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CDMM Solar Parking : Powering Sustainable Mobility

VISION

To excel in Civil Engineering education and research with a global perspective and commitment to sustainability.

MISSION

- M1. Academic Excellence : Impart high-quality Civil Engineering education through innovative teaching methodologies and modern laboratory facilities
- M2. Research : Promote research, consultancy, and innovation addressing real-world civil engineering challenges with emphasis on sustainable infrastructure and societal needs.
- M3. Global Perspective & Industry Engagement : Prepare globally competent civil engineers through industry interaction and collaboration with national and international institutions
- M4. Ethics, Sustainability & Lifelong Learning : Produce socially responsible Civil Engineers with strong ethical values and leadership skills, dedicated to sustainable development and lifelong learning.

PROGRAM EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

- PEO 1: Graduates will be successful Civil Engineering professionals / entrepreneur.
- PEO 2: Graduates will pursue higher studies and research for professional development.
- PEO 3: Graduates will demonstrate civic responsibility in addressing societal and environmental challenges

A Message from the DEAN



It gives me immense pleasure to present edition of the Newsletter of the School of Civil Engineering (SCE), VIT, which captures the achievements, initiatives, and milestones of our students and faculty members.

At SCE, we are committed to nurturing future-ready civil engineers who can address these challenges through strong fundamentals, innovation, technology, and a deep sense of social responsibility.

Students of the School of Civil Engineering actively engage in academic, research, co-curricular, and extracurricular activities, demonstrating their creativity, leadership, and commitment to holistic development. Our faculty members continue to make meaningful contributions through impactful research, high-quality publications, funded projects, industry collaborations, consultancy, and professional engagements, strengthening the school's academic excellence and its connection with the wider professional community.

I sincerely appreciate the contributions of our faculty members and students whose commitment and perseverance continue to strengthen the school. Their achievements bring recognition and pride to SCE and reinforce our shared commitment to excellence.

Together, let us continue to build on the strong legacy of the School of Civil Engineering and create a future driven by knowledge, innovation, sustainability, and societal impact. I look forward to witnessing many more accomplishments from the SCE community in the coming months.

With my best wishes for continued success and excellence.

With warm regards,

Dr. Saravanakumar M P

Dean

School of Civil Engineering

VIT, Vellore

GLOBAL BENCHMARK



VIT Vellore Recognised Globally for Civil Engineering

VIT Vellore has achieved a proud milestone by securing a place in the 201-275 band globally for Civil & Structural Engineering in the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2026. This recognition highlights VIT's growing presence on the global stage and reflects the continuous efforts of its faculty and students in teaching, research, innovation, and industry engagement. The QS rankings consider factors such as academic and employer reputation, research citations, and H-index.For the School of Civil Engineering, this achievement is a testament to the dedication and commitment towards building a strong academic and research environment. It is a moment of pride for the entire VIT community and an encouragement to keep striving for greater excellence in the field of civil engineering.

GUEST LECTURES & EXPERT SESSIONS

LECTURES DELIVERED BY FACULTY

IOT-LORA ENABLED DETECTION AND PREDICTION OF POLLUTANTS IN GROUNDWATER

Dr. Uma Shankar M. 7th April, 2026

University of Nottingham Malaysia,
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

A session focusing on IoT-LoRa-enabled detection and prediction of groundwater pollutants, along with modelling their fate and transport in an open dumping yard.



LECTURES ORGANISED

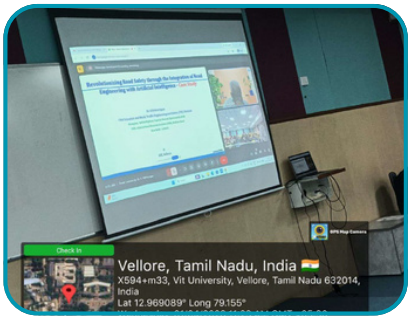
REVOLUTIONISING ROAD SAFETY THROUGH TECHNOLOGY AND ENGINEERING: CASE STUDY

Dr. S. Velmurugan 1st April, 2026

CSIR-Central Road Research Institute (CRRI),
New Delhi, India

A case-study-based session highlighting the role of technology and engineering in addressing contemporary road safety challenges.

Faculty Coordinators: Dr. Vasantha Kumar S.



COST AND ESTIMATION IN QUANTITY SURVEY PERSPECTIVE

Er. U. Ramkumar 1st April, 2026

Proscape LLC,
United Arab Emirates

The session offered industry perspectives on cost estimation and quantity surveying practices in the construction sector.

Faculty Coordinators: Dr. Prasanna Venkatesan R.; Dr. Bala Murugan S.



GUEST LECTURES & EXPERT SESSIONS

DATA-DRIVEN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

Er. Pranav Happa 3rd April, 2026

TJKM Transportation Consultants,
USA

An industry-focused session examining the role of data-driven approaches in modern transportation planning.

