof. K Premalatha, Prof. M Mutharam, Prof. R.G Robinson, Chairman IGS Chennai Chapter, Prof. V.B Maji, Secretary IGS Chennai chapter and all the organizers and office bearers of IGS Chennai chapter for the well conducted event.







Attended the 238th Executive committee meeting held on 9th March 2024 at IIT Madras. I appreciate the efforts of the office bearers of the IGS Chennai Chapter for hosting the meeting and for very good hospitality provided.



Happy to inform you that the 55th local chapter of Indian Geotechnical Society was inaugurated at Hamirpur on 21st March 2024 at NIT Hamirpur. I appreciate the efforts of Prof. Ravi Kumar Sharma, Chairman, Co-chairs - Prof. R.K Dutta, Dr. Manendra Singh, Hon. Secretary- Dr. Kunjari Mog and Dr. Meghna Sharma, treasurer for the foramtion of new chapter at Hamirpur. I would also like to acknowledge the entire team of NIT Hamirpur organising the well conducted event. Wishing all the best for the future endeavours of the new chapter.





Had opportunity to deliver technical sessions on 22nd March 2024 for the Two-Day Capsule Course on Code of Practices for Use of Coir Geotextiles organized by BIS and CCRI held during 21-22 March 2024 at CCRI, Kalavoor.



Addressed SLGS Project Day on 27th March 2024, an annual event has been organized by Sri Lankan Geotechnical Society since 2000 with the objective of promoting research and enhancing the presentation skills of Civil Engineering students in Sri Lankan Universities.

