CE732PE: GROUND IMPROVEMENT TECHNIQUES (PE – III)

B.Tech. IV Year I Sem.

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Prerequisites: Geo-Technical Engineering, Foundation Engineering

Course Objectives:

- To Identify difficult ground conditions in engineering practice.
- To select suitable ground improvement techniques for problematic soils.
- To assess suitable physical, chemical, mechanical and hydraulic modifications.

Course Outcomes: At the end of the course the student will able to

- Understand the various ground improvement methods.
- Assess different compaction methods for ground modification.
- Design dewatering systems to reduce the settlements.
- Comprehend stabilizations with chemical and grouting techniques.
- Understand the principles of soil reinforcement and confinement in engineering constructions.

UNIT - I

Introduction to Engineering Ground Modification: Need and objectives, Identification of soil types, In situ and laboratory tests to characterize problematic soils; Mechanical, Hydraulic, Physico-chemical, Electrical, Thermal methods, and their applications.

UNIT - II

Mechanical Modification – Deep Compaction Techniques- Blasting Vibrocompaction, Dynamic Tamping and Compaction piles.

UNIT - III

Hydraulic Modification – Objectives and techniques, traditional dewatering methods and their choice, Design of dewatering system, Electro-osmosis, Electro-kinetic dewatering. Filtration, Drainage and Seepage control with Geosynthetics, Preloading and vertical drains.

UNIT - IV

Physical and chemical modification: Stabilization with admixtures like cement, lime, calcium chloride, fly ash and bitumen; Grouting: Categories of grouting, Art of grouting, Grout materials, Grouting techniques and control.

UNIT - V

Modification by Inclusions and Confinement - Soil reinforcement, reinforcement with strip, and grid reinforced soil. In-situ ground reinforcement, ground anchors, rock bolting and soil nailing.

TEXT BOOKS:

1. Hausmann, M. R. (1990) – Engineering Principles of Ground Modifications, McGraw Hill publications
2. M. P. Moseley and K. Krisch (2006) – Ground Improvement, II Edition, Taylor and Francis
3. Koerner, R. M (1994) – Designing with Geosynthetics – Prentice Hall, New Jersey.

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1. Jones C. J. F. P. (1985) – Earth Reinforcement and soil structures – Butterworths, London.
2. Xianthakos, Abreimson and Bruce - Ground Control and Improvement, John Wiley & Sons, 1994.
3. K. Krisch& F. Krisch (2010) - Ground Improvement by Deep Vibratory Methods, Spon Press, Taylor and Francis.
4. Donald P Coduto – Foundation Design Principles and Practices, 2nd edition, Pearson, Indian edition, 2012.