Faculty Coordinators: Dr. Sasanka Bhushan Pulipati



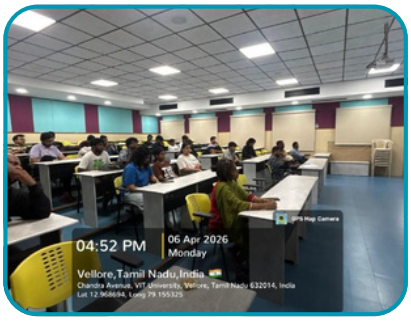
APPLICATIONS OF AI IN GEOSPATIAL SECTOR

Er. Gopi 6th April, 2026

Geospatial AI,
India

The session explored emerging applications of artificial intelligence in the geospatial sector and its potential for transforming geospatial practices.

Faculty Coordinators: Dr. Vaani N.



SPATIAL DATA ANALYTICS IN AGRICULTURE

Mr. N. R. Prasad 6th April, 2026

Dimitra Technology,
India

The lecture highlighted the application of spatial data analytics in agriculture and its role in supporting data-driven agricultural practices.

Faculty Coordinators: Dr. Vaani N.



INDIA'S SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT RULES 2026

Dr. Brijesh K. Dubey 7th April, 2026

IIT Kharagpur,
India

The session provided an expert perspective on India's evolving solid waste management framework and the 2026 rules.

Faculty Coordinators: Dr. Velvizhi G.; Dr. Mahindrakar Amit Baburao



GUEST LECTURES & EXPERT SESSIONS

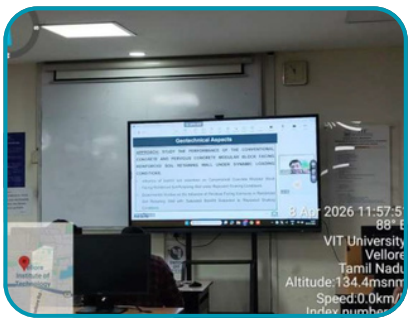
SATELLITE MONITORING OF RIVER AND COASTAL SEDIMENTS FOR WATER CONSERVATION

Dr. Hab Inz Michael Nones 8th April, 2026

Institute of Geophysics, Polish Academy of Sciences, Poland

The session highlighted satellite-based monitoring of river and coastal sediments and its relevance to water conservation.

Faculty Coordinators: Dr. Vignesh Rajkumar L.; Dr. Mahenthiran S.



INVESTIGATIONS OF ACCELERATED CARBONATION-CURED PERVIOUS CONCRETE AND ITS DYNAMIC PERFORMANCE EVALUATION IN REINFORCED STRUCTURES

Dr. S. Ganesh Kumar 8th April, 2026

CSIR-CBRI, India

The lecture explored accelerated carbonation curing of pervious concrete and its dynamic performance in reinforced structures.

Faculty Coordinators: Dr. Visuvasam J.; Dr. Konala S. K. Karthik Reddy



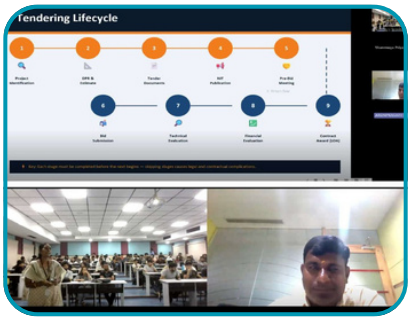
TENDERING PROCESS AND CONTRACT MANAGEMENT IN INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

Er. D. Arunprasath 15th April, 2026

L&T, Chennai, India

An industry-oriented session providing insights into tendering processes and contract management practices in infrastructure projects.

Faculty Coordinators: Dr. Shanmuga Priya T.; Dr. Bala Murugan S.



AI, ML AND DIGITAL TWINS: TRANSFORMING CIVIL ENGINEERING INTO INTELLIGENT, ADAPTIVE INFRASTRUCTURE SYSTEMS

Dr. Saravanan R 15th April, 2026

College of Engineering Guindy Anna University

The session explored the application of artificial intelligence, machine learning and digital twins in developing intelligent and adaptive infrastructure systems.

Faculty Coordinators: Dr. Uma Shankar M.; Dr. Prasanna Venkatesan R.



FACULTY OUTREACH

INTERNATIONAL

TANSEEQ INVESTMENTS

Dubai, United Arab Emirates 16th May – 17th June, 2026

Faculty: Dr. Prasanna Venkatesan R.

Dr. Prasanna Venkatesan R. engaged with Tanseeq Investments to strengthen industry–academia collaboration, exchange professional knowledge, and connect academic expertise with real-world infrastructure practices.



NATIONAL

CONSTRUCTION DEMOLITION WASTE PLANT

Bangalore, India 30th April, 2026

Faculty: Dr. Sofi A.

Dr. Sofi A. engaged with the Construction Demolition Waste Plant to explore practical approaches to construction and demolition waste management and strengthen collaboration between academic expertise and industry practices.



