

A Report on One-Day National Level Technical Symposium "CITA 2K26"

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Chief Guest Details: Dr. Nanda Kishore Nayuni, Founder & CEO, Arran Scientific Private Limited.

Venue: Seminar Hall-A

Time: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Mode of Conduct: Offline

Participants: Students from various departments.

Objective of the Program

The Department of Civil Engineering organized a One Day National Level Technical Symposium CITA 2K26 on 7th March 2026. The objective of this symposium was to provide a platform where students can interact and exchange their ideas, discuss the latest technologies and implement innovative ideas in the field of Civil Engineering. On the other side it can enhance the management skills and organizational skills of the students involved in organizing the symposium.



Welcome Address

The program commenced with a warm welcome address by G. Mahesh Babu and Radiya, Students of B.Tech 3rd year, Department of Civil Engineering, MITS. They welcomed the Chief guest, all the dignitaries, faculty and participants to the Symposium CITA2K26 and expressed their gratitude to the Management and Principal for giving permission and financial support to organize the symposium.

Inauguration of the event

All the dignitaries were warmly welcomed onto the stage by the second and third-year students of the Civil Engineering Department. The inaugural ceremony began with the traditional lamp lighting, symbolizing the dispelling of ignorance and the ushering in of knowledge. Esteemed guests were invited to participate in this auspicious ritual, marking the formal commencement of the event.

Following the lamp lighting ceremony, a series of inaugural addresses was delivered by distinguished speakers.

- Dr. P. Ramanathan, Principal, addressed the gathering and highlighted the evolving role of engineers in addressing global challenges. He emphasized the importance of fostering innovation, ethical responsibility, and sustainable thinking among future engineers.
- Prof. P. M. Balaji, Assistant Director, Industrial Relations Centre, spoke about the present challenges faced by industries and the need for students to upgrade their skills to meet industry demands. He also motivated students to explore entrepreneurship and startup opportunities.
- Dr. Vijayakumar Natesan, Head of the Department of Civil Engineering, highlighted the importance of organizing such events to showcase the innovative works of students. He encouraged all participants to utilize the platform effectively to exhibit their talents and enhance their confidence and competitive spirit.
- Dr. Chandra Prakash Gupta, Professor and Dean, School of Computing, discussed the significance of civil engineers in building a better society. He also spoke about the ongoing transformations in the field of civil engineering and shared insights from his professional experiences.
- Dr. K. Dinesh, Head of the Department of Computer Science and Technology, addressed the importance of civil engineers in society and emphasized how they can transform their professional practices by integrating Artificial Intelligence technologies.
- Dr. Dipankar Roy, Dean, School of Civil Engineering, highlighted the growing integration of Artificial Intelligence in civil engineering and discussed how AI is transforming and enhancing the future of construction practices.



Later, the session was handed over to the **Chief Guest, Dr. Nanda Kishore Nayuni, Founder and CEO of ARRAN Scientific Private Limited**. He delivered an engaging presentation showcasing the remarkable contributions of civil engineers across the world. He also presented case studies of tragic structural failures that resulted in the loss of structures and human lives due to improper investigations and engineering negligence. The session was highly interactive, encouraging students to actively participate and gain practical insights from real-world engineering experiences.

Details of the Events conducted in CITA2K26:

CITA 2K26 featured a variety of technical and non-technical events aimed at fostering innovation, creativity, and research excellence among students. The symposium witnessed enthusiastic participation from students across different events. Participants took part in the various competitions, reflecting the widespread interest and active engagement in CITA 2K26. Students registered and participated in events such as paper presentation, poster presentation, aptitude quiz, sustainable concrete challenge, photography contest, cricket, and badminton, where they showcased their technical knowledge, creativity, teamwork, and competitive spirit. The details of the event schedule, number of participants, and faculty coordinators are presented in Table 1.

Table 1 Details of the Events in CITA2K26

Events	Scheduled time	Total Participants	Faculty Coordinator
Technical Events (All on March 7, 2026)			
Paper Presentation	11 AM – 12 noon	4	Dr. Nakkeeran G
Poster Presentation	11 AM – 12 noon	2	Dr. Priyam Nath Bhowmik
Break the Sustainable concrete	2 – 3 PM	10 Teams	Mrs. K. Anitha
Aptitude Quiz	2 – 3 PM	6	Mr. P. Sabarish Kumar
Non-Technical events			
Photography Contest	March 7, 2026 (2 – 3 PM)	8	Dr. Priyam Nath Bhowmik
Cricket (for Boys)	March 3-5, 2026 (3-5 PM)	9 Teams	Dr. Y. Sudheer Kumar
Badminton (for Girls)	March 3-5, 2026 (3-5 PM)	8 Teams	Dr. N T Sai Priya

The students enthusiastically showcased their talents and actively participated in all the events of CITA 2025, contributing significantly to the grand success of the symposium.

