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VISION AND MISSION OF THE DEPARTMENT

VISION

To be a centre of excellence in Civil Engineering Education through full-fledged learning experience along with research.

MISSION

- *To accomplish our vision, we are committed to excel in Civil Engineering Education by providing,*
- *Faculty experts from all specialization of Civil Engineering to facilitate teaching learning process*
- *Excellent infrastructure facilities to apply Civil Engineering knowledge and perform societal based research*
- *Exposure to latest technologies in Civil Engineering through industry-institute interaction and professional bodies*
- *Environs to develop their innovative thoughts, ethics, communication, inter-and intra- personal skills*
- *Enthusiasm towards self-learning, social responsibility and entrepreneurship*

PROGRAMME EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

- 1. To apply knowledge of mathematics, science and engineering to solve existing problems in the area of Structural, Geotechnical, Water Resources, Environmental, Transportation, Urban Planning, Construction Materials and Management in Civil Engineering*
- 2. To analyze, design, construct Civil Engineering traditional and modern structures*
- 3. To perform investigation on any complicated Civil Engineering problems by conducting research using modern equipments and software tools*
- 4. To communicate and develop strong inter- and intra-personal skills to prepare them for placement and higher studies*
- 5. To be self-motivated towards lifelong learning and entrepreneurship*

STUDENTS ACHIEVEMENT

CSIR-Structural Engineering Research Centre

Dr. TVSR Appa Rao Summer Internship 2024

Gunanandhini R

**Sri Krishna College of Engineering and
Technology, Coimbatore**



III year Civil Engineering student R.Gunanandhini has been selected for the prestigious Dr. TVSR Appa Rao Summer Internship 2024 organized by CSIR-Structural Engineering Research Centre. The internship spans for 4 to 6 weeks during the summer vacation in CSIR research centers.

STUDENTS ACHIEVEMENT



Status of the Joint Masters Program on "Water Security and Global Change"

1 message

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Sat, Jun 1, 2024 at 22:26

Dear Gopika T,

Greetings of the day from the ABCD Centre.

Thank you very much for taking the time for the interview. It was a pleasure getting to know you.

Based on the list of final selected candidates for the Joint Masters Program on "Water Security and Global Change" we are delighted to inform you that we believe you would be a good fit for this Joint Masters Program. Congratulations!!

You will receive an additional set of instructions on 3rd June 2024 (Monday) once received you may decide to accept the offer, kindly acknowledge to this email on or before 9th June 2024 (Sunday) confirming your position. If we have not received your confirmation email on or before the above specified date we will consider that the offer has not been accepted.

Once you confirm your position our Office of Global Engagement at IIT Madras will send you an official offer letter for the Joint Masters Program "Water Security and Global Change" on 10th June 2024 (Monday).

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

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Regards

Program Coordinator
ABCD Centre abcd-centre.org
Indian Institute of Technology Madras
Chennai 600 036 India

IV year Civil Engineering student, T. Gopika has been selected for the International Joint Masters program for Water Security and Global Change at IIT Madras. She will spend 9 months at IIT Madras and the rest of her PG program in Germany as a foreign exchange student.

STUDENTS ACHIEVEMENT



IV year Civil Engineering students, Saikrupa S, Srikanan R, Charuthy A and Hariram K have attended TNSDC Naan Mudhalvan - Niral Thiruvizha 2024 Grand Final Review and presented their project work to the expert committee on 25th June 2024 in Government College of Engineering and Technology, Coimbatore. The project was Self Healing Geopolymer Concrete with Utilization of Construction and Demolition Waste, under the theme of Clean and Green Technology.

