



Department of Civil Engineering

Panel Discussion on “Institution to Industry: Bridging the Gap”

The Department of Civil Engineering, BMS Institute of Technology and Management (BMSIT&M), in collaboration with the Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE) Student Chapter, organized a high-impact panel discussion on 31st May 2025 titled “Bridging the Gap”, focused on strengthening the academia–industry connect. The event drew active participation from around 150 students, faculty members, and industry professionals, making it a vibrant and insightful knowledge-sharing platform.

The session featured an eminent panel of distinguished professionals from leading global organisations. Mr. Debabrata Mukherjee (CEng FICE), Associate Technical Director, AtkinsRéalis, opened the discussion by clearly articulating the need to align academic foundations with professional practice. Mr. Yogesh M. Sawdadkar (CEng FICE), Senior Director, AtkinsRéalis, shared visionary insights on innovation, research, and future-ready engineering. Mr. Murthy Koti (CEng FICE), Managing Director, AECOM, provided an analytical perspective on industry challenges and leadership, while Mr. Rajiv Verma (CEng MICE), Technical Director, Arcadis, encouraged students to think beyond conventional approaches. Adding energy and relatability, Mr. Sundar Chandramouli (CEng MICE), Vice President, BIAL, connected strongly with the audience through practical, experience-driven discussions. Ms Smita Sawdadkar (CEng FICE), Quality Delivery Head, AtkinsRéalis, emphasised quality, ethics, and real-world application of engineering knowledge.

Further enriching the session, Mr. Abhinav Gupta, Project Manager, Winwork – AtkinsRéalis, highlighted the role of the ICE Early Careers Network in shaping young professionals, while Ms. Hrudya C. Sekhar (CEng MICE), Associate Group Engineer, AtkinsRéalis, inspired students by sharing her journey to becoming a Chartered Engineer. Academic perspectives were effectively contributed by Ms. Shimna Manoharan (GMICE), Assistant Professor, BMSIT&M and Dr. Chandrashekharappa Agasanalli, Assistant Professor and Deputy Placement Officer, BMSIT&M, who also supported the event through strong academic–industry coordination.

The discussion was expertly moderated by Ms. Kruthika C. Shekar, ensuring meaningful interaction and an engaging Q&A session. Overall, the event left a strong impact by offering clarity on career pathways, professional certificate programs, and industry expectations, empowering students to step confidently into the civil engineering profession.



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