CONFERENCES

AGU GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2026

Vienna, Austria 3rd – 8th May, 2026

Microplastics in Freshwater Environments: Influence of Topography and Water Velocity on Their Distribution in River Systems

Faculty: Dr. Vignesh Rajkumar L., Dr. Kiruthika K. M.

CUTE 2026 -

5th International Conference on Sustainable Development in Civil, Urban and Transportation Engineering

Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam 27th – 29th May, 2026

Investigations on Construction and Demolition Waste Along with Rubber Tire Waste in Concrete

Faculty: Dr. Sofi A., Dr. Praveen Nagarajan, Dr. Kumanan T. S.

SPONSORED RESEARCH PROJECTS

LANDSLIDE MONITORING AND MAPPING USING A MULTI-MODAL APPROACH WITH GEOSPATIAL, GEOPHYSICAL, AND MACHINE LEARNING TECHNIQUES

Sponsored by: DSTINSL Start Date: 3rd June, 2026

Project Location: Vellore Project Value: ₹23,22,480

The project focuses on landslide monitoring and mapping through a multi-modal approach integrating geospatial, geophysical and machine learning techniques.

PI: Dr. Surendar M.

Co-PI: Dr. Chandrasekaran S. S.

Dr. Sudarshan Nandy



COLLABORATIVE ACTIVITIES

IISc SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION LAB 1st – 12th June, 2026

Indian Institute of Science · India

Participated in research and knowledge-sharing activities and developed a tool to automatically extract and visualise pedestrian–vehicle conflicts from videos as part of a Safe Trips to School project.

Faculty: Dr. Sasanka Bhusan Pulipati

CONSULTANCY PROJECTS

PROJECT SCHEDULING AND CONTROL – TRAINING

Tanseeq Investment LLC, Dubai, UAE

Duration: 10th January – 15th May, 2026

Consultancy Value: ₹1,06,200

Focused on project scheduling and control training, reinforcing industry engagement and professional consultancy activities.

Faculty: Dr. Prasanna Venkatesan R.



SCE EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

VIT INNOVATION IN EDUCATION AND RESEARCH HACKATHON

Hackathon | National Level

10th – 11th April, 2026

An innovation-focused hackathon bringing together participants to develop solutions and ideas addressing challenges in education and research.

Faculty Coordinator: Dr. Mahindrakar Amit Baburao

TWO-DAY TRAINING PROGRAMME ON OUTCOME-BASED EDUCATION: COURSE AND PROGRAMME ARTICULATION MATRICES

Dr. Mangala Keshava

Associate Professor

B.M.S. College of Engineering (BMSCE), Bengaluru

18th – 19th May, 2026

A two-day faculty training programme focused on outcome-based education, with emphasis on course outcomes and programme articulation matrices.

Faculty Coordinator: Dr. Shanmuga Priya T.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

ASCE CIVIL ENGINEERING STUDENT CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026 – UESI SURVEYING COMPETITION, SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS COMPETITION

Fairmont State University, 25th – 27th June, 2026
West Virginia, USA



ASCE VIT Student Chapter (American Society of Civil Engineers) secured the Benchmark Award in the UESI Surveying Competition and 18th Rank globally in the Sustainable Solution Competition at the prestigious ASCE Civil Engineering Student Championships 2026.

Students: R K Lalit Yashwant (*24BCL0078*), Sharvesh J (*23BCL0085*), Avaneesh M (*23BCL0037*)
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Sofi A.

SCE CHAPTER EVENTS

INDIAN GEOTECHNICAL SOCIETY

SCREEN, SOLVE, SUSTAIN 1st April, 2026



The event "Screen, Solve, Sustain" was conducted on 1st April 2026 as part of Water Conservation Week to raise awareness about water conservation and sustainable practices. The event began with a documentary screening on the global water crisis, followed by an interactive problem-solving session where participants proposed innovative solutions. The event saw active participation, meaningful discussions, and smooth coordination among the organizing team. Overall, it successfully promoted awareness, critical thinking, and responsibility towards sustainable water use.

PATENTS & JOURNALS

PATENTS

Dynamic Transit Coordination System and Method for Real-Time Passenger Demand Synchronization

Published: 10th June, 2026

Inventors : Kanagaraj K., Hansraj (*25BCV0018*, *SCE*); Praneet Raj (*25BCE2280, SCOPE*); Ritanu Maiti (*25BCE2131, SCOPE*); Gresy Goon (*25BDS0170, SCOPE*); Priyanshi Chadda (*25BIT0241, SCORE*)

Core Enhanced Light Gauge Steel Hexagonal Column

Published: 14th June, 2026

Inventors : Konala S. K. Karthik Reddy & Kavya S.

A Hydrogel-Based AI-Enabled Smart Air Filtration System

Published: 17th June, 2026

Inventors : Murugavelh S. & Aushman Dutta (*22BCL0106 , SCE*)

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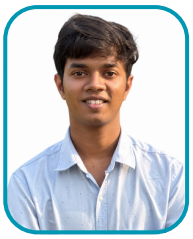
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