

**SCHOOL OF INFRASTRUCTURE
DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL ENGINEERING**

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REPORT OF INAUGURATION OF PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY ACTIVITIES

I. Introduction:

The Department of Civil Engineering, School of Infrastructure organized inauguration of Professional Society Activities of Student chapters of ASCE, ICI, IE(I) & IPA for the Academic Year 2025-2026 on 7.11.2025, 10 am at Seminar Hall 1, Convention Centre, BSACIST. Mr. Ramakrishnan Sankaran, Senior Vice President – Operations (Tamil Nadu), RAHEJA CORP inaugurated the society activities.

II. About the Speaker:

Mr. Ramakrishnan Sankaran is a distinguished individual in the field of Civil Engineering. Mr. Ramakrishnan Sankaran is a highly accomplished professional in the field of civil engineering, with an illustrious career spanning more than three decades across India and the Middle East. He began his journey as a civil engineer and quickly advanced into leadership roles in several reputed organizations. His early career included serving as Project Engineer at Shriram Engineering (1990–1992), followed by a key role as Task Force Leader at Essar Projects Ltd (1992–1997). He then contributed significantly as Project Manager at Bovis Lend Lease (1997–2001).

From 2001 to 2004, he worked as a Management Consultant at Tradco Engineering, after which he rejoined Bovis Lend Lease as Senior Project Manager (2004–2005). He later served as Operations Manager at PSG (Cushman & Wakefield) from 2005 to 2006. In 2007, he expanded his global exposure by relocating to Dubai as Project Coordinator at Bovis Lend Lease. He further advanced as Development Director at EC Harris from 2008 to 2011.

Between 2011 and 2013, Mr. Ramakrishnan Sankaran served as Board Member and Director – Project Development at Inno Holdings, followed by a strategic role as Lead – Program Management at Mondelez International (2013–2014). Since November 2014, he has been associated with K Raheja Corp, where he currently serves as Senior Vice President.

In his present role, Mr. Ramakrishnan Sankaran drives strategic growth, development, and operational excellence. Under his leadership, K Raheja Corp is developing two world-class Grade-A IT/ITES office parks in Chennai, covering nearly 4 million square feet. His expertise spans planning and delivering complex industrial facilities, large-scale infrastructure, integrated townships, and iconic real estate developments.

Over the years, he has been instrumental in shaping landmark industrial, IT, and mixed-use projects, earning recognition for his strategic vision, engineering depth, and project execution capabilities. A graduate in Civil Engineering from Madurai Kamaraj University, Mr. Sankaran is widely respected for his expertise in project development, investment strategy, and business transformation.

III. About the Event:

The inauguration event started with Qirath by Mr. Mohammad Anaz IInd year student. Shaheed Afridi, Final year student extended a warm welcome to the dignitaries and the students. The Annual Report of the Society Activities of the academic year 2024-2025 was given by Mr. Ishak Ahamed, Final year B.Tech. student.

Mr. Anbu Selvan R, Final year B.Tech. Civil Engineering student General Secretary, ICI shared the list of events planned under different professional societies for the academic year 2025-2026. Mr. A. Sheik Farid, Assistant Professor (Sr. Gr.) introduced the office bearers of the academic year 2025-2026. Dr. M. Mohamed Ismail, Dean Academic Affairs, offered his Presidential address and congratulated the office bearers. He encouraged the office bearers to organize more events for the benefit of students and to get the professional societies more active. Dr. M.S. Haji Sheik Mohammed, Dean School of Infrastructure, offered his felicitation and elaborated on the wide-ranging opportunities available in the field of Civil Engineering, with particular emphasis on career prospects in project management, and entrepreneurship. He encouraged students to cultivate multidisciplinary competencies to align with global industry demands and to contribute meaningfully to sustainable development and nation-building initiatives.

The Introduction of Chief Guest was given by Mr. Deepak Kumar, Final year student, Secretary - IEI. Then the Inaugural and Keynote Address was given by the Chief Guest, Mr. Ramakrishnan Sankaran. In his keynote address, he comprehensively explained how to become a good engineer, emphasizing the importance of a strong foundation in engineering fundamentals, practical exposure, and adherence to professional ethics. He outlined the step-by-step approach to becoming a successful engineer, which included setting clear career goals, continuous upskilling, effective communication, teamwork, leadership development, and staying updated with emerging technologies and industry practices.

He stressed that engineers must adopt a problem-solving mindset and be capable of applying theoretical knowledge to real-world challenges. He also shared his personal professional journey, candidly discussing the difficulties and setbacks he faced, such as intense competition, evolving industry demands, and work–life challenges. Through these experiences, he highlighted the significance of resilience, self-discipline, adaptability, and lifelong learning in achieving sustained professional success.

