

## “आपली वसुंधरा: A Step Towards Sustainability”

“Engineers’ Day 2025” was organized by ISSE-KDLC (Indian Society of Structural Engineers, Kalyan Dombivli Local centre). The program was jointly organized by the Indian Institute of Architects (IIA), Kalyan-Dombivli Chapter & Rotary Club of Dombivli East. UltraTech Cement was the sponsor of the program. The joint program was conceptualized and organized with a title “आपली वसुंधरा – A Step Towards Sustainability”. The program was held at Rotary Bhavan, Dombivli, on 20th September 2025. The event marked a significant milestone in highlighting the growing importance of sustainability in our everyday lives.

The Chief Guest of the function was KDMC Commissioner Er. Shri Abhinav Goyal whereas the guest of honour was Rtn. Kedarnathrao Ghorpade, former MMRDA Chief Planner & Director (Environment) of Rotary District 3142 for the year 2025-26.

Four speakers spoke on various inter-related topics. Er. Prashant Bhagwat (Ex. Engineer, KDMC) spoke on steps taken by the corporation towards solar energy, Er. Aparna Bhandarkar from UltraTech shared insights into eco-friendly products which has less carbon footprints, Ar. Aaditya Agte presented a case study of green building showing various aspects of green building certification and how small steps can be taken to construct a green building, right from excavation to control of tap flow of a wash basin of a flat. Lastly, Ar. Kedarnathrao Ghorpade spoke on Micro to Macro, which was thought-provoking perspectives on day-to-day activities.

Hon Commissioner Goel, who is himself a Civil Engineer from IIT, Kanpur, in his address, spoke about KDMC’s ongoing and upcoming environmental projects, calling upon institutions and organizations to contribute innovative ideas for a sustainable future.

While addressing the gathering, ISSE-KDLC chairman Er. Madhav Chikodi thanked IIA, RCDE & UltraTech for joining hands in the program. ISSE President Er. Hemant Vadalkar elaborated on ISSE’s activities and stressed the importance of community and business-led sustainable practices.

At the outset, Er. Madhav Chikodi, Dr. Sandeep Gharat, and Ar. Keshav Chikodi underlined the objectives of the green initiatives. The ‘Green Policy’ was conceptualized and released on this occasion. Er. Rohit Pandya from UltraTech also promoted this green policy. The document was signed by all four dignitaries. The ‘Green Policy’ was released at the hands of Hon. Commissioner Er. Abhinav Goel of KDMC. Hon commissioner also expressed his willingness to follow this policy in the corporation.

In his remarks, Dr. Gharat expressed happiness that four professional organizations had come together for this initiative; emphasizing the synergy such collaborations can create.

The program was well conducted by ISSE-KDLC secretary Er. Srinivas Mudaliar. The program witnessed a record participation of 165 attendees.





