



Amrita University Hosts 'ESTIS 2016'

A two-day International conference on 'Emerging and Sustainable Technologies for Infrastructure Systems (ESTIS 2016)' was held at the Amrita University on April 22 and 23. More than 150 experts in civil engineering, including T G Sitharam, Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru; Siau Chen Chian, Assistant Professor, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, National University of Singapore, and Allen Bateman, Professor, UPC Barcelona T-

ech, Spain, participated, said a press release from the college.

Issues like green infrastructure, environmental and socio-economic impact of infrastructural expansion, use of advanced materials, sustainable transport systems and how infrastructure can cope with man-made and natural disasters, were addressed in the conference.

K M Mini, chairperson, Department of Civil Engineering, Amrita University, said that the conference was a platform to foster collabo-

ration among all stakeholders for planning, designing, and managing sustainable infrastructure systems. "Developing countries like India need to prepare a new generation of civil engineers who are ready to build infrastructure through sustainable use of materials and resources," she said.

Siau Chen Chian, spoke on land reclamation and T G Sitharam, chief guest for the function said that if India needs to become a developed country then it is important to use latest advanced materials.