B. E. CIVIL ENGINEERING Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) and Outcome Based Education (OBE)

SEMESTER - VI

GROU	ND IMPROVEMENT T	ECHNIQUES	
Course Code	18CV644	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. Understand the fundamental concepts of ground improvement techniques
- 2. Apply knowledge of mathematics, Science and Geotechnical Engineering to solve problems in the field of modification of ground required for construction of civil engineering structures.
- 3. Understand the concepts of chemical compaction, grouting and other miscellaneous methods.
- 4. Impart the knowledge of geo synthetics, vibration, grouting and Injection.

Module -1

Formation and Development of Ground: Introduction, Formation of Rock, soil and soil profile, distribution in India, Alterations of ground after formation, Reclaimed soils, Natural offshore deposits; Ground Improvement Potential - Hazardous ground conditions, poor ground conditions, favourable ground conditions, Alternative Approaches, Geotechnical processes.

Introduction, compaction mechanics, Field procedure, surface compaction, Dynamic Compaction: Compaction, selection of field compaction procedures, compaction quality control.

Module -2

Drainage Methods: Introduction, Seepage, filter requirements, ground water and seepage control, methods of dewatering systems, Design of dewatering system including pipe line effects of dewatering. Drains, different types of drains.

Pre-compression and Vertical Drains: Importance, Vertical drains, Sand drains, Drainage of slopes, Electro kinetic dewatering, Preloading.

Module -3

Chemical Modification-I: Definition, cement stabilization, sandwich technique, admixtures. Hydration effect of cement stabilization on permeability, Swelling and shrinkage and strength and deformation characteristics. Criteria for cement stabilization. Stabilization using Fly ash.

Chemical Modification-Ii: Lime stabilization - suitability, process, criteria for lime stabilization. Other chemicals like chlorides, hydroxides, lignin and hydrofluoric acid. Properties of chemical components, reactions and effects. Bitumen, tar or asphalt in stabilization.

Module -4

Vibration Methods: Introduction, Vibro compaction - blasting, vibratory probe, Vibro displacement compaction - displacement piles, vibro flotation, sand compaction piles, stone columns, heavy tamping Grouting And Injection: Introduction, Effect of grouting. Chemicals and materials used. Types of grouting. Grouting procedure, Applications of grouting.

Module -5

Geosynthetics: Introduction, Geosynthetic types, properties of Geosynthetics - materials and fibre properties, Geometrical aspects, mechanical properties, Hydraulic properties, Durability; Applications of Geosynthetics - Separation, Filtration and Fluid Transmission, Reinforcement,

Miscellaneous Methods (Only Concepts & Uses): Soil reinforcement, Thermal methods, Ground improvement by confinement - Crib walls, Gabions and Mattresses, Anchors, Rock bolts and soil nailing. Stone Column, Micro piles.

Course Outcomes: After studying this course, students will be able to:

- 1. Give solutions to solve various problems associated with soil formations having less strength.
- 2. Use effectively the various methods of ground improvement techniques depending upon the requirements.
- 3. utilize properly the locally available materials and techniques for ground improvement so that economy in the design of foundations of various civil engineering structures

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. Purushothama Raj P, "Ground Improvement Techniques", Laxmi Publications, New Delhi.
- 2. Koerner R.M, "Construction and Geotechnical Method in Foundation Engineering", McGraw Hill Pub. Co.

Reference Books:

- 1. Bell, F.G., "Methods of treatment of unstable ground", Butterworths, London.
- 2. Nelson J.D. and Miller D.J, "Expansive soils", John Wiley and Sons.
- 3. Ingles. C.G. and Metcalf J.B, "Soil Stabilization; Principles and Practice", Butterworths
- 4. Manfred Hausmann, "Engineering principles of ground modification", McGraw Hill Pub. Co.,

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