## 1<sup>st</sup> International Conference on Construction, Real Estate, Infrastructure and Project Management (ICCRIP 2016)

National Institute of Construction Management and Research (NICMAR) is a leading institute in India which promotes education, research, training and skill development in Construction, Real Estate, Infrastructure and Project (CRIP) management. The Institute has carved a niche for itself in this sector and has emerged as one of the most prestigious institutes in the country. NICMAR, Pune organized the first International Conference on Construction, Real Estate, Infrastructure and Project Management (ICCRIP-2016) on October 21-22, 2016. The 'Conference Theme' was divided into three tracks, viz., Track 1: Construction, Real Estate, Infrastructure and Project (CRIP) Management (Management, Sectoral Issues and Engineering & Technology), Track 2: Education, Research and Skill Development in CRIP Industries and Track 3: Engineering / Architectural Students' Project / Thesis Work. The international conference received an overwhelming response and nearly one thousand participants comprising eminent academicians, research scholars, industry practitioners, professors and students of Engineering and Architecture from across the country attended the same. Overall 168 papers were received for the conference and 285 delegates from different institutions registered for the conference. In addition, 22 poster papers were presented. Along with the paper presentations, three workshops were organized for engineering students which generated a strong positive response with 163 participants. The conference served as a common platform for knowledge exchange among the participants. Eminent industry professionals and veteran academicians like Mr. Niranjan Simha (Larsen and Toubro), Mr. Roshin Mathew (Brigade Enterprises Ltd.), Mr. S.C. Dixit (SPCL), Mr. Vivek Dandawate (SPCL), Mr. Ravi Iyer (Desbuild Kris Cooper), Ms. Rani Wilfred (Prime Realty), Prof. K.N. Satyanarayana (IIT Madras), Prof. Rangan Banerjee (IIT Bombay), Prof. S.K. Barai (IIT Kharagpur) and Prof. K.C. Iyer (IIT Delhi) addressed the conference. The conference created an opportunity for the participants to interact and deliberate over the emerging trends, issues and practices in CRIP sectors. The conference was an intellectual feast and an exclusive opportunity for learning and knowledge exchange. The speakers from industry emphasized the need for radical improvement in productivity, experience of working at project sites, adherence to work systems and work ethics, and closing the gap between work practices in India & abroad. They sought strong support from academic sector through research for providing innovative solutions to the industry problems. Also highlighted was the contribution expected from academic sector in providing trained

and professional manpower for the growing needs of CRIP sector in the country. India's fast growing infrastructure sector highlights the need for industry and academia synergy to meet the future challenges in this sector. Prof. Korgaonker emphasized the need for engineering management education to improve the working of CRIP Sectors. The conference was a huge success under the leadership of Dr. Mangesh Korgaonker, Chief Patron (ICCRIP) and Director General, NICMAR, and due to the unflagging efforts of Dr. Jonardan Koner, Conference Convener (ICCRIP), Professor and Dean (Admissions, Research & Publications), NICMAR, and conference organizing committee. The conference was sponsored by the renowned companies and financial institutions.