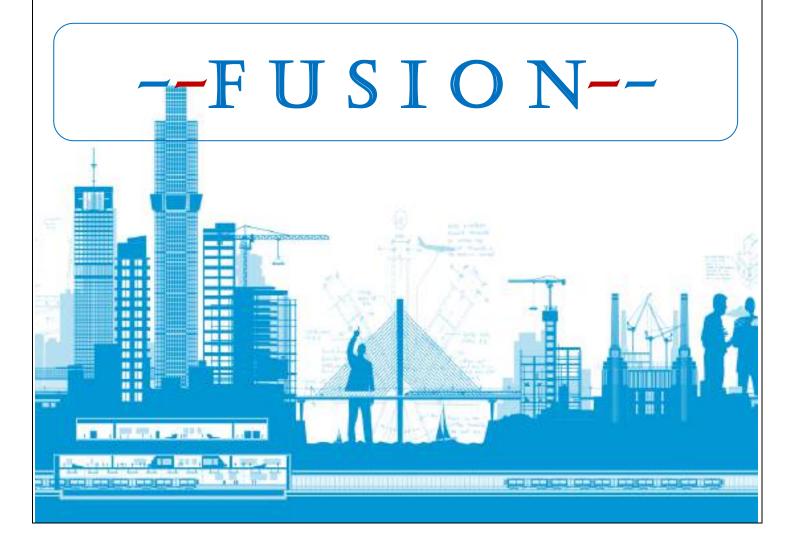


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## Faculty Development Programme on Green Concrete Technology

This Five Days Faculty Development Programme (FDP) is organized to foster exchange of information on challenges faced in Green Concrete Technology. Efforts for sustainable development and environmental preservation are necessary in order to balance the economic, social, and environmental impacts of the ever-growing human population as it continually strains the finite resources available on this planet. Reduce greenhouse gas emissions and attempt to develop various substitute techniques and goods that aid in the generation of "Clean Energy". Keeping in mind the current climate condition and the phenomena of global warming, there is a pressing need for the construction and other industries to go through a green revolution.

The objective of this FDP is to provide global exposure in the field of green concrete technology. This will help the faculty to know about the real time projects, recent advances in Construction Engineering, Green Concrete Technology and the challenges faced by Civil Engineers. This FDP is conducted for the benefit of Faculty members, research scholars and practicing engineers. The event will be conducted through online mode. The foolowing topics were covered in the FDP:

- Sustainable materials utilization
- Reduce, recycle and reuse
- Latest updates in Concrete Technology
- Industry waste as potential construction materials
- Enhancement of service life of RC Structures.

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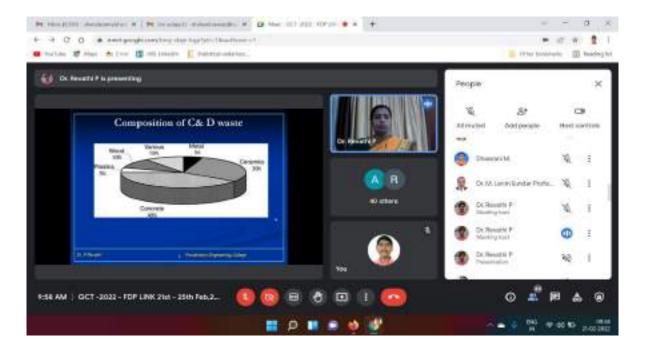
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## **Board of studies**

23<sup>rd</sup> Board of Studies meeting has been held on 25.02.22, External members Dr. S. Senthil Selvan, Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, SRM Institute of Technology and Mr. L. Suresh Kumar, Assistant Engineer, Central Public Works Department, Chennai participated in the meeting along with the Internal members and Alumni of our Department. The Discussion was about framing the new Curriculum VTUR22.







**Board of Studies Meeting** 

## **Faculty Contributions**

#### Dr. M. Vinod Kumar

Participated in three days online advanced course on "Applications of Soft Computing Techniques in Structural Engineering (ASCSE-2022)" organized by CSIR-SERC, Chennai, January 24-25, 2022.

Participated in Five days Online Faculty Development Program on "Ecological and Eco-Efficient Construction Practices (EECP-2022)" conducted by Swami Keshvanand Institute of Technology, Management and Gramothan, Jaipur, January 17-21, 2022.