Faculty Guide:

Dr. R. Chandra Devi, Associate Professor

FACULTY CONTRIBUTION

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Analysis of mechanical performance and durability of repair mortar with partial replacement of tufa stones with aggregates

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ABSTRACT

In this study, the mortars utilized in the restoration projects need to be compatible with the conventional materials that were first used in these structures, both in terms of their mechanical and physiochemical qualities. Here, varying proportions of tufa stone powder – 37 and 42 percent by weight of the mixture, are used to partially replace the fine aggregate mixed mortars for repairs (M1, M2). In order to compare the performance of the third type of mortar (M3) with the tufa stone-based combinations, it was used in addition to the previously made mortars (M1, M2). The three types of mortars were thoroughly evaluated by examining their mechanical properties and durability qualities in conjunction with the tufa stone. The prepared mortar M2, out of all the mortars tested, which had a higher percentage of tufa stone powder substitution and a lower binder content, performed the worst mechanically, according to the data. The compressive and flexural strength of M2 mortar mix is 1.12 MPa and 0.72 MPa tested at 28 days. Similarly, the UPV, shear strength and shear interface for the M2 mortar mix is 0.71 MPa, 0.52 MPa and 1208 m/s at 60 days respectively. This implies that in comparison to the traditional tufa masonry, this specific mortar is less compact and more flexible. The created mortar (M2) has similar thermal qualities and is long-lasting like tufa stone found in historical sites.

Keywords: Mortar repair; Tufa stone; Robustness; Physical and Mechanical properties; Characterization process.

1. INTRODUCTION

Deterioration of building materials can take many forms throughout time, including mechanical, chemical, mineralogical, and physical changes. There are several reasons why components in old buildings deteriorate. This usually takes place at the interface where the material meets the environment or where it meets another substance. The inherent qualities of the construction material, which include its kind, attributes, mass distribution, origin, processing techniques, historical significance (previous preservation efforts), compatibility and blend-in with other materials, and more, control this procedure. Environment also has a role in determining when degeneration begins and how fast it advances. It is important to choose repair construction materials for restoration projects that are compatible with the original materials used in these historic buildings in terms of their mechanical qualities, chemical and mineralogical makeup, and visual similarity [1]. For this reason, ensuring total compatibility (physical, chemical, and structural) between the old stone and the repaired mortar is an essential prerequisite for conservation and restoration projects. To ensure that the repair mortar performs as best it can, compatibility is necessary. The Latin term “tofus” which meaning “a spongy stone,” is whence the name “tufa” originates, denoting the stone’s great permeability. Throughout history, historical structures in several parts of France have frequently used tufa, a common French limestone. It has very good physical properties and white in color and the stone is easily found in the Loire Valley and was heavily utilized in the building of historical buildings there, especially for their façade [2]. As such, this stone has already been the focus of a great deal of research. Tufa stones are usually shaped into consistent sizes in quarries using technology. These stones are then brought to the closest manufacturing facility. A substantial amount of colloidal waste is generated during the production process when sand and water are combined, which is harmful to the environment. As disposal costs rise, it becomes economically unfeasible to dispose of this trash [3]. Therefore, it became necessary to discover solutions for this problem by repurposing these waste products, even in small amounts. Reuse and recycling techniques have, in fact, been increasingly well-known in the building materials industry in recent years. Tufa powder can be used again as a partial alternative to aggregate or cement in concrete and cement mortar due

Dr. S. Ramakrishnan, Associate Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, has published a research article titled “Analysis of mechanical performance and durability of repair mortar with partial replacement of tufa stones with aggregates” in Revista Materia. It is indexed in Scopus and WoS.

FACULTY CONTRIBUTION

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(57) Abstract : The wrong way driving accidents causing great traffic hazard, wrongly way signaling is a prominent concern with India. This sort of behavior very often results in serious head-on collisions that pose imminent dangers to people involved and cause significant property damage. For example, a recent news article from India showed a deadly crash when tourist driver on the wrong way on the Delhi-Mumbai Expressway highlighted the usefulness of prevention measures. The key challenge that is to sort out is a development of an innovative system, that on the one hand can find out and prevent the opposite-way vehicle movements. The system is based on a 360-degree camera with an advanced image stitching technology, which causes no visible discontinuities. Deep learning with Faster R-CNN is used where it identifies vehicles exactly which are going against the wrong direction of traffic. It captures and verifies license plates in real-time and matches them with a database, which provides instant identification of a vehicle's owner. Scalability by involving the cloud processing and intercepting with the Regional Transport Office (RTO) system aid the system in achieving efficient data handling, vehicle information retrieval, and timely alerts. Consequently, an automatic offence system application encourages people to follow the rules of the road and road safety increase.	
No. of Pages : 18 No. of Claims : 9	

