

Report on Inauguration Ceremony and Guest Lecture

Sardar Patel College of Engineering - Indian Society of Structural Engineers (ISSE)'s Student Chapter

SPCE, Mumbai, June 4, 2025 – The formal inauguration of Student Chapter of the Indian Society of Structural Engineers (ISSE), marking a new phase of academic enrichment and industry collaboration for its Civil Engineering students at SPCE, specifically interested in Structural engineering.

The event began with a welcome address by Prof. Ankit M. Asher, Assistant Professor - Civil Engineering Department, who acknowledged the presence of Civil engineering department faculty members, distinguished guests and students. The inauguration was graced by ISSE dignitaries:

- Er. Ranganath Satam, Honorary Secretary, ISSE
- Er. Maansi Nandgaonkar, Treasurer, ISSE
- Er. Chirag Jain

Prominent guest speakers included:

- Er. Prakash Bajaj, Expert in Structural Software Applications
- Er. Rohit Pandya, Regional Head – Technical services, UltraTech Cement Ltd.

The inaugural session commenced with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp, followed by the presentation of Tulsi saplings to the ISSE representatives and speakers—a symbolic gesture signifying growth, knowledge, and sustainability.

Dr. M.M.Murudi, i/c Principal - SPCE, delivered the keynote address, reaffirming the institution's commitment to fostering industry-academia partnerships. This was followed by an inspiring address from Dr. Hansa Jeswani, Head of the Civil Engineering Department, who welcomed students into the ISSE chapter and spoke about the chapter's vision and relevance in today's structural engineering landscape.

In his address, Er. Ranganath Satam elaborated on the goals of ISSE and introduced the various professional development activities that the student chapter would facilitate, including technical workshops, expert talks, site visits, and hands-on training programs aimed at enhancing industry readiness.

The technical segment featured a lecture by Er. Prakash Bajaj on “The Importance of Software in Structural Engineering of High-Rise Structures”, focusing on tools such as Planwin and ETABS. This was followed by an insightful session on “New Construction Technologies” conducted by Er. Rohit Pandya, who offered perspectives on evolving practices in the construction industry.

A formal handover of the student chapter opening letter and ISSE publications was carried out by Er. Maansi Nandgaonkar, who also handed over certificates of membership to 26 students of SPCE through Dr. Tanuja Bandivadekar, Professor, Civil Engineering Department. Dr.

A.A.Bage and Prof. Ankit Asher were appointed as faculty co-ordinators for the student chapter.

The program concluded with a group photograph capturing all ISSE representatives, guest speakers, faculty members, and student participants. A vote of thanks was delivered by a student representative of the ISSE Student Chapter, followed by a High Tea session that provided opportunities for informal interactions and networking.

The event was generously sponsored by UltraTech Cement Ltd., supporting the shared vision of empowering the next generation of structural engineers