Participated in One-week Short Term Training Programme through ICT Mode on "Modelling, Analysis and Design of Buildings with Software" conducted by National Institute of Technical Teachers Training and Research (NITTTR), Kolkata, January 31 to February 04, 2022.

Participated in Two weeks Short Term Training Programme on "Introduction to Finite Element Method in Engineering" conducted by National Institute of Technical Teachers Training and Research (NITTTR), Kolkata, February 07 to February 18, 2022.

## Dr. J. Logeshwari

Presented paper in one day conference on "Experimental Study on strength improvement of concrete paver block by using copper slag and GGBS" at Vel Tech University, February 24,2022.

#### Dr. S.P. Saravanan

Presented Paper entitled " A DPSIR Approach for flood disaster risk reduction in Indian Megacities on second International Conference on Water, Megacities and Global Change (EAUMEGA 2022) at UNESCO, Paris, France, Jan 11 to 14, 2022.

### Mr. T. Udayakumar

Presented paper titled "Experimental Studies on Flexural Behaviour of Concrete Beams Using Non-Conventional Aggregates to Produce Sustainable Concrete Products" at 5th International Conference on Innovative Design, Analysis & Development Practices in Aerospace and Automotive Engineering in 24 Feb, 2022.

## Mrs. M. Jayadurgalakshmi

Presented paper titled "Experimental Studies on Flexural Behaviour of Concrete Beams Using Non-Conventional Aggregates to Produce Sustainable Concrete Products" at 5th International Conference on Innovative Design, Analysis & Development Practices in Aerospace and Automotive Engineering in 24 Feb, 2022.

## **Journal Publications**

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## **Technical Note by Student**

## **AUTOMATION IN CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY**

## B. Pradeep Kumar – VTU 15186 – III Year

Automation in construction industry may achieve the following advantages:

- Uniform quality with higher accuracy than that provided by skilled workers.
- Replacing human operators in tasks that involve hard physical or monotonous work.
- Replacing humans in tasks performed in dangerous environments such as those with heights, over a river etc.
- Making tasks that are beyond human capabilities easier.
- Increasing productivity and work efficiency with reduced costs.
- Economic improvement. Automation can serve as the catalyst for improvement in the economies of enterprises or society. For example, the gross national income and standard of living in Germany and Japan improved drastically in the 20th century, due in large part to embracing automation in construction and infrastructural development.
- Improving work environment as conventional manual work is reduced to a minimum, so the workers are relieved from uncomfortable work positions.

## Areas of automation in Construction

- Roads & Runways construction
- Structures
- Buildings construction
- Ports
- Tunnels
- Factories and industries

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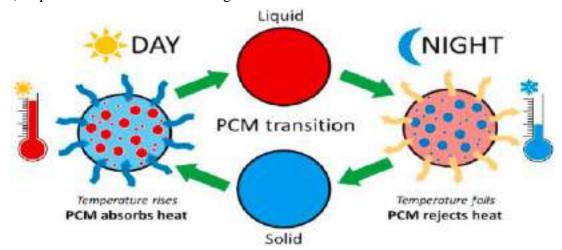
## **Phase Change Materials for Building Applications**

## Vikram Kumar – VTU 9337 – III Year

Phase-change materials (PCMs) possess high storage density in a narrow temperature interval. They release or absorb sufficient energy at phase transition (solid to liquid or vice versa) to provide useful heat or cooling. PCMs are used to enhance the thermal storage capacity of traditional building materials. They are prominently used for heating and cooling application for buildings in the form of walls, floors, ceilings, concrete, etc.

## What is PCM as a building material?

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## How does PCM building material work?

PCM has the property to store and release a large amount of energy. During this process, the material changes from solid to liquid and vice versa under a relatively constant temperature. The internal structure of the material changes during this transition.

## How are PCMs used in building materials?

The different ways to use PCMs for heating and cooling buildings are:

- 1. PCMs in building walls
- 2. PCMs as floors and ceilings
- 3. PCM in concrete
- 4. PCM in gypsum wallboard

5. PCM for insulation materials in shipping containers

6. In building envelopes as heat barriers

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