Mr. R. Vighnesh, Assistant Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, along with 2nd-year CSBS students Devin James R. Risha R and Jothi Babu M have published an inter-departmental patent on “Enhanced system that detects and identifies wrong-sided vehicle movements: accident prevention”. The patent was published on 31st May 2024.



FACULTY CONTRIBUTION

R&D Patent publication CIVIL



Dr. S. Sadheesh and Mr. R. Vighnesh, Assistant Professors, Department of Civil Engineering, have undergone Innovation Ambassador (IA) training 'Foundation Level' (Total 16 Sessions of 30 contact hours) conducted in online mode by MoE's Innovation Cell & AICTE during the IC calendar year

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Mentees Enrolled	Mentees Present	Score (in %)					
		<40	40-59	60-74	75-89	>=90	Toppers
28	11	2	9	0	0	0	0


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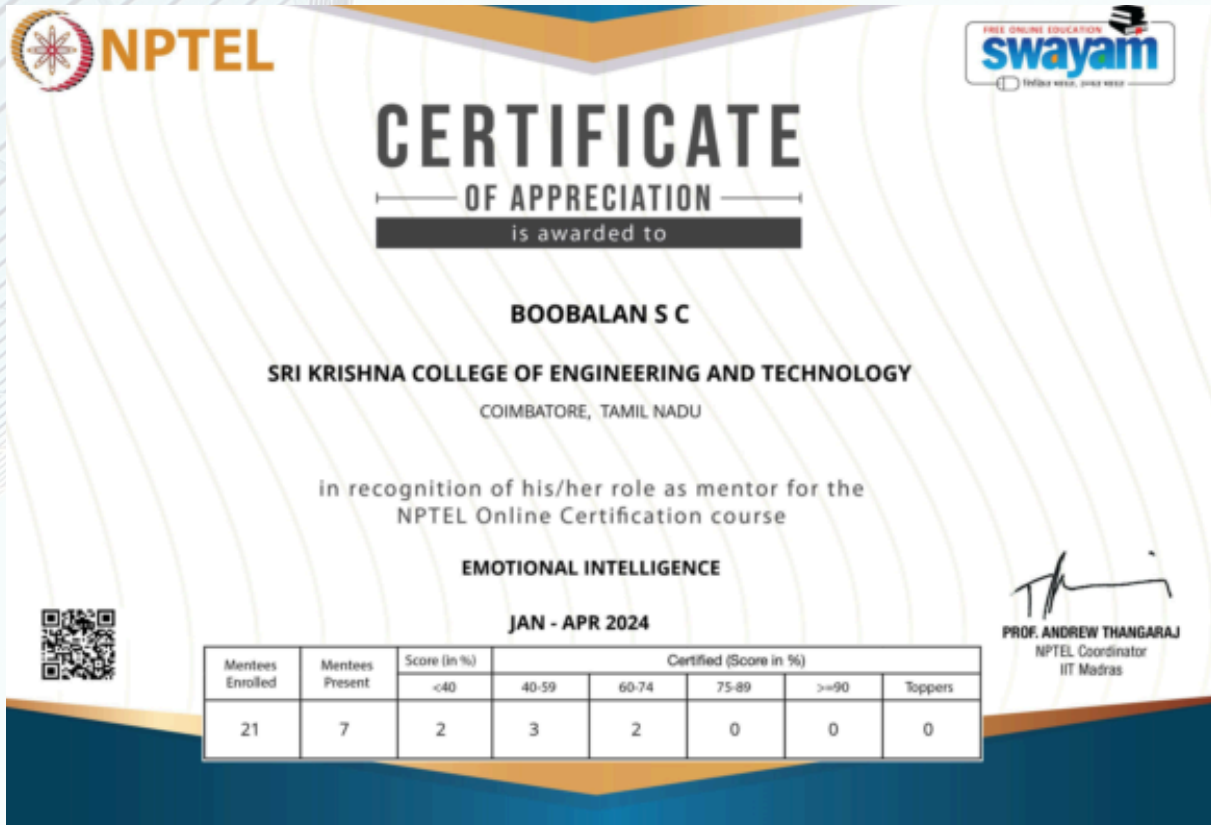