Valedictory Session

The Valedictory Session of CITA 2K26 was organized after the successful completion of all the technical and non-technical events. The session was presided over by the distinguished dignitaries and faculty members. Dr. Imran Kuttigola, Assistant Professor, appreciated the enthusiastic participation of students and congratulated all the participants for their active involvement and commendable performances across various events conducted during the symposium.

The prize distribution ceremony was then conducted to recognize and reward the winners and runners-up of different events. The prizes were distributed by the dignitaries **Prof. P. M. Balaji, Dr. Dipankar Roy, and Dr. Vijayakumar Natesan**, along with other faculty members. The winners and runners-up of the events are listed in Table 2.

Table 2 List of Winners and Runners for Prize distribution

Events	Winners	Runners
Technical Events		
Paper Presentation	Reddy Mounika (4th year, Civil)	K. Bhargavi (4th year, Civil)
Poster Presentation	K Sai Prasuna (3rd year, CSE)	Radiya (3rd year, Civil)
Break the Sustainable concrete	Karthik and Co- team (2nd year, Civil)	Lal Basha & Pavan Sai (3rd year, Civil) Hari and Team (2nd year, Civil)
Aptitude Quiz	R. Harshavardhan (2nd year, CSD)	Leelaprasad and Harsha (2nd year, CSD)
Non-Technical Events		
Photography Contest	B. Dheeraj (1st year, Civil)	C. Harsha (3rd year, Civil)
Cricket (for Boys)	Civil Team	CSE Team
Badminton (for Girls)	Pushpa, Y. Harshita Reddy (3rd year, CST)	Farha Taz, Meghana (3rd year, Civil)

The symposium concluded with a closing address and a **vote of thanks** delivered by Dr. Vijayakumar Natesan, Head of the Department of Civil Engineering. In his address, he expressed heartfelt gratitude to all those who contributed to the successful organization and execution of the event. He extended **sincere appreciation to the Chief Guest and all the dignitaries** for their inspiring presence and insightful sessions that enriched the knowledge and perspectives of the participants. He also conveyed **special thanks to the Management of MITS** for their constant support, encouragement, and guidance in facilitating the successful conduct of the symposium.

Dr. Vijayakumar Natesan **acknowledged the faculty coordinators and student volunteers** for their dedicated efforts, meticulous planning, and teamwork in organizing and executing the event smoothly. Finally, he **appreciated the student participants** for their enthusiastic involvement, active participation, and valuable contributions, which added great vibrancy and success to the symposium.

With these acknowledgements, the symposium was formally brought to a successful conclusion.

Outcomes of the Event

- Students gained exposure to recent trends and emerging technologies in Civil Engineering through technical events and interactions.
- The symposium enhanced technical knowledge, problem-solving ability, and innovative thinking among participants.
- It provided a platform for students to present ideas, share knowledge, and improve communication skills.
- Students involved in organizing the event developed leadership, teamwork, and management skills.
- The event encouraged inter-institutional interaction, helping students build academic and professional networks.
- Participants improved their confidence and stage presentation skills through active involvement in competitions and discussions.
- The symposium promoted creativity and practical application of theoretical concepts in real-world engineering problems.
- It motivated students to engage in research, higher studies, and skill development activities.

Program Outcomes (POs) Covered

- **PO1 – Engineering Knowledge:** Application of core civil engineering concepts to solve technical problems presented in various events.
- **PO2 – Problem Analysis:** Ability to identify, analyze, and provide solutions to complex engineering challenges.
- **PO3 – Design/Development of Solutions:** Development of innovative and sustainable solutions through technical presentations and competitions.
- **PO6 – The Engineer and Society:** Understanding the impact of engineering solutions on society and the environment.
- **PO7 – Environment and Sustainability:** Awareness of sustainable practices and environmentally responsible engineering approaches.
- **PO9 – Individual and Team Work:** Enhancement of teamwork skills through group activities and event organization.
- **PO10 – Communication:** Improvement in technical communication, presentation, and interpersonal skills.
- **PO11 – Project Management and Finance:** Development of planning, organizing, and management skills during event coordination.
- **PO12 – Life-long Learning:** Encouragement towards continuous learning, innovation, and professional development.

SDG Goals Aligned with the Event

- **SDG 4 – Quality Education:** The symposium promoted inclusive and quality education by providing a platform for knowledge sharing, technical learning, and skill development.

