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**Details:**

1. **Inter-School Quiz Competition based on IITK-BMTPC Earthquake Tips 2015-16**

The final round of the inter school quiz competition on Earthquake Tips was conducted on 26 Jan 2016 at Outreach Auditorium, Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur, Kanpur. The preliminary rounds of the quiz were conducted in Ahmedabad, Faridabad, Jabalpur, Kanpur, Ludhiana, Modasa and Nagpur.

In the final round of the quiz 10 schools - who were the winners of their respective preliminary rounds, viz. Shieling House School, Kanpur; Faridabad Model School, Faridabad; St. Paul’s Senior Secondary School, Mathura; SRS School Valsad; St. Mary’s Convent School, Faridkot; St. Gabriel’s Senior Secondary School, Jabalpur; City Pride School, Pune; Siddharth Public School, Himmatnagar and Prarthana Global School, Modasa participated.

The quiz had four rounds viz. Round Robin, Picture Round, Rapid Fire Round and Lucky number Round. The questions were based on the publication “Earthquake Tips” by Dr. CVR Murty. The winning team from St. Paul’s Senior Secondary School, Mathura scored 87 points. Shieling House School, Kanpur and St. Gabriel’s Senior Secondary School, Jabalpur came second and third respectively scoring 79 points and 78 points. NICEE expresses gratitude towards Prof. Amit Prashant, Mr. Abhishek Gupta and his team for conduct of quiz in Gandhinagar; Prof. Rajiv Khatri and his team for conduct of quiz in Jabalpur; Prof. OR Jaiswal, Prof. Ratnesh Kumar and his team for conduct of
quiz in Nagpur; Prof. CS Sanghvi for the conduct of quiz in Modasa and Prof. HS Rai and his team for conduct of quiz in Ludhiana.

2. Literature Review Workshop for Post Graduate Students

The Annual Workshop for post graduate students pursuing their masters or doctorate degree with thesis in earthquake engineering is scheduled to be held during June 02-11, 2016 at IIT Kanpur. The aim of this workshop was to provide an access to the students to quality research material so that they can do a thorough literature review for their thesis. For details about previous workshops please visit http://www.nicee.org/MTech_Workshop/ . For further details or any queries please contact: Suresh Ailawadi at Tele - 0512 – 259 7749, Fax - 0512 – 259 7794 or E-mail: asuresh@iitk.ac.in

3. Workshop for Under Graduate Architecture Students in Third Year

A workshop for Architecture students is scheduled to be held at IIT Kanpur during June 13 - 18, 2016. The aim of this workshop is to draw the attention of Architecture students towards keeping the earthquake engineering aspects in view while designing their structures. For details about previous workshops please visit http://www.nicee.org/Architecture_Workshop/ . For further details or any queries please contact: Suresh Ailawadi at Tele - 0512 – 259 7749, Fax - 0512 – 259 7794 or E-mail: asuresh@iitk.ac.in

4. Open House of NICEE

The annual Earthquake Engineering Open House of NICEE is scheduled to be held at IIT Kanpur during Nov 03 – 12, 2016. The open house is held with the aim to enable postgraduate students to conduct literature survey for their thesis related to earthquake engineering issues and interact with the faculty and professionals. The Open House also welcomes professional engineers and architects to help them familiarize themselves with enormous literature available at NICEE on design and construction of safe habitat. For further details or any queries please contact : Suresh Ailawadi at Tele - 0512 – 259 7749, Fax – 0512 – 259 7794 or E-mail: asuresh@iitk.ac.in

5. IITK-BMTPC Earthquake Tips

The Earthquake Tips 29 and 30 authored by Prof. CVR Murty have been uploaded at http://www.nicee.org/EQTips.php .

6. Intimation Regarding Change of Postal Address/ email id

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that we currently more than 13,600 subscribers on NICEE list. At times we face problem of our mails being blocked by the outside servers with the presumption that we are spamming.
We would therefore like to request you to please do inform us as and when you switch over from one email id to another. We will stop sending mails to your old email id and will subscribe your current email id to nicee-list so that you continue to receive communication from NICEE.

Similarly, it is our earnest request that please do let us know whenever you want us to change your postal address and we will update our records. You may please inform us by sending a mail to nicee@iitk.ac.in.

7. SAP/ETABS Software Distribution for Institutes

SAP/ETABS software is available for distribution from CSI Engineering Software Pvt. Ltd. for use in the institutes, free of cost, through NICEE. Processing fee of Rs. 20,000/- will be charged, hence forth, by NICEE for the purpose. For further details and downloading of application form please visit http://www.nicee.org/npee/CSIEducationalSoftware.pdf. For individual requirements please contact CSI India directly at info@csiespl.com.

8. RESIST Software Available for Individual Users

RESIST Software is now available for individual users. A copy of the same can be requested from NICEE on payment of Rs. 2,000/-. For further details please visit http://www.nicee.org/npee/showpage.php?id=149 and for any queries please contact: Suresh Ailawadi at Tele - 0512 – 259 7749, Fax – 0512 – 259 7794 or E-mail: asuresh@iitk.ac.in, nicee@iitk.ac.in

9. EERI e-affiliate Membership

EERI is offering e-affiliate membership. For further details regarding advantages and membership form, please visit http://www.nicee.org/eeri_affiliate/E-AffiliateBrochure.pdf. The membership form duly filled with membership fee of Rs. 1,700/- for the current year can be sent to NICEE. Filled forms can be scanned and sent to nicee@iitk.ac.in and payment made online at http://www.nicee.org/NICEE_donation.php choosing “EERI Membership” as the option. Existing members can renew their membership by paying online or through a cheque/ DD drawn in favour of “National Information Centre of Earthquake Engineering” payable at Kanpur. Existing members need to fill in the form again only if there is any change in the information given by them earlier.

10. Calendar of Events

Please visit http://www.nicee.org/Calender.pdf for latest update on world wide events related to Earthquake Engineering.

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13. Newsletter of Earthquake Engineering Research Institute (EERI), USA

The format of the EERI Newsletter has changed and it is now available bimonthly, called ‘The Pulse’. The latest newsletter is available online at: https://www.eeri.org/cohost/member-resources/pulse. The back issues can be viewed at https://www.eeri.org/cohost/member-resources/pulse/archives

Following are selected contents of the Newsletter:

- Roger D. Borcherdt Awarded 2016 Bruce A. Bolt Medal
- Register for the 2016 EERI Annual Meeting Before Tours Fill Up
- Contribute Knowledge about Global Building Code Compliance Practices

Opportunities

- Liu Huixian Earthquake Engineering Scholarship Awards for Graduate Students
- Erasmus+ Master in Earthquake Engineering and/or Engineering Seismology (MEEES)

Announcements

- Open Positions at FEMA

14. Recent Donors to NICEE

NICEE thanks the recent donors for their generous contribution:

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