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# Geotechnical Practices and Applications for Infrastructure Development



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### **Geographical Location of IIT Guwahati**





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### **Some Glimpses of the IIT Guwahati Campus**





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# **AD\_Research Group**

- Students in the group (until date) 159
  - Doctoral Research Students (23): Completed 8, Ongoing 15
  - M.Tech./MS(R) Students (34): Completed 30, Ongoing 4
  - ✤ B.Tech. Students (26)
  - Intern Students (47)
  - Credit Seminar Students (29)
- Research Publications (until date) 269
  - Books: 2; Book Sections: 32; ASCE GSP: 3
  - International Journals: 51; National Journals: 15
  - ♦ ASCE Specialty Conference: 1; International Conference: 46; National Conference: 85
  - International Symposium: 7; National Symposium: 3
  - International Workshop: 3; National Workshop: 7
  - National Seminar: 8; Technical Reports: 6



### **Infrastructure and Development**

- **Infrastructures** are the fundamental facilities and systems serving a country, city, or other area, including the services and facilities necessary for its economy to function.
  - Infrastructures are the physical components of interrelated systems providing commodities and services essential to enable, sustain, or enhance societal living conditions





# **Geotechnical Engineering for Infrastructure Development**

- Vistas of geotechnical engineering interrelated with infrastructure development
   Geotechnical and Geophysical Investigations
  - Shallow, Deep and Hybrid foundations on horizontal grounds and slopes
  - Ground Improvement for constructions in difficult subsoil conditions
  - Soil Dynamics, Earthquake Geotechnics, Ground Response and Liquefaction Analysis
  - Soil-Structure Interaction
  - Rainfall Induced Landslides, Landslide Hazard and Slope Stabilization
  - Geosynthetic Engineering and Reinforced Soil Structures
  - Rigid and Flexible Earth Retention Systems
  - Pavement and Railway Geotechnics
  - Dam and Embankment Engineering





# **Multichannel Analysis of Surface Waves (MASW) Surveys**

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- Shear wave velocity profiling of soil substrata
- Operates on the dispersive capacity of soils







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### **Subsurface Profiling through Inversion Analysis**





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### **MASW Survey Components**





# **Subsurface Profiling using Active MASW Survey**

- MASW (Multichannel Analysis of Spectral Waves)
  - Seismic exploration technique using NDT
  - Soil stratigraphy and shear wave velocity profile (1D, 2D or 3D)
- Active MASW Survey
  - Impact source using sledgehammer or automated drop weight
  - Depth of investigation: 20-30m with good resolution









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# **Subsurface Profiling using Passive Roadside MASW Survey**

- Passive Roadside MASW Survey
  - Adopted in populated urban areas
  - Utilization of vehicle loading as energy source
  - Depth of investigation: 20-50m (Good resolution)







Velocity (m/sec)

300

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# **Subsurface Profiling using Passive Remote MASW Survey**

- Passive Remote MASW Survey
  - 2D Array of geophone receivers
  - Utilization of long wavelength ambient noise source
  - Depth of investigation: 30-120m (Good resolution)









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### **Automated Extraction from 3-D Dispersion Image**

• Image processing techniques and Matlab coding





# **MASW Survey of 1.2 km long Jia-Bharali River Bed**

- A new 4-lane (1.2 km) carriageway bridge over Jiya-Bharali River bed
  - National Highway and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL)
  - Located in Tezpur District, Assam state
  - Connects NH-52A and NH-37
    - Project completed with Simplex Infrastructures Ltd







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2-D shear wave velocity profile obtained from a roll-along active MASW conducted along the alignment of the proposed bridge over Jia-Bharali (P5-A2)



### **Tuirial Hydroelectric Power Plant Project, Mizoram**









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### **Dynamic Response of Typical Soils of NE India**

- Cyclic Triaxial tests
  - Strain and Stress controlled tests
    - Shear modulus degradation
    - Evolution of damping ratio
    - Liquefaction potential evaluatio











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#### **Liquefaction Criteria for Saturated BS**

