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The Indian Concrete Institute (ICI) Student Chapter at Gayatri Vidya Parishad College of Engineering (A) was inaugurated on October 26, 2024, marking a significant milestone in the academic and professional journey of the institution's civil engineering students. The event was a celebration of knowledge-sharing, industry collaboration, and technical excellence in the field of Civil Engineering.

Dignitaries in Attendance:

- **Prof. C.N.V. Satyanarayana Reddy (Chief Guest)**
Chairman, ICI Student Chapter, Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam
- **Prof. K. Srinivasa Rao (Guest of Honour)**
Secretary, ICI Vizag Chapter, Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam
- **Sri Nagarajkumar Bommakanti Venkata (Guest of Honour)**
CEO & Technical Director, Stresza Systems Global Tech Pvt. Ltd., Visakhapatnam
- **Prof. P. Veerabhadra Rao**
Dean, Infrastructure, Planning & Development, GVPCE (A)
- **Prof. G. Papa Rao**
Head, Civil Engineering Department, GVPCE (A)
- **Prof. Manchikanti Srinivas**
Dean, Alumni Relations & Professional Body Student Chapters, GVPCE (A)
- **Dr. G. Madhuri**
Associate Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, GVPCE (A), Treasurer, ICI Vizag Chapter, Coordinator, ICI Student Chapter, GVPCE (A)
- **Faculty Members**
- **Student Members from both B.Tech and M.Tech Programs**

Event Proceedings:

The event commenced with an engaging overview video of the Indian Concrete Institute, which introduced the audience to the ICI's mission, vision, and activities. This was followed by a traditional invocation song, setting a positive tone for the occasion. The highlight of the ceremony was the lamp-lighting ritual, symbolizing the successful launch of the ICI Student Chapter and the collective aspirations for its growth.

The lamp-lighting ceremony was attended by the dignitaries, marking the ceremonial beginning of the chapter.



Key Addresses:

- **Dr. G. Madhuri**, Coordinator of the ICI Student Chapter, welcomed the guests and highlighted the chapter's potential as a platform for knowledge sharing and industry collaboration, aiming to create a bridge between academic learning and real-world engineering practices.



- **Prof. G. Papa Rao**, Head of the Civil Engineering Department, congratulated the students and stressed the significance of such initiatives in fostering professional growth



- **Prof. Manchikanti Srinivas** shared motivating words, emphasizing the role of student chapters in bringing together academia and industry. His insights resonated with the audience, inspiring students to actively participate and contribute to the chapter's development.



- **Prof. P. Veerabhadra Rao**, Dean of Infrastructure, Planning & Development, congratulated the students and underscored the importance of such initiatives in the development of civil engineering students and professionals.



- **Sri Nagarajkumar Bommakanti Venkata**, CEO & Technical Director of Stresza Systems Global Tech Pvt. Ltd., addressed the gathering and shared industry insights, focusing on current trends and the future of civil engineering. His speech provided the students with a practical perspective on their academic pursuits.



- **Prof. K. Srinivasa Rao**, Secretary of the ICI Vizag Chapter, congratulated the students for taking the initiative to form the chapter and shared his thoughts on the chapter's potential role in enhancing professional learning and industry engagement.



- **Prof. C.N.V. Satyanarayana Reddy**, Chairman of the ICI Vizag Chapter, delivered the chief guest address, praising the efforts of the students and expressing his hopes for the chapter's success in promoting innovation, technical excellence, and collaborative learning.



Special Lectures:

The event featured two enriching technical sessions:

1. **Dr. K. Srinivasa Rao** delivered an insightful lecture on Geopolymer Concrete, discussing its applications, benefits, and recent advancements in the field.



2. **Sri Nagarajkumar Bommakanti Venkata** conducted a session on Accelerated Techniques for Rapid Construction, offering practical knowledge of modern construction methodologies aimed at improving speed, efficiency, and sustainability in the industry.



These sessions were met with enthusiastic participation, fostering discussions that encouraged students to think critically about the latest trends and technologies in civil engineering.

Acknowledgments:

The event concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by M. Manihar, the Student President of the ICI Student Chapter. M. Manihar expressed gratitude to all the guests, faculty members, and students for their presence and active involvement.

As a gesture of appreciation for their invaluable contributions, mementos were presented to the distinguished guests.



Certificates were also awarded to the student volunteers from both M.Tech and B.Tech programs for their dedication and efforts in organizing the event.



Conclusion:

The inauguration of the ICI Student Chapter at Gayatri Vidya Parishad College of Engineering marked the beginning of a new chapter in the institution's journey, aimed at fostering collaboration, innovation, and technical excellence. This initiative will serve as a platform for students to engage with industry professionals, share knowledge, and develop key skills that will contribute to their future careers in civil engineering.



The event successfully underscored the importance of connecting theoretical knowledge with practical application, as well as the need for innovation in the construction industry. With the strong foundation laid by the inaugural event, the ICI Student Chapter is poised to play a pivotal role in shaping the future of civil engineering education at GVPCE(A).