



# Prof. Surendra P. Shah Award 2026 & 4<sup>th</sup> Young Researchers' Symposium



27<sup>th</sup> January 2026 (Tuesday) | 9 am to 5 pm IST @ IC&SR Auditorium, IIT Madras, Chennai, India

## About the symposium

Young Researchers' Symposium (YRS) is an international forum for senior PhD students and recent doctoral graduates to showcase their cutting-edge research outcomes in the areas of Technologies for Low-Carbon and Lean Construction (TLC2).

## Deadline

Send a 200 words abstract and a 5-minute video on your PhD thesis by **30<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

## Eligibility

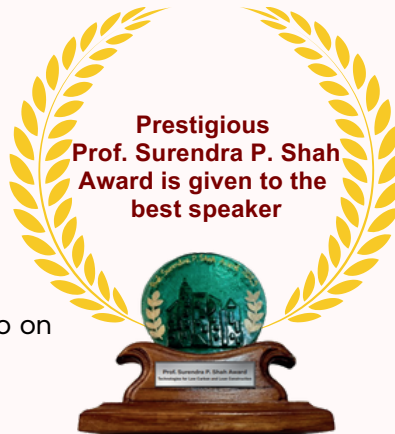
Participants should be senior Ph.D. students (in the final year of their thesis work) who have completed their qualifying/comprehensive exam, submitted research proposal, or recent PhD graduates who have defended their thesis in 2025. The shortlisted candidates (but not finalists) of YRS 2025 who satisfy the above criteria are also encouraged to apply for the YRS 2026.

## Themes (but not restricted to...)

- Supplementary/alternative cementitious materials
- Identification, processing, and valorization of waste for use in concrete construction
- Service life and life cycle assessment, sustainability and carbon footprint of construction industry
- An Integrated Test-Bed for large-scale processes and visualization
- Organizational and policy research for large-scale and accelerated construction technology
- Implementing lean techniques in construction projects

## The previous symposium featured participants from top universities, including:

- Politecnico di Milano, Italy
- University of Toronto, Canada
- Ghent University, Belgium
- University of Leeds, UK
- Monash University, Malaysia
- University of Sheffield, England
- University of Capetown, South Africa
- University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka
- Yangon Technological University, Myanmar
- Western Sydney University, Australia
- Arizona State University, USA
- Oregon State University, USA
- UPC Barcelona, Spain



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Award is given to the  
best speaker



**Prof. Surendra P. Shah**

**Presidential Distinguished Professor &  
Director of Center for Advanced Construction  
Materials, Univ. of Texas at Arlington, USA &  
Distinguished Professor, IIT Madras**



**Travel grant of up to EUR 2000 (Two Thousands)  
could be available to selected speakers travelling  
from outside India**



**YRS Finalists 2025**



**YRS Finalists 2024**



**YRS Finalists 2023**

**Submit by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025**



**Submission Link**

**YRS Organizers:** Mr. Dipendra K. Das, Mr. Alan Verghese Ittyeipe, Mr. Vaageesan U.

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