

## ***Report ISSE Palghar Local Centre Technical Seminar – 11/10/2025***

The Indian Society of Structural Engineers, Palghar Local Centre, in association with Tata Steel, hosted an inspiring Technical Seminar on Saturday, 11th October 2025. The seminar brought together prominent architects, structural engineers, and industry experts, creating a rich platform for the exchange of technical insights, innovation, and professional fellowship. The event highlighted ISSE's commitment to fostering continual learning in the field of structural engineering.

The evening commenced with Ganesh Poojan and Deep Prajwalan, a symbolic invocation of wisdom and auspicious beginnings, followed by a round of felicitations honouring the key contributors and guests. The event was graced by dignitaries like Er. Hemant Vadalkar, Chief Guest and President of ISSE, Er. Shekhar Vaishampayan who was the Eminent Speaker and is a Geotechnical Specialist, Er. Parag Raut, Senior Business Development Manager at Tata Steel, and Er. Ganesh Awhad, the Current Chairman of ISSE Palghar Centre.

The first address of the evening came from Er. Ganesh Awhad, who welcomed the gathering and was followed by remembrance of Er. Maanasi Madhav Nandgaonkar, the beloved Treasurer of ISSE Palghar, who recently passed away. Attendees observed a moment of silence to honour her memory and immense contribution to the society. Chief Guest Er. Hemant Vadalkar then introduced the audience to the objectives and initiatives of ISSE, outlining how the organization has become a hub for technical advancement, research, and professional exchange.

The highlight of the evening was the series of technical lectures that combined innovation with practical expertise.

Er. Parag Raut, representing Tata Steel, delivered a compelling presentation on “Steel and Mechanized Reinforcement in Modern Construction”. He emphasized the role of steel as a sustainable and adaptive material redefining the speed, safety, and durability of modern infrastructure.

Following this, Er. Shekhar Vaishampayan, an expert in geotechnical engineering, captivated the audience with his session on “Deep Excavation and Retaining Systems.” His talk shed light on the unseen foundations that hold up towering structures, blending scientific precision with decades of field experience.

As the seminar drew to a close, Er. Jitendra Hatkar delivered a warm and thoughtful Vote of Thanks, acknowledging every speaker, organizer, and participant who contributed to making the event a grand success; especially Er. Paresh Unnarkar whose effort and dedication is the backbone for the event's success. The gathering concluded with dinner, offering a relaxed space for networking and fellowship among professionals and guests.

The presence of leading architects, civil engineers, and industry experts lent the evening an atmosphere of collaboration and friendship. The event reaffirmed ISSE's mission to build not only stronger structures but also stronger professional communities driven by innovation, sustainability, and shared knowledge.