Mr. Ramakrishnan Sankaran further elaborated on job and higher education opportunities abroad, providing insights into global industry trends, international recruitment expectations, and the value of gaining overseas exposure. He discussed pathways for pursuing postgraduate studies, professional certifications, and skill-based roles in foreign countries. Additionally, he advised students on building strong academic profiles, acquiring relevant internships, developing cross-cultural competencies, and maintaining professional integrity to succeed in a global engineering environment. In addition, he emphasized the importance of professional networking and mentorship, advising students to actively engage with industry professionals, alumni networks, and professional bodies. He highlighted that participation in technical forums, conferences, internships, and professional societies can significantly enhance career visibility, provide industry insights, and open avenues for collaboration, innovation, and long-term career advancement. The inaugural event was concluded with vote of Thanks by Mr. Md Sulthan, Third year student, General Secretary - IPA.

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School of Infrastructure
Department of Civil Engineering

Cordially invites you for the Inauguration of Activities of Students' chapter of

Indian Concrete Institute (ICI)
American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)
Institute of Engineers (India) (IEI)
Indian Plumbing Association (IPA)

For the Academic Year 2025-26

November 07, 2025, (Friday) 10 a.m. | Seminar Hall -1, Convention Centre

Mr. RAMAKRISHNAN SANKARAN
 Senior Vice President - Operations (Tamilnadu), K Raheja Corp
Has kindly Consented to Inaugurate and Deliver Keynote Address

Dr. N. RAJA HUSSAIN
 Registrar, BSACIST
Presides

Dr. VASANTHI PADMANABHAN
 Professor and Former Dean, School of Infrastructure
Felicitates

Student Office Bearers

ICI Mr. Anbuselvan R Mr. Aravindan	ASCE Mr. Roshan Akhtar Mr. Saad Saeed	IEI(I) Mr. Deepak Kumar S Mr. Md Jaasim	IPA Mr. Pratheesh Mr. Md Sulthan
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Staff Co-ordinator
 Mr. A. Sheik Farid
 Assistant Professor (Sr. Gr.)

Convener
 Dr. M.S. Haji Sheik Mohammed
 Dean, School of Infrastructure

Invitation of an Inauguration of Professional Society Activities

Programme Schedule

10.00	QIRATH <i>Mr. Md Anaz, II Year Student</i>
10.03	TAMIZH THAI VALTHU <i>Ms. Kaviya & Team, II Year Students</i>
10.05	WELCOME ADDRESS <i>Mr. A. Shaheed Afridi, IV Year Student</i>
10.10	INTRODUCTION OF OFFICE BEARERS <i>Mr. A. Sheik Farid, Asst. Prof.(Sr. Gr.)</i>
10.15	ANNUAL REPORT <i>Mr. Ishak Ahamed, IV Year Student</i>
10.20	UPCOMING EVENTS <i>Mr. A. Ahamed Naeem, IV Year Student</i>
10.25	PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS <i>Dr. N. Raja Hussain, Registrar</i>
10.30	FELICITATION <i>Dr. Vasanthi Padmanabhan, Former Dean/SOI</i>
10.35	INTRODUCTION OF CHIEF GUEST <i>Mr. Dheepak Kumar S, IV Year Student</i>
10.40	KEYNOTE ADDRESS <i>Mr. Ramakrishnan Sankaran, Senior Vice President - Operations (Tamilnadu), K Raheja Corp</i>
11.30	VOTE OF THANKS <i>Mr. S. Muhamadhu Sultan, III Year Student</i>
11.35	NATIONAL ANTHEM <i>Ms. Kaviya & Team, II Year Students</i>

Programme Schedule of an Inauguration of Professional Society Activities

IV. The following are the snapshots taken during inaugural function



(Left to Right) –Dr. M.S.Haji Sheik Mohammed (Dean, Sol), Mr. Ramakrishnan Sankaran, (Chief Guest), Dr. M. Mohamed Ismail (Dean, Academic Affairs) & Mr. A. Sheik Farid (Assistant Professor (Sr. Gr.))



Qirath by Mr. Mohammad Anaz, II Year Student



Welcome address by Mr. Shaheed Afridi, Final year student



**Annual Report by Mr. Ishak Ahamed,
Final year student**



**Upcoming events by Mr. Anbu
Selvan R, General Secretary, ICI**



**Introduction of Office Bearers of various societies for the Academic Year, 2025-26
by Mr. A. Sheik Farid, Assistant Professor (Sr. Gr.)**



Office Bearers of Various Societies for the Academic Year, 2025-26



**Presidential address by
Dr. M. Mohamed Ismail, Dean
Academic Affairs**



**Felicitations by Dr. M.S. Haji Sheik
Mohammed, Dean School of
Infrastructure**



Chief Guest introduction by Mr. Deepak Kumar, Final Year, Secretary - IEI



Keynote Address by Mr. Ramakrishnan Sankaran



Students' interaction with chief guest



Vote of Thanks by Mr. Md Sulthan, Third Year, General Secretary - IPA.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A. Sheik Farid'.

**Mr. A. Sheik Farid
Assistant Professor (Sr. Gr.) & Coordinator**

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'Dr. M.S. Haji Sheik Mohammed'.

**Dr. M.S. Haji Sheik Mohammed
Dean (School of Infrastructure)**