

National Conference
on
**“Geotechnical and geoenvironmental aspects of wastes and their utilization in
infrastructure projects”**

Department of Civil Engineering in association with IGS Ludhiana Chapter Guru Nanak Dev Engineering College (GNDEC), Ludhiana organised two day National Conference on ‘**Geotechnical and geoenvironmental aspects of wastes and their utilization in infrastructure projects**’ from 15th to 16th February’ 2013 at GNDEC Ludhiana Campus. **Prof. S.Unnikrishna Pillai**, Ex Director NIT Calicut, was the Chief Guest for the inaugural function. **Prof. Manoj Datta**, Director PEC University of Technology, Chandigarh and **Sh. Sanjeev Srivastava**, Managing Director, Assotech Limited, Delhi were the guest of honour.

Prof. Manoj Datta, Director PEC University of Technology, Chandigarh and a renowned professor in the field of geo-technical engineering presented the key note address on “**Cover systems for high waste dumps with steep slopes in Mumbai and Delhi –Two Case Studies**”. More than 100 delegates from different parts of the country including Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Odisha, Maharashtra, Goa and Tamil Nadu registered for the conference, and about 70 of them attended it. Proceedings of the conference were also published in two volumes (ISBN: 978-81-923777-8-0). Many private and government agencies supported the conference liberally.

The conference was divided into various sessions including a ‘Plenary Session’ and a special session on industry - ‘Industrial Session’, the one where various geotechnical aspects of waste materials and its utilization in infrastructure projects were discussed by the key note speaker and delegates.

This national conference, first of its kind was organised under the aegis of TEQIP-II (Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme-II) and supported by many national and private agencies. Dr. J.N.Jha, Professor and Head, Civil Engineering Department extended warm welcome to all guests and delegates. Dr. Jagbir Singh, Associate Professor, Civil Engineering Department anchored the inaugural function and introduced the guests. Dr. K.S.Gill, Associate Professor, Civil Engineering Department proposed the vote of thanks.