

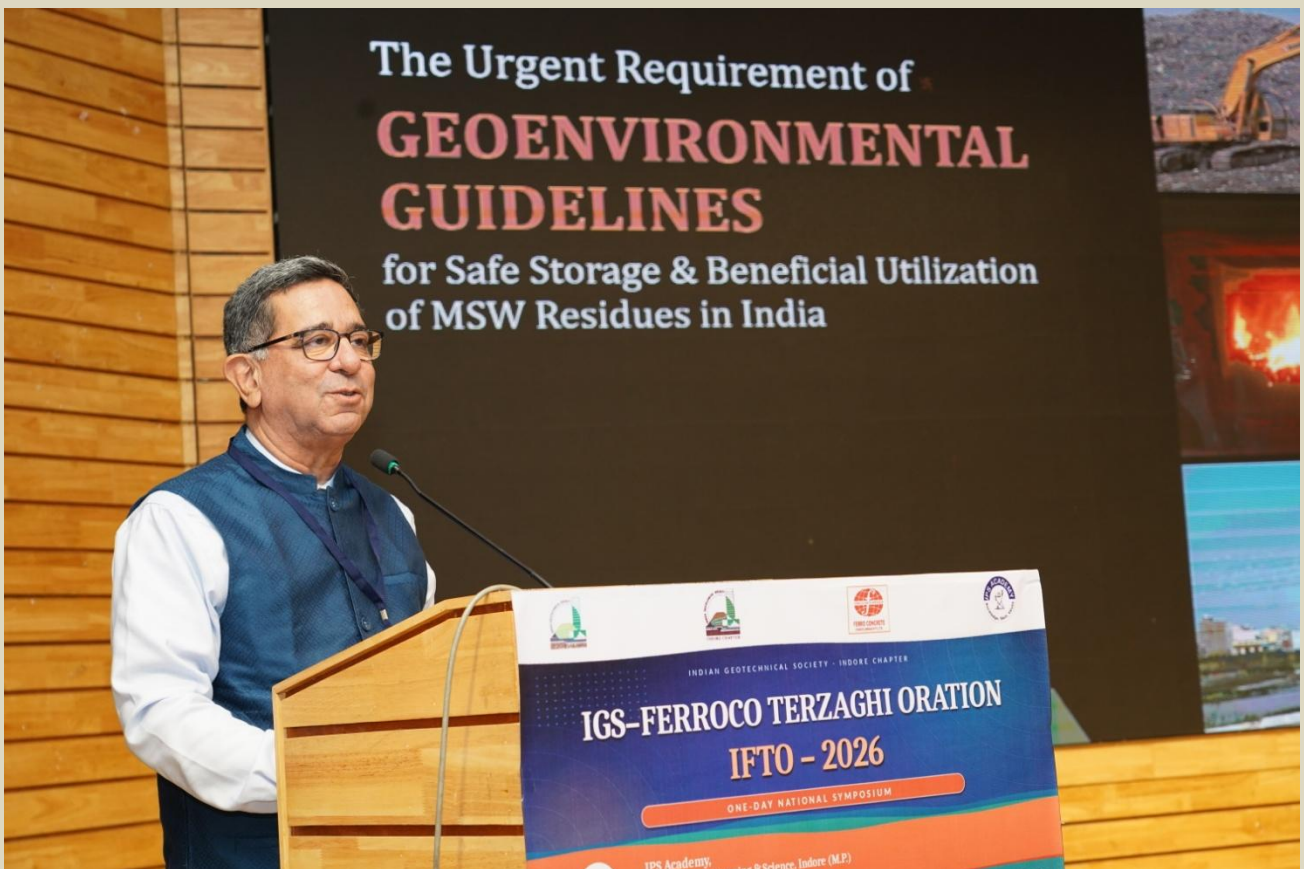
IGS–Ferroco Terzaghi Oration (IFTO–2026) in IPS Academy Institute of Engineering & Science

The IGS–Ferroco Terzaghi Oration (IFTO-2026) was organized on October 3 at the IPS Academy, Indore, by the Indore Chapter of the Indian Geotechnical Society (IGS) in collaboration with Ferro Concrete Construction (India) Pvt. Ltd. and the IPS Academy, Institute of Engineering and Science. The theme of this one-day national symposium was "Next-Generation Geo-environmental Solutions: Innovate, Adapt and Sustain." The event commenced with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries.



On this occasion, Shri Shankar Lalwani addressed the gathering. Shri Lalwani congratulated the organizers—the Indore Chapter of the Indian Geotechnical Society, Ferro Concrete Construction (India) Private Limited, and IPS Academy—for this significant technical event.

He stated that waste management and environmental conservation are critical needs of the present day, and expressed pride that experts from across the country have gathered on a single platform in Indore—a city distinguished for its cleanliness—to discuss this subject. He urged experts, scholars, and students to work towards implementing the suggestions arising from the seminar's discussions and extended his best wishes for the event's success.



Dr. Manoj Datta, former Emeritus Professor in the Department of Civil Engineering at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi, delivered the Terzaghi Lecture on the topic "Urgent Need for Geo-environmental Guidelines for the Safe Storage and Utilization of Municipal Solid Waste

Residues in India." He has been associated with IIT Delhi since 1980. He has published over 160 research papers and worked on more than 150 consultancy projects.

Seven experts shared their views at the seminar: Dr. S.K. Prasad (College of Engineering, Mysuru), Dr. Ashish Juneja (IIT Bombay), Dr. Ashutosh Mandpe (IIT Indore), Dr. B. Janakiramayya (IIT Tirupati), Dr. Mohit Somani (IIT Bhubaneswar), Dr. N. Unnikrishnan (College of Engineering, Thiruvananthapuram), and Dr. Arpit Jain (IIT Patna). The topics of discussion included geo-environmental site investigation and risk assessment, remediation of contaminated soil and groundwater, sustainable waste management and the circular economy, as well as climate change, geo-environmental hazards, and adaptation measures.



This is an annual lecture. It was established in 2008 by Dr. Mahavir Badasaria, a former President of the IGS, and speakers are selected from both India and abroad. The award comprises a cash prize of

₹1,00,000, travel expenses, and a citation along with a memento. The event was co-sponsored by Shri Mangalam Buildcon (I) Private Limited, Indace, Decent India and Index Lab. The program was honoured by the gracious presence and active participation of the esteemed members of the National Executive Committee of the Indian Geotechnical Society. On the same day, the 248th meeting of the Executive Committee of the Indian Geotechnical Society was also held.

