

97th Foundation Day Celebration of the Indian Ceramic Society

Parent Body

The Indian Ceramic Society (InCerS) proudly celebrated its 97th Foundation Day on April 15, 2025, with the launch of a new international webinar series titled “Global Connect: Ceramics & Beyond...”.

As part of this inaugural event, Prof. Surojit Gupta, a distinguished professor from the University of North Dakota, USA, renowned for his contributions to advanced ceramics and functional materials, delivered a highly engaging and insightful talk titled “Design of High Performance Functional Materials”, where he explored innovative strategies in the development and application of advanced materials.

Held in an online format, the event brought together a diverse audience comprising academicians, researchers, industry professionals, and students from around the world. The lecture not only highlighted recent advancements in materials science but also set the stage for meaningful international collaboration in the field.

The launch of Global Connect: Ceramics & Beyond symbolizes a forward-looking vision of the Indian Ceramic Society, reinforcing its mission to promote global dialogue, knowledge sharing, and research excellence.

Hyderabad Chapter

To mark the 97th Foundation Day of the Indian Ceramic Society (InCerS), the Hyderabad Chapter, in collaboration with the Department of Materials Science and Metallurgical Engineering (MSME), IIT Hyderabad (IITH), organized a One Day Seminar on “Advanced Ceramic Materials” on Wednesday, April 16, 2025, at IIT Hyderabad.

The Foundation Day celebration commenced with a laboratory visit and interactions with faculty and students. This was followed by an inaugural session that included a welcome address by Prof. Saswata Bhattacharya, Head of the MSME Department at IITH, an overview of InCerS by Dr Sitendu Mandal, Honorary Secretary of the Society, and a special Foundation Day address delivered by Prof. Bharat B. Panigrahi, Dean (Academics) at IITH.

The seminar showcased a series of expert talks from distinguished professionals and academicians. Dr C. D.



Madhusoodana, General Manager at BHEL-Hyderabad and Vice President of InCerS, delivered keynote address on “Materials for Green Energy”. Prof. L. N. Manocha, retired professor from Sardar Patel University, Gujarat, delivered insights on “Carbon and Ceramic Composites”. Dr Purushottam Joshi from Modern Insulators Ltd, Rajasthan, discussed “Re-engineering the Ceramics”. Dr Venkat Yakatpure, Scientist ‘F’ at DMRL Hyderabad and Secretary of the InCerS Hyderabad Chapter, presented on “Investment Casting of GT Components”, while Dr M. Buchi Suresh, Scientist ‘F’ at ARCI Hyderabad, spoke on “Solid Oxide Fuel Cell Technology”.

This special celebration of the 97th Foundation Day reflected the Indian Ceramic Society’s long-standing commitment to advancing ceramic science and technology through meaningful industry-academia collaboration. The event served as a vibrant platform for knowledge exchange and was particularly enriching for young researchers and students in attendance.

The seminar concluded with closing remarks by Dr Suresh Perumal, Assistant Professor in the MSME Department at IITH, who emphasized the importance of sustained innovation, collaboration, and global engagement in the field of ceramics.

Jamshedpur Chapter

The Jamshedpur Chapter of the Indian Ceramic Society (InCerS) celebrated the 97th Foundation Day of the Society on April 24, 2025, at the Centre for Excellence Auditorium, Jubilee Park Road, Jamshedpur, from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

To mark this special occasion, the chapter organized a series of engaging activities. The highlight of the event was a technical lecture on “Digitization & AI in the Refractories Industry” delivered by Mr. Heramba Narayan Naik, Vice President (Procurement & ICT), CIO, CISO, and CRO at TRL Krosaki Refractories Ltd. His talk provided deep insights into the growing role of digital technologies and artificial intelligence in modernizing the refractories sector.

The programme also featured a Lecture Competition, where local members presented 10-minute talks on various topics related to refractories and ceramics. To encourage participation and recognize talent, cash awards were given



to the top three speakers (Rs 15,000/-, Rs 10,000/-, and Rs 5,000/- respectively), along with three consolation prizes of Rs 3,000/- each.

A quiz competition on refractories and ceramics further added excitement to the event, promoting knowledge-sharing in a lively and competitive atmosphere. The celebration was made accessible to a wider audience through virtual participation, allowing more members to join remotely. More than 100 members participated in the event.

The event successfully brought together professionals, researchers, and students, reflecting the Society's ongoing commitment to technical excellence and community engagement in the field of ceramics and refractories.

