

## Report: ICI Fest 2025

The *Indian Concrete Institute (ICI) Student Chapter of Swami Keshvanand Institute of Technology, Management & Gramothan (SKIT), Jaipur* successfully organized the **ICI Fest 2025** from **26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> September 2025** in collaboration with the **Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)**. The fest witnessed overwhelming enthusiasm and emerged as one of the *largest student-driven civil engineering festivals in India*, attracting a record participation of **5010 students** from more than **10 engineering colleges** across Rajasthan and neighbouring states. The event was envisioned as a platform to nurture innovation, creativity, and industry-academia interaction while reinforcing the importance of quality and sustainability in civil engineering practice.





The fest commenced on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2025 with a grand inaugural ceremony that set a highly motivating tone for the three-day celebration. The event was graced by the presence of eminent personalities from academia and industry. The **Chief Guest and Keynote Speaker**, *Mr. Anoop Bartariya*, renowned architect and urban planner, delivered an inspiring address on the significance of design innovation and sustainable planning in shaping modern cities. The **Guests of Honour** included *Mr. Manoj Kawalkar*, President Elect, Indian Concrete Institute; *Mr. Surjaram Meel*, Chairman, SKIT; and *Mr. Jaipal Meel*, Director, SKIT, whose words of encouragement inspired students to excel in their professional and technical pursuits.





The first day also featured several captivating events such as **Joist Kwik – Bridge Making**, **Brick-o-Brick – Masonry Challenge**, **Tower Craft – Structural Stability Competition**, and **CAD Mania**, testing students' conceptual knowledge, creativity, and analytical skills. The highlight of the day was the **Panel Discussion titled “Nirmaan Mein Navachaar”**, featuring *Mr. P. D. Goel*, Managing Director, Goel Constructions, *Mr. Sunil Jain*, Managing Director, Akshat Apartments, *Mr. Anand Wardhan Agarwal*, Director, Meluha Newinfra Pvt. Ltd. (MNPL) and *Mr. Manoj Kawalkar*, President Elect, Indian Concrete Institute. The discussion emphasized the emerging trends in construction technology, digital design, and entrepreneurship opportunities for civil engineers. These hands-on competitions allowed participants to translate classroom learning into practical structural solutions.



The **second day, 27<sup>th</sup> September 2025**, was dedicated to the **BIS Standards Carnival and Industry Conclave**, organized in collaboration with the **Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)**. This segment aimed to promote quality awareness, standardization, and adherence to BIS codes in construction. The day began with a formal inauguration by **Mr. V. K. Singh, Senior IPS Officer and Additional Director General, SOG & SIT**, as **Chief Guest**. The event was further adorned by the presence of *Mr. D.R. Meghwal*, Secretary, Public Works Department, Government of Rajasthan; *Ms. Shuchi Sharma*, Ex-IAS Officer; and *Ms. Kanika Kalia*, Director and Head, BIS Rajasthan. Each of them shared valuable insights on the role of innovation, integrity, and quality assurance in modern infrastructure development.





The carnival witnessed participation from **44 leading industries** that showcased construction materials, technologies, and sustainable practices through exhibitions and live demonstrations. In addition to the carnival, students enthusiastically participated in **Quiz Competitions, Debate, Essay Writing**, and the **Best out of Waste** challenge, each encouraging critical thinking, communication, and creative reuse of materials. The **Drone Workshop** added a modern dimension to the event, familiarizing students with aerial surveying and mapping techniques relevant to the industry.



The **third day, 28th September 2025**, marked the culmination of the festival with the **Valedictory Ceremony** and the much celebrated **“Run for Quality” Walkathon**, which drew participation from over **1000 students and professionals**. The Walkathon, organized in association with BIS, was aimed at promoting public awareness about the importance of quality and safety in construction. The morning witnessed a spirited environment as students carried banners and messages advocating sustainable development and responsible engineering. Another major highlight of the day was the **24-hour Hackathon “InnovICion”**, a flagship event of ICI Fest, where student teams worked relentlessly to develop innovative solutions to real-world engineering challenges. The Hackathon encouraged multidisciplinary collaboration and creative problem-solving aligned with the Smart Infrastructure and Sustainable Construction themes. In addition, **Scavenger Hunt** and **Model United Nations (MUN)** added a refreshing cultural and strategic aspect, demonstrating teamwork and leadership among the participants.



The **Valedictory Ceremony** honored winners of various competitions, recognized exceptional performers, and extended gratitude to all stakeholders for their immense contribution to the success of the event. Certificates and prizes were distributed to winners and organizing teams. Dignitaries and invited guests appreciated the collective efforts of the ICI Student Chapter and the SKIT faculty for successfully hosting such a grand event. The fest also received **widespread media coverage** across multiple newspapers, highlighting its scale and student-led execution.



In conclusion, **ICI Fest 2025** proved to be a landmark event that strengthened the bond between academia and industry while inspiring future engineers to embrace innovation, sustainability, and quality as guiding principles. The event not only reflected the academic and technical excellence of SKIT Jaipur but also reinforced the institute's commitment to promoting experiential learning and leadership among students. The organizing committee acknowledges the support of **Indian Concrete Institute Headquarters, Bureau of Indian Standards, SKIT Management**, and all participating institutions and industries for making the event a resounding success.