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Celebrating

60 Years of ISEG

EGCON 2025

**THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
ENGINEERING GEOLOGY AND GEOHAZARDS**

01-03 DECEMBER 2025 | NEW DELHI, INDIA

In Collaboration with



International Association for
Engineering Geology and the Environment



Geological Survey of India

The Conference

On its Diamond Jubilee anniversary, Indian Society of Engineering Geology (ISEG), the Indian National Group of the International Association for Engineering Geology and the Environment (IAEG), announces EGCON 2025 - the 'International Conference on Engineering Geology and Geohazards' at New Delhi on 01-03 December 2025. Organised in collaboration with the IAEG and Geological Survey of India (GSI), the conference provides a vibrant platform for exchanging state-of-the-art developments in the fields of engineering geology, geotechnical engineering, and geohazards.

We, the Executive Council of the ISEG and Team EGCON 2025 take pride in inviting you to join us at the celebrations and to the conference. We assure you of an unforgettable experience at EGCON 2025 and of a unique opportunity of interaction with committed experts from industry and academia from across the globe. The international guests are invited to explore a developed and 'Viksit Bharat' - the new India, and experience its traditional and warm hospitality.



The IAEG and the ISEG

It was at the XXII IGC (International Geological Congress) at New Delhi in December 1964 that the engineering geological fraternity attending the IGC gave due credence to the global surge in engineering geological activities and initiated the proposal of a Commission or an International Organisation in Engineering Geology. A group of "Eight" with Mr A. Shadmon of Israel as the main initiator, and leading Indian engineering geologists like Shri M.S. Balasundaram and V.S. Krishnaswamy of the GSI onboard, took the initiative that in due course led to the creation of the International Association for Engineering Geology. Affiliated to the International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS), and associated with the Federation of International Geo-engineering Societies (FedIGS), the IAEG is a renowned international organization. The IAEG unites the national engineering geological organisations and keeps serving the global society with iconic features like the Bulletin of Engineering Geology, four-yearly International Congresses, frequent Regional Engineering Geological Conferences, etc.

The ISEG was inaugurated on 15 October 1965 in the premises of the GSI at the erstwhile Calcutta by an eminent engineer and the then

Union Minister for Irrigation and Power Dr KL Rao. Following the mandate contained in the Articles and Bylaws of the Society, the torch bearers donned the mantle of the serious crusaders and proactively engaged themselves in the dissemination of geoscientific information through publications and deliberations at various events. The ISEG carries on its rich heritage and keeps serving as a formidable bridge between geologists and engineers; provides vibrant platform for discussions and debate on a host of geotechnical problems and state-of-the-art technologies; and projects the nation's achievements in the field of geotechniques and allied expertise.

The ISEG takes pride in having hosted IAEG sponsored events, viz. the prestigious 4th International Congress of IAEG at New Delhi in 1982; 8th Asian Regional Conference of IAEG at Bangalore in 2011; and Golden Jubilee International Conference EGNM at New Delhi in the year 2015. The proposed EGCON 2025 is a testimony to the ISEG's efforts in keep bringing the international engineering geological fraternity together for vibrant deliberations on the development in the industry and academia.

Key Dates

Date	Event
01 August 2024	Commencement of submission of Extended Abstract
01 January 2025	Commencement of submission of Full-length paper
01 August 2025	Delegate Registration opens
29 November 2025	IAEG meetings
30 November 2025	IAEG/ YEG meetings; Pre-Conference Delhi Tour (complimentary)
01 December 2025	Conference Day-1: Inauguration, Keynote Lectures, Ice Breaker
02 December 2025	Conference Day-2: Parallel Sessions, Keynote Lectures, Conference Banquet
03 December 2025	Conference Day-3: Parallel Sessions, Closing Ceremony
04 December 2025	Commencement of post-Conference Excursions and Group & Customised Tours

Conference Themes

- Engineering geological mapping
- Engineering geological model
- Infrastructure projects
- Rehabilitation methodologies
- Environmental studies
- Rock mass characterization
- Field and laboratory investigations
- Construction methodologies
- Geological hazards
- Contract management

Keynote Lectures

It is proposed to dedicate the first day of the Conference to the Keynote Lectures that would invite full attention of the delegates attending the EGCON 2025. If required, a few keynote lectures shall be accommodated between parallel sessions. The list of Keynote Speakers shall be announced in the subsequent releases from the Organising Committee.

Abstracts and Full Papers

The invitation for extended abstracts shall be rolled out on 01 August 2024. The abstract submission shall be online. The authors of accepted abstracts shall have the opportunity to make oral/ poster presentations during the Conference. The authors of accepted abstracts shall be invited to submit full papers starting 01 January 2025. While the extended abstracts shall be published and released during the conference, the full papers shall be peer reviewed and published in a post-conference special publication.



