

Report on Alumni Guest Lecture held on 15.10.2024 "MANUFACTURING OF CEMENT: THEORY TO THE REALITY" Organized by Department of Civil Engineering



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Organised By: ASCE MITS Student Chapter in collaboration with Alumni Cell

Participants: Civil Students and Staff (No. of Participants: 100)

The inauguration of the alumni guest lecture was started at 2:00 P.M in Seminar hall A, the dignitaries were **Dr. Dipankar Roy**, HoD-Civil and ASCE Faculty Advisor, **Dr. Kiran Kumar R**, MITS Alumni coordinator, **Mr. A. Karthik Varma**, Alumni of Civil engineering department MITS and Dr. Sudheerkumar Y, Department Alumni Coordinator.

The interaction was started with opening remarks by, **Dr. Dipankar Roy** who thanked management for creating an opportunity to invite the Alumni members of the institute and enabling them to interact with the students and enlightening them with the current developments. **Mrs. Kandukuri Anitha** has introduced about the speaker and invited him to share his valuable experiences to the students. The number of students participated in the

lecture were around 100. After inaugural session, the main session was started at 2:00 P.M,

Mr. A. Karthik Varma explained about Manufacturing of Cement: Theory to Reality. The session was interactive, and He clarified the doubts raised by students. Mr. A. Karthik Varma mostly concentrated on explaining the entire cement production process, bridging the theoretical aspects with practical industry insights. Here's a brief explanation:

1. Introduction to Cement

Definition: Cement is a binding material used in construction that sets, hardens, and binds other materials together. It's essential for making concrete, a key building material.

Types of Cement: Ordinary Portland Cement (OPC), Blended Cement (with fly ash, slag), etc.

2. Raw Materials

Limestone: The primary raw material (about 80%).

Clay, Shale, and Sand: Provide silica, alumina, and iron oxide.

Gypsum: Added later to control the setting time of cement.

3. Manufacturing Process

1. Quarrying: Extraction of raw materials like limestone from quarries.

2. Crushing and Grinding: The raw materials are crushed and ground into fine powder.

3. Proportioning and Blending: Ensures correct composition by mixing raw materials in precise ratios.

4. Preheating: The raw mix is heated in preheater towers to remove moisture and prepare it for the kiln.

5. Clinkerization: In the rotary kiln, the raw mix is heated at high temperatures (1400-1500°C) to form clinker (small gray balls of cement).

6. Cooling: The clinker is cooled quickly.

7. Grinding: The cooled clinker is ground with gypsum to produce the final cement.

4. From Theory to Reality: Practical Challenges

Energy Consumption: Cement manufacturing is energy-intensive, requiring a lot of fuel for the kiln process.

Environmental Impact: Cement production generates significant CO₂ emissions, which is a major global concern.

Innovations: Sustainable practices like the use of alternative fuels (waste, biomass) and incorporating industrial by-products (like fly ash, slag) to reduce emissions and energy consumption.

5. Current Industry Practices

Automation and Smart Manufacturing: Modern cement plants use automation for precision and efficiency, minimizing human errors.

6. Sustainability Initiatives: Many companies are exploring greener production methods, such as carbon capture technologies and low-carbon cements.

The session was completed at 5:00 P.M, and he clarified the queries of enthusiastic young minds with a great zeal during the interaction time.

Outcome of the event:

The expected outcomes of the alumni talk on "Manufacturing of Cement: Theory to Reality" include:

Enhanced Understanding: Participants will gain a clearer understanding of cement manufacturing processes, bridging the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical applications.

Networking Opportunities: Attendees will build valuable connections with alumni and industry professionals, fostering potential mentorship and collaboration.

Career Insights: Participants will receive guidance on career pathways in the cement and construction industries, including skills and roles in demand.

Awareness of Innovations: The event will highlight current trends and innovations in cement manufacturing, particularly regarding sustainability practice

Vote of Thanks: Bhargavi proposed a vote of thanks to Resource person, HOD, III Year B. Tech Students for attending the interaction programme and he extended his thanks to the Principal, and the Management for their support to conduct the Programme. We thank ASCE MITS Student Chapter and Alumni cell, for their continuous support to make this event a success.





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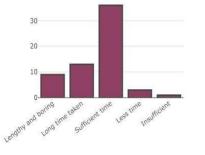




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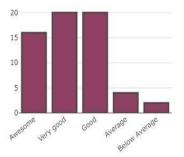
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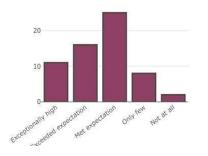
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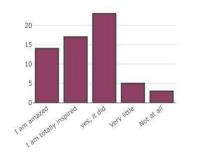
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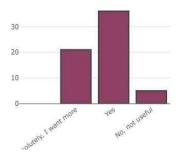
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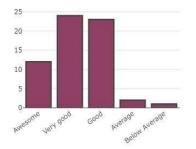
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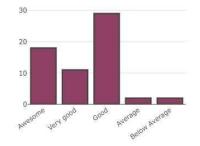
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