



## **Information for VU Today**

**Department:** Civil Engineering

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The Department of Civil Engineering has successfully conducted its first ever National Conference. The Department is proud to announce that the National Conference on Technological Innovations in Civil Engineering was a grand success, with 64 papers being presented in a span of two days (19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of May).

The conference was envisioned by Dr. P. Perumal and it was dauntlessly executed by Mr. P. Satish and his team. Their relentless efforts over a period of three months, helped to turn a bold idea into reality.

The conference was a source of great inspiration, to our M. Tech students and it helped to push their minds, into the realms of research and scientific thinking. Also, the amount of knowledge shared and the number of questions raised, by the young minds gathered there, was a sight to witness. The participants of the conference, left here, with an air of achievement and a more curious mindset.

The conference was a host to four eminent keynote speakers, with each one being a reputed professional in their area of research. The youngest of them being Ms Ch. Samurembi Chanu, Scientist (Geology) MARSAC, Remote Sensing, was an inspiration to all the women in the conference. Her way of presentation was something to admire and learn from. Dr. S. Parivallal, a Senior Principal Scientist of SERC (CSIR), and a student of our own faculty, Dr. P. Perumal delivered his lecture on “Structural Health Monitoring”. His lecture helped the participants to gain a deeper understanding into the various technological advancements in his field of study.

The next keynote lecture by Dr. K. V. Jayakumar, was a truly enlightening one. He stressed on the importance of social responsibility, economic viability and of course practicality of technological solutions. His vast experience and undiminishing energy, throughout the conference, served as an example, as to how a researcher should be.

Lastly, the chief guest and the first speaker of the conference, Dr. G. Venkatachalam was the most distinguished guest of them all, having gained his reputation by heading various consultancies throughout the country in the field of Geo-Technical Engineering. He is a great academician and a well-known researcher, whose NPTEL videos are a very common reference material to both students



and teachers alike. His insight, into each of the paper being presented, helped the participants to find areas of improvement, as well as to find a better direction and purpose to their work.

The department wishes to thank all its supporters, patrons and well-wishers for helping it achieve such a great success. The experience gained through this conference and the insights obtained from the keynote speakers, will help the department to grow, to understand the various intricacies of managing an ancient yet ever-growing course such as Civil Engineering. Any event of this magnitude not only helps gain experience, but also helps to improve the teamwork and the team-spirit within the young department, which will help it to forge itself in the years to come.

With yet another great event under its cap, the department looks forward to the next academic year with the dream to grow higher and greater.