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Dear Distinguished Members,

I hope you and your families are doing well. As we move forward through the year, it is heartening to look back at the progress we have made as a community. The field of Geotechnical Engineering continues to demonstrate its critical importance in shaping the nation's infrastructure, and we are proud to acknowledge the remarkable contributions of our members. The advancement of Geotechnical Engineering is not only the result of technical expertise but also the legacy of dedication carried forward by generations of our past geotechnical engineers. The young professionals and students in our community have inspiring examples to look up to geotechnical pioneers and experts whose work has strengthened the very foundation of our society's growth. It is our collective responsibility to nurture this spirit, encourage innovation, and guide the upcoming generation to continue this journey with curiosity, integrity, and purpose. We extend sincere appreciation to our Executive Committee and Sub-Committees for their relentless effort in sustaining the momentum of the Society's activities and initiatives. Their commitment ensures that our chapters remain active, our knowledge-sharing vibrant and our network strong. Together, we continue to uphold the values of collaboration, excellence, and service that define the Indian Geotechnical Society.

Prof. Murali Krishna and the SC1 Committee continue to ensure that the IGS website functions smoothly, remains current, and effectively serves the needs of our members. The team is consistently updating event information in a timely manner. Their dedicated efforts in collecting and systematically organizing technical resources for the IGS Virtual Library are sincerely appreciated, as these contributions significantly strengthen our shared

knowledge base. The SC2 Committee, led by Prof. T. Thyagaraj, has been actively working to increase ISSMGE membership, while the SC3 Committee, chaired by Prof. Chandresh Solanki, is developing initiatives to expand IGS membership. These efforts have resulted in the addition of 53 new members during the past three months. Their commitment to highlighting the professional advantages of being part of IGS and ISSMGE is sincerely acknowledged. The SC4 Committee on the IGS Foundation and Professional Forum, led by Dr. C. R. Parthasarathy, has been collaborating with other professional organizations to conceptualize and organize joint programs that benefit both communities. In the IGS foundation, efforts are being made to raise funds to promote training of engineering skills. Their regular coordination and thoughtful planning are noteworthy and highly valued. The SC5 Financial Committee, headed by Er. Ravi Kiran Vaidya, continues to manage the Society's financial activities responsibly within the approved budget provisions and has extended grants to local chapters to support their events as per prevailing norms of IGS. Their contribution to maintaining financial discipline and enabling chapter-level activities is gratefully recognized.

As part of the Society's continued international engagement, had opportunity to attend few international events under various geotechnical societies. Had the honor of representing IGS as the Guest of Honor at the 75th Anniversary Celebrations of Brazilian Geotechnical Society (ABMS) in São Paulo, Brazil, from 20–21 July 2025, upon the invitation of Prof. Roberto Coutinho, President of ABMS. The event brought together leading geotechnical professionals from across the world. Also delivered a keynote lecture and participated in a round-table discussion on “Geotechnical Challenges for the Future,” alongside representatives of International organizations including the International Society for Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering (ISSMGE), International Tunnelling and Underground Space Association (ITA), International Society for Rock Mechanics and Rock Engineering (ISRM) and other international bodies. This gathering enabled valuable exchange on emerging challenges and collaborative directions in our field. During the event, also presented the upcoming 1st Geotech Asia Conference and the associated Portugal–Brazil–India pre-conference workshop, extending an invitation to the global fraternity to join us in Goa. Further strengthening our international partnerships, on 28 August 2025, during the 6th International Conference on GIS and Geoinformation

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“Growth Impact Award – 2025 to Indian Geotechnical Journal” given by Springer Nature on 30th October 2025 at New Delhi, India



Springer Nature, Journal division has given the “Growth Impact Award – 2025” to the **Indian Geotechnical Journal (IGTJ)**, which was presented at Springer Nature Annual Journal Development Symposium 2025, held at Le Meridien, New Delhi, India on 30th October 2025. This award is given to IGTJ for extensive growth with an impact in recent years. The award has been received by the Editor-in-Chief (EiC) of Indian Geotechnical Journal Prof. Deepankar Choudhury and the Honorary Secretary of Indian Geotechnical Society (IGS) Dr. A. P. Singh. The award was presented by Ms. Fiona McKenzie, Vice President of Maths, Physical & Applied Sciences Journals at Springer Nature, Greater London, United Kingdom, in presence of the Publishing Editor of IGTJ Ms. Sonal Choudhary and other Springer Nature team of all journals. Also, EiC Prof. Deepankar Choudhury was invited to share the pathways of success story for IGTJ in recent years leading to this award where he acknowledged the team efforts of all stake-holders like editorial board/reviewers/authors/readers of IGTJ and support from Springer Nature and IGS.

IGC - 2027

IGC-2027
would be hosted by

IGS-Patna Chapter

The venue, theme, scheduled dates etc.
are being worked out and shall be announced soon.

Now Online Membership Available

The homepage of the Society has been updated and a new online membership platform has been created to facilitate joining of new members.

Just log on to:
www.igs.org.in

47th IGS ANNUAL LECTURE 2025



The prestigious 47th IGS Annual Lecture 2025

will be delivered by Prof.
Deepankar Choudhury, Professor,
Department of Civil Engineering,
Indian Institute of Technology
Bombay, Powai, Mumbai.

The topic of his lecture is
“Advances in Geotechnical Earthquake
Engineering for Geo-Structures:
Transformative Research into Practice”

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