

**Press Note for Karyashala**  
**on**  
**'Characterisation Techniques and Life Cycle Assessment of**  
**Construction Materials for Sustainable Infrastructure**

The department of Civil and Infrastructure Engineering at Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Dharwad has recently conducted an inaugural function for a one weeklong workshop on '*Characterisation Techniques and Life Cycle Assessment of Construction Materials for Sustainable Infrastructure*' sponsored by '*Science and Engineering research Board (SERB)*', Govt. of India, under '*Accelerate Vigyan Scheme*' and '*Social Scientific Responsibility Scheme*'. The function began with the introduction to the program by the coordinator, Prof. Ramesh Nayaka, who briefed all about the program. The chairperson of the program, Prof. Venkappayya R. Desai, Director, IIT Dharwad, Chief guest of the session, Sri. Er. Shankaragouda F. Patil, Chief Project Officer, KSHIP, Govt. of Karnataka, Guest of Honour, Prof. Souradeep Gupta, IISc Bengaluru, Er. Jagadeesh Nandi, Jalawahini Dharwad and Prof. Girdhar Rajesh B, HoD, while addressing the gathering, praised on the ancient indigenous construction practices and stressed on the challenges of current construction industry. Later, the dignitaries of the session emphasized using engineering to solve problems concerning human society. Further, highlighted on the foremost role of civil engineers and the need of indigenous construction techniques in building the future nation. Prof. Giridhar Rajesh B elucidated the various research facilities available at the department and emphasized the cutting-edge research needed for advancing technology transfer. All the guests present over the session insisted all the participants to make maximum benefit out of the program. Finally, the session concluded with the felicitation to all the invited dignitaries.