B. E. CIVIL ENGINEERING
Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) and Outcome Based Education (OBE)
SEMESTER - V
BASIC GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING

Course Code	18CV54	CIE Marks	40
Teaching Hours/Week(L:T:P)	(3:0:0)	SEE Marks	60
Credits	03	Exam Hours	03

Course Learning Objectives: This course will enable students to

1. Appreciate basic concepts of soil mechanics as an integral part in the knowledge of civil engineering.
2. Comprehend basic engineering and mechanical properties of different types of soil.
3. Become broadly familiar with geotechnical engineering problems such as, flow of water through soil medium and terminologies associated with geotechnical engineering.
4. Assess the improvement in mechanical behaviour by densification of soil deposits using compaction.
5. Model and measure strength-deformation characteristics of soils.

Module-1

Introduction: Origin and formation of soil, Regional soil deposits in India, Phase Diagram, phase relationships, definitions and their interrelationships.

Determination of Index properties: Specific gravity, water content, in-situ density, relative density, particle size analysis(sieve and Hydrometer analysis)

Atterberg's Limits, consistency indices. Activity of clay, Field identification tests, Plasticity chart, BIS soil classification (IS: 1498-1970).

Module-2

Soil Structure and Clay Mineralogy Single grained, honey combed, flocculent and dispersed structures, Valence bonds, Soil-Water system, Electrical diffuse double layer, adsorbed water, base-exchange capacity, Isomorphous substitution. Common clay minerals in soil and their structures- Kaolinite, Illite and Montmorillonite and their application in Engineering

Compaction of Soils: Definition, Principle of compaction, Standard and Modified proctor's compaction tests, factors affecting compaction, effect of compaction on soil properties, Field compaction control-compactive effort & method of compaction, lift thickness and number of passes, Proctor's needle, Compacting equipments and their suitability.

Module -3

Flow through Soils: Darcy's law-assumption and validity, coefficient of permeability and its determination (laboratory and field), factors affecting permeability, permeability of stratified soils, Seepage velocity, superficial velocity and coefficient of percolation, Capillary Phenomena.

Seepage Analysis: Laplace equation, assumptions, limitation sand its derivation. Flow nets-characteristics and applications. Flow nets for sheet piles and below the dam section.

Unconfined flow, phreaticline (Casagrande's method–with and without toe filter), flow through dams, design of dam filters.

Effective Stress Analysis:

Geostatic stresses, Effective stress concept-total stress, effective stress and Neutral stress and impact of the effective stress in construction of structures, quick sand phenomena.

Module -4

Shear Strength of Soil: Concept of shear strength, Mohr–Coulomb Failure Criterion, Modified Mohr–Coulomb Criterion Total and effective shear strength parameters, factors affecting shear strength of soils. Thixotrophy and sensitivity, Measurement of shear strength parameters - Direct shear test, unconfined compression test, triaxial compression test and field Vane shear test, Test under different drainage conditions.

Module-5

Consolidation of Soil: Definition, Mass-spring analogy, Terzaghi's one dimensional consolidation theory-assumptions and limitations. Governing differential Equation and solution (No derivation).

Consolidation characteristics of soil (C_C, a_V, m_V and C_V). Laboratory one dimensional consolidation test, characteristics of e-log (σ') curve, Pre-consolidation pressure and its determination by Casagrande's method. Over consolidation ratio, normally consolidated, under consolidated and over consolidated soils.

Determination of consolidation characteristics of soils- compression index and coefficient of consolidation (square root of time fitting method, logarithmic time fitting method). Primary and secondary consolidation.

Course outcomes: On the completion of this course students are expected to attain the following outcomes;

1. Ability to plan and execute geotechnical site investigation program for different civil engineering projects
2. Understanding of stress distribution and resulting settlement beneath the loaded footings on sand and clayey soils
3. Ability to estimate factor of safety against failure of slopes and to compute lateral pressure distribution behind earth retaining structures
4. Ability to determine bearing capacity of soil and achieve proficiency in proportioning shallow isolated and combined footings for uniform bearing pressure
5. Capable of estimating load carrying capacity of single and group of piles

Question paper pattern:

- The question paper will have ten full questions carrying equal marks.
- Each full question will be for 20 marks.
- There will be two full questions (with a maximum of four sub- questions) from each module.
- Each full question will have sub- question covering all the topics under a module.
- The students will have to answer five full questions, selecting one full question from each module.

Textbooks:

1. Gopal Ranjan and Rao A.S.R., Basic and Applied Soil Mechanics, New Age International (P) Ltd., New Delhi.
2. Punmia B C, Soil Mechanics and Foundation Engineering, Laxmi Publications co., New Delhi.
3. Murthy V.N.S., Principles of Soil Mechanics and Foundation Engineering, UBS Publishers and Distributors, New Delhi.
4. Braja, M. Das, Geotechnical Engineering; Thomson Business Information India (P) Ltd., India.

Reference Books:

1. T.W. Lambe and R.V. Whitman, Soil Mechanics-, John Wiley & Sons.
2. Donald P Coduto, Geotechnical Engineering- Phi Learning Private Limited, New Delhi.
3. Shashi K. Gulathi & Manoj Datta, Geotechnical Engineering-. , Tata McGraw Hill Publications.
4. Debashis Moitra, "Geotechnical Engineering", Universities Press.,
5. Malcolm D Bolton, "A Guide to soil mechanics", Universities Press.,
6. Bowles J E , Foundation analysis and design, McGraw- Hill Publications.

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