The Venue

The EGCON 2025 shall be held at the India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, a prestigious convention center in New Delhi. The campus weaves in a unique interplay of institutions, supporting infrastructure and facilities such as conference venues, auditoria, hospitality areas, the library, resource centre, and art galleries. Elegantly designed, the campus is a hub of activity while remaining serene. The architectural and design elements enable it to be a paradoxical blend of landscaping, horticulture and fountains.



Explore India

Pre-Conference Delhi Tour

A one-day Delhi tour on 30 November 2025 comes as a complimentary engagement to all registered delegates. The seat of many powerful empires in the past, its long history can be traced in its many carefully preserved monuments, ancient forts and tombs. It is home to three World Heritage monuments - Qutub Minar, Red Fort and Humayun's Tomb that have survived many centuries and give an idea of architectural wonders in this part of India (<https://delhitourism.gov.in/delhitourism/index.jsp>). A visit to Delhi is not complete without an experience of its famed cuisine such as its delicious curries, barbecued tikkas and kebabs. It is also a shoppers' haven with some rich woven silks, handicrafts, or ethnic cushions to be picked up for your home. The list is endless. It would be the time to celebrate this city which is a symbol of the country's rich past and thriving present.



Post-Conference Excursion

A post-conference excursion to the prestigious major projects like Tehri and Bhakra Dam in the Himalaya will be organised. Involving a two-days outing, the visitor gets to acquaint with the technical intricacies of the project and Himalayan tectonics in the vicinity.

With India making significant strides in renewable energy, and with the availability of 70 GW solar power, the focus now is on developing a whopping 47 GW of pumped storage capacity in the next decade. Many a pumped storage projects are in different stages of development across the country. A two-day post-conference excursion to a geologically exciting project is also on the cards.

Group and Customised Post-Conference Tours

India, a land of diverse cultures, breathtaking landscapes, and rich history, beckons travellers from around the globe to embark on a journey of discovery and exploration. From the snow-capped peaks of the Himalayas in the north to the sun-kissed beaches of Kerala in the south, India offers a kaleidoscope of experiences waiting to be uncovered.

Step back in time as you wander through the ancient ruins of Hampi or marvel at the architectural splendour of the Taj Mahal in Agra, an enduring symbol of love and beauty. Immerse yourself in the vibrant chaos of Delhi's bustling streets, where centuries-old monuments stand alongside modern skyscrapers, reflecting the country's dynamic blend of tradition and innovation.

Indulge your senses in the culinary delights of Indian cuisine, from the fiery flavours of street food to the aromatic spices of regional specialties. Experience the spiritual serenity of Varanasi as you witness the age-old rituals along the banks of the sacred Ganges River, or join the colourful festivities of Rajasthan's desert festivals, alive with music, dance, and tradition.

India's rich cultural heritage encompasses a diverse array of religious, philosophical, and artistic traditions supporting her to stand as the world's largest democracy and a thriving hub of culture, innovation, and economic growth, while still preserving and celebrating its rich ancient heritage.

The Organising Committee shall be coming up with options of group and customized tours for you to explore and experience India. Do come onboard and enjoy an exciting mix of technical deliberations and great outings.



Registration Fee

The proposed Registration Fee model presented includes the Conference kit, lunch and refreshments for all three days of the event, Pre-Conference Delhi tour, Post-Conference excursion to Bhakra Dam, Ice Breaker, and Conference Banquet. The Registration fee is to be paid in Indian currency (INR). The Registration in USD is to be paid in equivalent to INR.

Category	Standard (USD)		SAARC (INR)	
	Early Bird	Normal	Early Bird	Normal
General	400	500	8,000	10,000
YEG Members	300	400	6,000	8,000

Notes: As a token of financial assistance, concessions on registration fee may be considered on specific request.





Sponsorship

Indian and international sponsors involved in engineering geological investigations, rock and soil mechanics, civil infrastructure development agencies, agencies involved in TBM, tunneling, mining, drilling, exploration, construction, geohazard management, etc. are invited to support the event. The offered sponsorship shall range from Standard to Platinum category through Silver, Gold and Diamond, and likely to

cost INR equivalent of USD 2,500 to USD 12,000 to (INR 100,000 to 1,000,000). Besides specific number of complimentary delegate registrations, the sponsors shall be entitled to exclusive stalls to showcase their product, and visibility through prominent display of company logo at the venue and a full-page advertisement in the Souvenir volume.

Accommodation /Transport

Several hotels are available nearby the Conference venue to suit requirements of the delegates. A list of hotels with scheduled tariffs shall be released in the subsequent Conference releases. If needed, the

Organising Committee shall extend help to the delegates in this regard. The Organizing Committee shall extend on-request pooled transport facility between designated hotels and the Conference venue.

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