- > BS ( $D_r = 30\%$ -90%) liquefy under the following optimum conditions
  - **♦ PGA ≥ 0.36g**
  - $\mathbf{*CSR} \ge \mathbf{0.3}$
  - $ightarrow \gamma_{max} > 0.5\%$
  - \* Limiting value of  $\gamma = 0.5\%$  is to be adopted for liquefaction evaluation study for BS soil at loose condition
  - \* Limiting value of  $\gamma = 1.0\%$  is to be adopted for liquefaction study for BS soil at dense condition

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### **Representation of Subsurface 1-D and 2-D GRA Models**



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### **GRA of Guwahati City and IIT Guwahati**



#### **Typical Borehole Profile**



#### Thickness Field Density Average Field SPT N Shear Wave Average Soil Depth Туре (kN/m<sup>3</sup>) Density (kN/m<sup>3</sup>) (m) (m) Value Velocity, v<sub>s</sub> (m/s) $v_s (m/s)$ 0.75 0.75 18.9 0.75 1.5 136.5 18.9 0.5 19.05 138.3 4.5 1.5 164 0.5 19.2 5 6 7.5 18.4 112 Clay 112 1.5



### V<sub>s</sub> Profile





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**Typical GRA Results and Representations** 





# **Typical PGA and AF Contour Map of Guwahati City**

- Manifestation of Local Site Effects due to varying geology
  - Local Amplification and Attenuation of bedrock motion



Nepal Eq: PBRA = 0.18g



**Shiv** 



# **Typical PGA and AF Contour Maps of IIT Guwahati**

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# **Liquefaction FoS Maps of IIT Guwahati**

- Influence of peak bedrock acceleration
  - No liquefaction for lower bedrock motions
    - FoS > 1 at all places in the campus

#### Substantial liquefaction at higher bedrock motions

• FoS < 1 at many places in the campus at both shallow and deeper strata





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## **Liquefaction Potential Index (LPI) of IIT Guwahati**

- Indicates susceptibility to liquefaction
  - ♦ LPI < 5 → No liquefaction
  - ♦  $5 < LPI < 15 \rightarrow$  Moderate liquefaction
  - ♦ LPI > 15 → Severe liquefaction





# **Seismic Soil-Structure Interaction**

- Soil-Structure Interaction
  - Seismic analysis of integral abutment RC bridges
  - Seismic behavior of RC wall-framed buildings
  - Kinematic and Inertial interaction of building foundations















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### **Rainfall Induced Landslide Hazard of Guwahati City**



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# **Rainfall Induced Landslide Hazard of Guwahati City**

- Local-scale probabilistic slope stability analysis
  - Application of Random Field for soil parameters for catering uncertainty in soil parameters





# **Landslide Susceptibility and LHZ of Guwahati City**

- Regional Scale Stability Analysis
  - Landslide Hazard Zonation and Landslide Susceptibility Studies
    - SHALSTAB, TRIGGRS, SINMAP, Physically Based Models
    - GIS platform for Digital Elevation Models (DEM)







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**Ground Water Table** 



### **Rainfall Induced Landslide in Guwahati Region**

- Regional Scale Landslide Hazard Analysis
  - Incorporation of variability in rainfall and soil depth



# Variation of weathered soil thickness and slope angle





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# Monthly mean rainfall based on 100 years data (1901-2002) at Kamrup metropolitan



#### **IDF curves for Guwahati region**

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### **Landslide Hazard Map of Guwahati City**





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# **Probabilistic Landslide Hazard Analysis of Guwahati City**





### **Probability of Failure (PoF) Map of Guwahati City**





## **Forensic Analysis of Landslide and Mitigation**

• Calcom Cement Plant, Umrangso, Assam



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Ruplekha

















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# **Forensic Analysis of Landslide and Mitigation**

- Approximate model based on available nearby borehole data
  - Sequential construction simulated in FE model
  - Water Table depth at failure location was unknown



