

ISSE Student Chapter Inaugurated at Sardar Patel College of Engineering

Mumbai, June 4, 2025 – Sardar Patel College of Engineering (SPCE) in Andheri (W) officially inaugurated its Indian Society of Structural Engineers (ISSE) Student Chapter. The event marked a significant step for engineering students at the college, providing them with enhanced opportunities for learning and professional development.

The inauguration ceremony commenced with a warm welcome by **Ankit M. Asher**, Assistant Professor, Civil Engineering Department (CED), SPCE who greeted all the esteemed dignitaries.

- **From SPCE:**
 - **Dr. M.M. Murudi**, Principal
 - **Dr. Hansa Jeswani**, Head, CED
 - **Dr. Abhinandan A. Bage**, Associate Professor, CED
- **From ISSE:**
 - **Er. Ranganath Satam**, Honorary Secretary
 - **Er. Maansi Nandgaonkar**, Treasurer
- **Guest Speakers:**
 - **Prakash Bajaj**
 - **Rohit Pandya** from Ultratech

The ceremony began with the traditional **lighting of the lamp** by all dignitaries present on the dais. This was followed by the distribution of **Tulsi saplings** to the ISSE team and guest lecturer Prakash Bajaj, symbolizing growth and prosperity.

Dr. M.M. Murudi, Principal of SPCE, delivered an insightful address, highlighting the college's commitment to academic excellence. Following this, **Dr. Hansa Jeswani**, Head of CED, extended a welcoming address to the students joining the ISSE student chapter, emphasizing the purpose and numerous benefits this chapter would offer them.

Er. Ranganath Satam, Honorary Secretary of ISSE, elaborated on the society's mission and the various activities planned for the student chapter. These initiatives include expert lecture series, workshops, training programs, site visits, and opportunities for industrial exposure, all designed to enrich the students' practical knowledge and industry readiness.

The event featured an enlightening **guest lecture by Er. Prakash Bajaj** on "The Importance of Software in Structural Engineering of High-Rise Structures," providing students with valuable insights into modern structural design using planwin & ETAB. This was followed by the next lecture on "New Construction Technologies" by **Er. Rohit Pandya**, Regional Head, TCS, UltraTech Cement Ltd., is promising continued learning opportunities.

A significant moment was the **handover ceremony**, where **Er. Maansi Nandgaonkar**, Treasurer of ISSE, formally presented the letter of opening of the student chapter and ISSE publications. She also handed over certificates to **26 students of SPCE** through **Dr. Tanuja Bandivadekar**, Professor, CED, SPCE, for distribution. The ceremony concluded with a **group photograph** of all the students, ISSE members, and SPCE faculty.

Deep gratitude is extended to **Er. Chirag Jain** and **Ass. Prof. Ankit Asher** for their exceptional dedication and crucial proactive coordination with the SPCE Team and ISSE members, which enabled the successful launch of the SPCE student chapter. Their tireless commitment was vital to this achievement.

The program concluded with a heartfelt **vote of thanks** delivered by an SPCE ISSE student chapter representative, followed by a **High Tea** for all attendees.

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