Western UP (Khurja) Chapter

The Western UP (Khurja) Chapter of the Indian Ceramic Society (InCerS) celebrated the 97th Foundation Day with a one-day Seminar on April 26, 2025, at the Mahamana Ceramic Development Organization (MCDO), Khurja.

The programme began with a welcome address by Mr K. C. Singh, former Principal Technical Officer, CSIR-CGCRI, Khurja Centre. This was followed by an overview of the Society's legacy and contributions, presented by Dr L. K. Sharma, CEO of MCDO and Past President of InCerS.

The seminar featured three invited talks. (i) Prof. Anil Govindan from MMH College, Ghaziabad, spoke on "*Ceramic-Polymer Composites: Concepts and Applications*". (ii) Dr Neetu Sharma, Head of Chemistry at City Vocational Public School, Meerut, delivered a presentation on "*Crystalline Glaze*". (iii) Mr Kuldeep Dhiman, a design expert



from Lucknow, shared insights on "*Role of Designs in Ceramics*".

The event was graced by Chief Guest Mr. Satya Prakash Dadoo, a prominent industry leader from Dadoo Industries, Kakrala, Khurja, who addressed the gathering and appreciated the chapter's efforts in promoting ceramic education and innovation.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr J. S. Yadav, Joint Secretary of the Indian Ceramic Society, Western UP (Khurja) Chapter. The celebration saw enthusiastic participation, with over 70 attendees, including professionals, academicians and students, reflecting the chapter's vibrant engagement with the ceramic community.



Kolkata Chapter

The Kolkata Chapter of the Indian Ceramic Society, in association with CSIR-Central Glass and Ceramic Research Institute (CSIR-CGCRI), celebrated the 97th Foundation Day of the Society with great enthusiasm and reverence on June 2, 2025. The event was held at the Meghnad Saha Auditorium, CSIR-CGCRI, Kolkata and conducted in hybrid mode, allowing participation from across the country via MS Teams.

The program commenced with registration from 14:45 to 15:00 hrs, with participants from academia, industry and research organizations. The formal proceedings began at 15:00 hrs with a brief welcome followed by the presentation



of flower bouquets and uttoriyos to the dignitaries on the dais. A ceremonial lighting of the lamp and homage to Pt. Madan Mohan Malaviya, the visionary founder of the Indian Ceramic Society, marked the auspicious beginning of the celebration.



Dr. Sitendu Mandal, Honorary Secretary of InCerS and Chairman of the Kolkata Chapter, delivered the welcome address. He reflected on the Society's distinguished legacy and its pivotal role in fostering ceramic science and

technology in India over the decades.

The event was graced by two distinguished Guests of Honour: Prof. Bikramjit Basu and Mr. Shanmugam Arasu.

Prof. Bikramjit Basu, Director, CSIR-CGCRl, Kolkata, emphasized the evolving role of ceramics in advanced technologies and highlighted the importance of interdisciplinary research.



Mr. Shanmugam Arasu, Director and CEO-India, IFGL Refractories Ltd, Kolkata, who shared valuable insights from the industrial perspective. He stressed the importance of innovation and deepened academia-industry collaboration in strengthening India's ceramic sector.

Following this, Dr. Sitendu Mandal introduced the Chief Guest and Foundation Day Lecturer, Dr. Dilip Kumar Maiti, Vice-Chancellor, Biswa Bangla Biswabidyalay, Bolpur and Professor, Department of Chemistry, University of Calcutta.



Dr. Maiti delivered an enlightening Foundation Day Lecture on the topic: "Design, Synthesis and Fabrication of Smart Organic Nanomaterials for

Sensor, Food Protection, Device and Other Innovative Applications". His talk was highly engaging, touching upon cutting-edge research in organic nanomaterials and their applications in diverse fields such as sensors, packaging, and electronic devices. His presentation reflected a perfect blend of fundamental science and practical application, leaving a strong impression on the audience.

Following the lecture, as a token of appreciation, the dignitaries on the dais were felicitated with mementoes and the book entitled "Ikigai: The Japanese Secret to a Long and Happy Life" by Héctor García and Francesc Miralles – a thoughtful gesture symbolizing the pursuit of purposeful and balanced living.

The program concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Dr. H. S. Tripathi, Secretary of InCerS Kolkata Chapter. He expressed gratitude to all speakers, guests, participants, and organizing team members for their contributions to the success of the celebration. The event ended with the National Anthem, invoking a sense of unity and pride.

The 97th Foundation Day celebration was a befitting tribute to the Indian Ceramic Society's legacy and its pivotal role in advancing ceramic and materials science in India.