SI. No.	Stage of construction	Dry	Water level at a ht. of 17m (W <sub>1</sub> )	Water level at a ht. of 13m (W <sub>2</sub> )	Water level at a ht. of 9m (W <sub>3</sub> )
		FoS Values	FoS Values	FoS Values	FoS Values
1	In-situ	2.112	1.411	1.588	1.511
2	Building foundation excavation	2.1	1.373	1.577	1.513
3	Imposition of building load	0.976	0.821	0.793	0.769
4	Filling back of foundation	0.967	0.850	0.802	0.774
5	Excavation for R1	1.015	0.875	0.825	0.805
6	Construction and backfilling of R1	0.985	0.838	0.798	0.785
7	Excavation for R2	1.373	0.817	1.065	1.025
8	Construction and backfilling of R2	1.344	0.752	0.967	1.007
9	Excavation for R3	1.288	1.029	1.035	0.975
10	Construction and backfilling of R3	1.294	1.024	0.984	0.959







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### **Forensic Analysis of Landslide and Mitigation**





# **Response of Foundations on Slopes**

Static and seismic behavior of foundations on slopes
 FE Analysis to identify the evolution of failure mechanism





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### **AEGCL Transmission Tower on Disturbed Slope, Sarusajai**



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# **Probabilistic Stability Assessment of Toe-Excavated Hillslopes**

- Consideration of uncertainties and variabilities
  - Slope stability assessment and mitigation
  - Ranndom FE and Probabilistic assessment







Hill Slope

**Bedrock Foundation** 

Time (sec)

 $-\Theta = 0.2$ 

 $-\Theta = 0.1$ 

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# **Geotechnical Engineering of Earthen Dams and Embankments**

• Curious case of San Fernando Dam Failure due to 1971 San Fernando Earthquake



**Proper drainage is absolute necessity** 





### **Stability of Ash Dyke, NTPC, Bongaigaon, Assam**



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### Ash Dyke, NTPC, Birsinghpur, MP





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# **Clogging of Drainage Blanket of an Earthen Dam/Dyke**

• Clogging of drainage blanket jeopardizes the geo-hydraulic stability of earthen dam







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### **Core-Cracking of Zoned Earthen Dam**





## **Core-Cracking of Zoned Earthen Dams**

- Location of initiation of cracking
- Path of propagation of cracking









# **Unreinforced Unpaved Roads**

Minimum value =  $-3.730*10^{-3}$  (Element 1181 at Node 9544)

- Unreinforced unpaved roads
  - Unpaved roads resting on c-φ subgrade
  - Improvisation over Giroud and Noiray's technique
  - Finite element analysis using PLAXIS
  - Finite element based design of unpaved road
  - Percentage improvement using geosynthetics







-3.20

-3.40

-3.60

3.80



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**Geosynthetic Reinforced Unpaved Roads** 

- Design of geosynthetic reinforced unpaved roads
  - Development of Finite Element based design algorithm

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# Soft Ground Improvement using Preloading with PVDs • Accelerated consolidation through radial drainage and

excess PWP dissipation

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Typical PVD (Global Synthetics 2010)

Filter Sleeve

Filter jacket to prevent entry of soil particles

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# Soft Ground Improvement using Preloading with PVDs

• Typical observations of ground improvement through PVD and Preloading

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# Heritage Railway Station, Udaipur, Agartala

• Application of preloading and PVD for developing of railway yard in a ditch marshland

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# **Other Ongoing Researches**

- Research is a continuous effort to know the unknown
  - Seismic Response of Bridge Piers Emte
  - Response of Single Pile Embedded in Inclined Stratigraphy Debasmita
  - Soil Liquefaction and its Mitigation using Prefabricated Vertical Drains Samrat
  - Reservoir Induced Seismicity Anulekha
  - Hillslope stabilization using Geocells Sureka
  - Risk Assessment of Earthen Dams and Embankments Naveen
  - Engineering Behaviour of Varved Clays and Glaciolacustrine slopes Deepali
  - Regional Scale Rainfall Induced Landslide Hazard Zonation Manohara, Pooja
  - Seismic Microzonation Aditya
  - Seismic Response Analysis of GRS and MSE Walls Mihretab
  - Theoretical and Analytical Modeling of Complex Geotechnical Problems Naina
  - Geosynthetics for Roadway Subgrades under Freezing-Thawing cycles Chukhu

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