

Program

23 January 2026	
8:30	Registration
9:30	Inaugural Ceremony
9:35	Welcome and Background: S D Bharti
9:40	Address by Director, MNIT Jaipur: N P Padhy
9:45	Address by BIS: Kanika Kalia, Head and Scientist E, BIS Jaipur Division
9:50	Book Release by Chief Guest
9:55	Inaugural Address by Chief Guest
10:10	Vote of Thanks: Shailesh K Agrawal
10:15	India's Earthquake Problem : Sudhir K Jain, Formerly Vice Chancellor, Benaras Hindu University
10:30	Structural Safety Standards : Jitendra Kumar Chaudhury, Scientist-C, Bureau of Indian Standards, New Delhi
11:00	IS 1893:2025 Part 1 & Part 5: Overview : Jaswant N Arlekar, Adjunct Professor, MNIT Jaipur
11:50	Tea
12:10	Geotechnical Safety : Subhadeep Banerjee, Professor, IIT Madras
12:30	Safety of Dams : Pramod Narayan, Member – Policy & Research, NDSA, MoJS, New Delhi
12:50	Instrumentation and Testing for Dam Safety : Srinagesh Davuluri, Professor of Practice, IIT Madras
13:10	Lunch
14:00	Sponsors' Presentations
14:20	Risk Assessment of Dams : T K Datta, Adjunct Professor, MNIT Jaipur
14:40	Safety of Heritage Structures : Arun Menon, Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, IIT Madras
15:00	Safety of Vernacular Houses : Sanjeev Singh, Professor, SPA, Bhopal
15:20	Housing Technologies : Shailesh K Agarwal, Formerly Executive Director, BMTPC, New Delhi
15:40	Design Earthquake Hazard : S T G Raghukanth, Professor, IIT Madras
16:00	Safety of Towns and Villages : R Pradeep Kumar, CBRI, CSIR, Roorkee
16:20	Full-Scale Testing of Structures : S D Bharti, Head, National Earthquake Testing Facility, MNIT Jaipur

16:40	Departure to National Earthquake Test Facility , MNIT Jaipur
17:00	Technical Program at National Earthquake Test Facility , MNIT, Jaipur
19:30	Cultural Program
20:30	Banquet
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9:00	Tea
9:30	Safety of Existing Structures : Jaswant N Arlekar, Adjunct Professor, NCDMM, MNIT Jaipur
9:50	Safety of Existing Masonry Houses : Ajay P Chourasia, Chief Scientist, CBRI, CSIR, Roorkee
10:10	Safety of Precast Housing : Yogesh P Kajale, Director, M/s BG Shirke CTPL, Pune
10:30	Laboratory Testing of Buildings : Hemant B Kaushik, Professor, IIT Guwahati
10:50	Safety of Base Isolated Buildings : Manish Kumar, Associate Professor, IIT Bombay
11:10	Safety of Bridges : Yogendra Singh, Professor, IIT Roorkee
11:30	Tea
11:50	Architectural Form & Safety of Buildings : Shalini Maity, Architect, Sumit Maity Architect, New Delhi
12:10	Safety of Tall Buildings : Alpa R Sheth, Managing Director, VMS Consulting Engineers, Mumbai
12:30	Safety of Earthen Dams : Ramesh Kannan K, Associate Professor, IIT Madras
12:50	Sponsors' Presentations
13:10	Lunch
14:00	Earthquake Safety Standards : Rupen Goswami, Professor, IIT Madras
14:20	Impact of New Earthquake Standards : H R Magarpatil, General Manager, M/s BG Shirke CTPL, Pune
14:40	Open House Discussion on Earthquake Safety with Aesthetics and Economy : Moderators: Pradip Garg, Chief Engineer , Central Public Works Department, New Delhi P L Narula, Consulting Geologist, Faridabad S K Chaubey, Senior Manager, Siemens, India Shailesh K Agrawal, Formerly Executive Director, BMTPC, New Delhi
15:30	Earthquake Safety of India: A Road Ahead... : C V R Murty, Professor, IIT Madras



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16:15	Valediction The National Seminar in Summary: Jaswant N Arlekar Felicitation of Sponsors Role of MNIT Jaipur towards Earthquake Safety in India: S D Bharti Vote of Thanks: Nishant Roy
16:45	High Tea