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		<40	40-59	60-74	75-89	>=90	Toppers
69	64	9	30	25	0	0	0


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FACULTY CERTIFICATION

CIVIL| Faculty certification



Dr. R. Chandra Devi, Associate Professor along with Dr. S. Sadheesh and Mr. S.C. Boobalan, Assistant Professors, Department of Civil Engineering has been awarded a certificate for his contribution as a mentor for the NPTEL certification course on “Emotional Intelligence”.

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Dr. P. Saravanakumar, Professor and Head, Department of Civil Engineering has completed the NEP 2020 Orientation and Sensitization Programmer under the Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programmer (MMTTP) of the University Grants Commission (UGC) organized by the Coimbatore Institute of Technology from 22nd to 30th April 2024.

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Mr. S. C. Boobalan, Assistant Professor, Department of Civil Engineering has completed a 5-day International FDP on “Sustainable Construction Materials, Technologies and Practices (SCMTP-24)” organized by the Malla Reddy Engineering College, Hyderabad from 24th to 28th June 2024.

OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS



The Department of Civil Engineering in association with NSS organized a Yoga Demonstration Programme on 10th International Yoga Day to the students of Kurumbapalayam Government High School on 21.06.2024. The resource organizers were Kovai Manavalakalai Mandram Trust, BK Pudur, Coimbatore.

Training Takeaways:

- Physical Health
- Mental Well-being
- Emotional Balance
- Spiritual Growth
- Lifestyle Improvement
- Community and Support

OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS



The Civil Engineering Department organized a CEA Inauguration of Activities cum Expert Lecture on “Luxurious Interior Design” for Civil Engineering students on 25.06.2024. The resource person for the event was Ar. J. Kavi Dhanjan, Mohan and Monz Interior Designers, Pumo Technovation, Coimbatore.

Training Takeaways:

- Importance of Interior Designs
- Key elements of Luxurious Interior designs
- Colour palette, Materials, Textures, Furniture and lighting used in interior design
- Recent Project Portfolios

SUSTAINABLE INNOVATION CHALLENGE (SIC'24)



The Mid Level Assessment of Ideas presented for the Sustainable Innovation Challenge (SIC '24) was organized by the Research & Innovation Cell was done on 29th April 2024. Fifteen teams from all years of Civil Engineering presented the progress of their study (done in various domains like Structural Engineering, Transportation Engineering, Water Resources Engineering, Environmental Engineering, Geotechnical Engineering, Town Planning) to the panel, got their feedback and evaluated.

AICTE-VAANI SCHEME GRANT

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SKCET- Civil Engineering Department is selected to conduct the VAANI-FDP by AICTE on "Application of Traditional Health Care Systems in Daily Life" under the theme Health care and Med-Tech. The sanctioned amount for the conduct of FDP is Rs. 2 Lakhs.

