
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Earthquake engineering: Some recent trends

On hearing from you that the current issue of the Journal is a special issue on "Earthquake Engineering: Some Recent Trends", I am unable to resist myself in quoting from His Excellency, Dr A.P.J. Abdul Kalam's convocation address delivered by him at Roorkee, last month.

President Dr A.P.J. Kalam while delivering convocation address at IIT Roorkee on 17th November, 2003 expressed concern about large scale loss of life in earthquakes in India. He selected the themes "Core Competence" and "Nation Development" for the address. He said that it was civil engineering first, which started as core branch of engineering in technical education and core competence should be used to construct earthquake resistant buildings in the country particularly in zones 4/5. He called for coordinated efforts of IIT Roorkee and CBRI Roorkee for this cause. He advised that students may select

projects related with disaster management as project/dissertation work in their curriculum. He emphasised on developing disaster preparedness too.

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Construction methodology of surge shaft

This has reference to the paper titled "Construction methodology of surge shaft" by M. P. Srivastava, published in *The Indian Concrete Journal*, August 2003, Vol 77, No 8, pp. 1240-1243.

I have read the above mentioned paper and was compelled to read it through and through for its excellent presentation. The paper has very successfully depicted the construction methodology in a very lucid and illustrative manner such that the

content of the paper is easily understood by persons outside the profession of civil engineering.

I hereby request you to publish more of such papers in your journal so that interest of even non-technical persons grows in this subject and they can become enlightened and be benefited.

Kindly communicate my warm and sincere congratulations and regards to Mr M. P. Srivastava for contributing this paper.

With my best of regards and congratulations once again for publishing this excellent paper as far as I understand.

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