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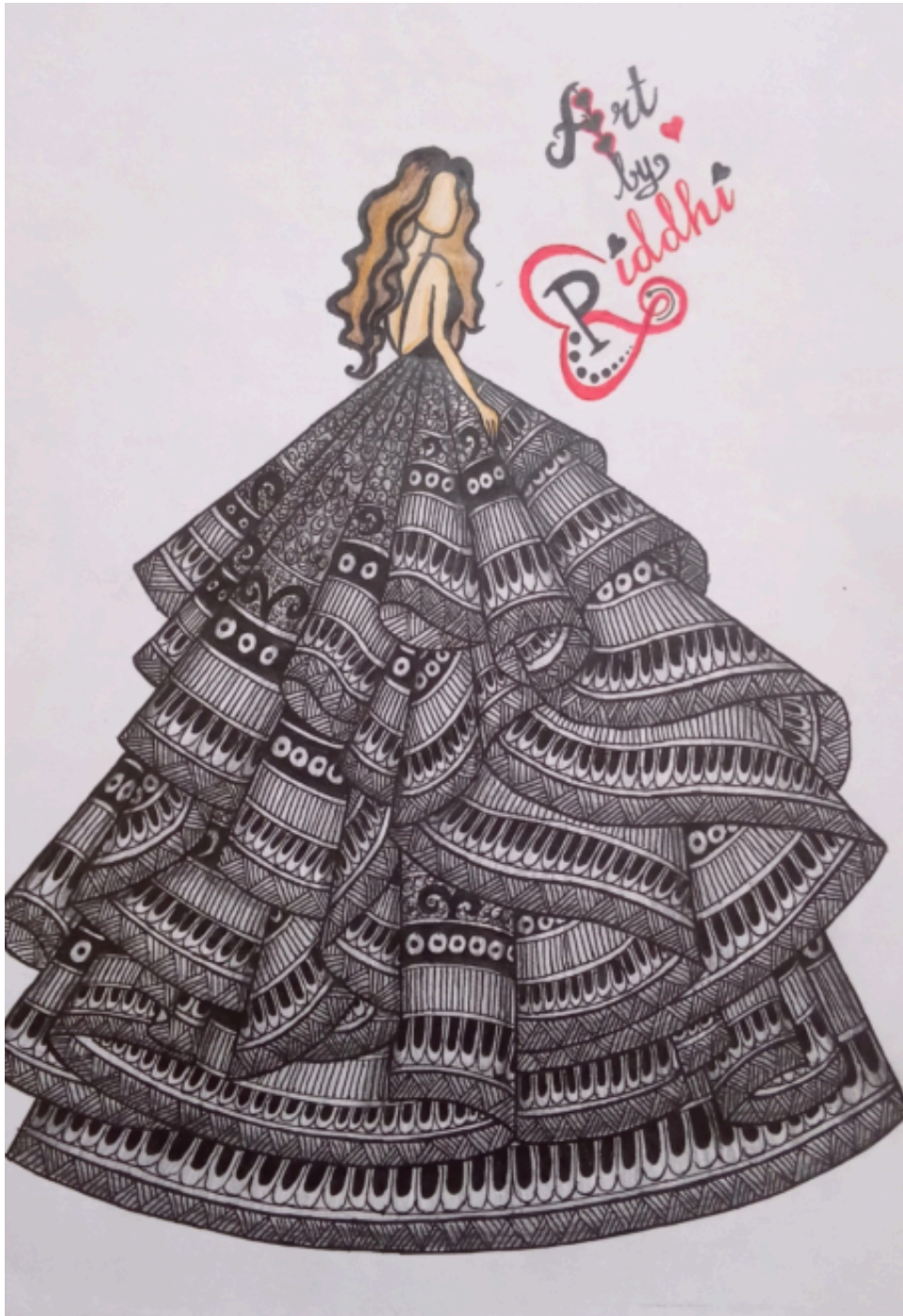
An Aesthete's Crave

**Just a piece of paper with no Boundaries,
Mind escorted by Craziiness,
Palette scattered with Copious Shades,
Heart filled with Summit Tranquility,
Crate jammed by Art supplies,
Soul held with Serenity,
Hand dumped with Filthiness,
And Life integrated with Nature,
Is enough,
And Yes! It's more than Adequate**

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